

# Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

## Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Captain James I. Dudley

### Captain's Comments

**“They also serve, who only stand and wait.” John Milton said it in the 1600’s and many have reiterated the line since. Dozens of troops from Central Station, Mission Station, Richmond Station and the Tenderloin Station maintained the Justin Herman Plaza and Ferry Park last Wednesday from 6 AM until long past 5 PM for the Olympic Torch relay. There was not much “standing and waiting” but they certainly served, sometimes under frustrating conditions.**

**Despite the fact that the route and ending was changed, well over 15,000 pro and con participants lined the area and along the Embarcadero for much of the day. I am proud of the professionalism and problem solving displayed by every officer assigned to the event. Lieutenants Larry Minasian and Dave Smith showed great leadership and cool heads under demanding conditions on line with those officers. Sergeant John Colla and Officer Dwight Lee did yet another outstanding job of planning to the smallest detail for this event.**

**Thanks also to Mr. Bob Pester and Joe Champiarino of Boston Properties for facilitating our stay, it is much appreciated.**

**The SFPD Police Commission will hold it’s monthly district meeting in the Central District on April 30th at 6 PM at a the Longshoreman’s Hall at Mason and Beach Streets. Come out and meet Chief Fong, her Command Staff and the Police Commissioners.**

### Broadway Corridor

#### **Friday April 11, 2008:**

Felony arrests made	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	3
Drunk related arrests made	2
Moving citations	72
Parking citations issued	12
Towed vehicles	8

#### **Saturday April 12, 2008:**

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	3
Moving citations	24
Parking citations issued	14
Towed vehicles	12

Thanks to the mainstay officers from Central who deal with Broadway on each weekend. Their commitment and persistence has contained the problems in large part. Thanks also to **Night Captain David Lazar** who coordinated a downtown **STOP Traffic Program** in the Southern, Central and Mission Districts. The program utilizes officers from stations and the traffic company to concentrate on traffic related issues. Sixty-eight citations were issued as a result and two outstanding arrests including a handgun and stolen vehicle were made as well.

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**Captain Lazar and Lt. Eric Vintero** themselves made the stolen vehicle arrest at **Northpoint and Mason Streets**. Later that evening at **1:18 AM**, they were back at it and pulled over a vehicle at **Kearny and Columbus** for another vehicle code violation. One suspect alighted from the vehicle and began running north on Columbus. The Lieutenant managed to detain three suspects in the vehicle as Captain Lazar gave foot chase. Sergeant Seth Riskin aided in the pursuit of the 30 year old black male with dreadlocks and noticed that the suspect was carrying a firearm on his hip. The suspect threw the gun to the sidewalk at Columbus and Broadway and continued running. Officer Eric Letsch tackled the suspect to the ground and took him into custody along with Officer Nico Discenza.

Despite all efforts to maintain calm, a fight started in a club on **the 400 block of Broadway at 1:45 AM** and required several officers to respond to separate and arrest some in the crowd of **15-20 combatants**. The reports and "You Tube" footage was sent to the Entertainment Commission for action on the locale that has been extremely active in a negative sense for several weeks.

### Crimes of Note

**4/10/08 at 11 PM-, 900 block of Leavenworth: Officer Martin Garay** arrested a 16 year old female for soliciting acts of prostitution.

**4/10/08- 9:30 AM, Sacramento and Stockton Streets:** a gold chain was pulled from a 27 year old Asian female. The suspect was described as a 20 something year old Asian male. Officers from the **Chinatown Beat, Leon Sorhondo and Sam Yuen** have worked on **similar robberies in the area with the same pattern**. After furious follow up investigation, they identified a suspect and worked with the Robbery Detail. Hours after this Robbery, **Inspector Phillip Wong** actively searched the Chinatown area and spotted the suspect in a vehicle at **Waverly and Clay Streets**. The Inspector arrested the suspect, who may be responsible for eight or more robberies of the same type.

**4/10/08 at 3:30 PM, Officers Zahid Khan and John Ferrando** arrested four individuals for graffiti and vandalism with spray paint near Pier 5 on the Embarcadero.

**4/10/08 at 9 PM**, a security officer apprehended a suspect on the **2800 block of Leavenworth** after the suspect stabbed a restaurant employee with a fork. The suspect is a transient trespasser who was being asked to leave the premises.

**4/12/08 at 7:30 PM at Aquatic Park**, Officers responded to a call of a **Robbery** in progress. Witnesses told officers that they saw a crowd of young black males kicking a prone and apparently unconscious white male on the ground. One suspect yelled "Take his shoes, what's the size?" as another removed the victim's shoes. A suspect vehicle description was broadcast and **Officers Jesse**

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**Heredia and George Perez** located it traveling on the **Embarcadero and Battery Streets**. Two suspects were positively identified and 3 others were detained. All suspects were from Fresno, California. Witnesses to the incident said the attacking group numbered up to 8-10 people, including approximately 6 female suspects. The suspects, in a senseless and cowardly act, apparently walked up to the lone victim and knocked him unconscious, taking his shoes and cash from his wallet.

**4/13/08 at 4 PM, Officers Norm Rice and Eric Valentini** responded to a call on the **900 block of Pine, of a man with a gun**. The officers detained an individual known to several officers and citizens in the district who regularly creates disturbances at Alice Marble Park. No knife was found but the suspect was found to have an outstanding criminal warrant from Contra Costa County.

**On 4/13/08 at 6 PM, Officers Paul Doherty and Zahid Kahn** responded to **Bay and Kearny Streets** on a call of a male breaking into cars. The suspect was confronted, but before he could be apprehended, he got into his vehicle and attempted to run over Officer Kahn. During the pursuit, the suspect attempted to ram another police vehicle with his own. As the suspect fled he ran into three parked cars before he was taken into custody for various charges including aggravated assault on police, auto burglary and various traffic violations.

### Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911		
Non-Emergency:	553-0123		
Cell phone 911:	553-8090		
Customer Service Center:	311		
Central Station:	315-2400		
Web:	<a href="http://www.sfgov.org/police">www.sfgov.org/police</a>		
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE	553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454		
Graffiti Fax	278-9456		
Central Events:	315-2440	Sergeant John Colla	
Central Permits:	315-2423	Officer Fred Crisp	
Code Abatement:	315-2417	Sgt. Mark Hernandez	
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820	Jill Cannon	
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943		
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch	
Quality of Life Liaison:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff	
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly	

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Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days Sam Yuen- Nights
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days Officers Scott Korte, Ed Carew- Nights
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Nick Rainsford and Bob Merino
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	Tel-Hi

### Megan's Law Website Access:

The general public can find out information on sexual predators on line by going to the DOJ website: [www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov) or at the SFPD link at [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police). You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

**Join the SFPD:** [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police)

**Join the SFPD Citizen's Academy:** Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check: [www.sfgov.org/police\\_index.asp?id=20182](http://www.sfgov.org/police_index.asp?id=20182)

**Call 3-1-1/TTY: 415-701-2323. If outside of San Francisco, call 415-701-2311/TTY: 415-701-2323 to reach any of the following:** Abandoned Vehicles----DPT Dispatch -----DPW Street Cleaning-----Graffiti Hotline--Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)-----Pothole Repair----Street Signs (missing/damaged)---Street Lighting

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