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Captain's Comments

The Holiday Season is upon us and I will highlight Safe Shopper and seasonal safety tips in upcoming newsletters. Please see our new section from SAFE, Safety Awareness For Everyone, "On the SAFE side." Read below and you will know that there are already some desperate people out there.

On Halloween Day, just after 2 PM, Lieutenant Calonico and I were driving near Union Square when we saw a commotion near the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. We stopped and saw a white male suspect wearing a blue Cubs hat, black Sean John jacket and blue jeans alight from the pack, running with something concealed under his arm. At that point, we heard a woman scream that he had her purse and we pursued him. I chased him on foot east on Sutter while the Lieutenant circled the block in the vehicle. Despite carrying 20 extra pounds, (15 of which belonged to the City and County of San Francisco), I stayed just behind the suspect until he reached the Stockton Street garage. I established a perimeter and felt that we had the suspect cornered. Desperate in his escape, the suspect jumped from the second floor roof, landing through the glass roof of a DeCaux toilet and landed on a homeless person on the street. The suspect jumped up and continued to run into another garage on Grant Avenue. Once inside that location, he ditched the wallet and property, his hat and jacket and fled the garage in a tan polo shirt.

After all was said and done, we did not have the suspect in custody but did recover all of the woman's property, and his hat and jacket for a net gain. No one was injured, except perhaps the suspect's ankle and my slightly bruised ego. I was encouraged by the fact that store security had several good photos of the suspect while tracking potential victims inside their store. His pre theft indicator was the fact that he did not look at displays or merchandise, but instead seemed to be checking women shoppers, their handbags and shopping bags. We also had photos from the second parking garage security system and from a passerby who photographed the suspect with his phone, jumping from the roof of the initial garage. It also occurred to me as I was chasing the individual, shouting for him to stop, that several bystanders attempted to block or trip him as he ran by. Thanks to their efforts, I believe that follow up investigation will allow us to capture the suspect.

Community Policing Spotlight

One tactic in Community Policing is changing the physical landscape in an area to let people know that the area is cared for by stewards in the community. In the "Broken Windows" article by James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, the title refers to a neglected building where after one window is vandalized, a domino affect occurs where several others are broken as well. The idea is that if people feel that no one cares about vandalism, there will be on one

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to stop further incidents. The way to show the opposite, that a neighborhood, is indeed cared for, can sometimes mean hard work.

That sentiment is felt by **Jimmy and Marti Schein, Tony Gantner, Dan Macarrini and other members of the North Beach Merchant's Association in North Beach.** The two work towards making Grant Avenue, Broadway and Columbus Avenues more appealing and well cared for. Last week, several members of the organization launched a beautification project that included beautiful hanging baskets of flowers along side street poles. The hope is to get as many merchants as possible in the area to sponsor one or two.

This project is one of many, including increasing lighting, holding regular meetings and projects like traffic calming, the holiday "Cookie Crawl" and many others. The area is certainly reflective of their efforts. Several buildings have been renovated and vibrant new businesses have moved in. The group also looks into long range projects like conditional use and planning issues. They have been a big help in combating the saturation of alcohol related permits in the area to keep balance in the neighborhood. It means a lot when an organization has the forethought to know how they want their neighborhood to look in a year, or two, or five, or ten. As a Police Captain, I can appear before a commission or City agency, but it lends so much more weight when a neighborhood group calls, e-mails, writes a letter or appears as well to protest or promote change to the area.

Broadway Corridor

Friday November 2, 2007:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	3
Drunk related arrests made	3
Moving citations	5
Parking citations issued	18
Towed vehicles	16

Saturday November 3, 2007:

Felony arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	4
Drunk related arrests made	3
Moving citations	11
Parking citations issued	15
Towed vehicles	12

Friday night was relatively peaceful in the Broadway corridor. The most significant arrest that evening involved a case of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and consuming alcohol in the vehicle. There were also a few incidents which resulted in arrests for public intoxication. Unfortunately, Saturday night was quite different. Arrests were made for public intoxication, outstanding warrants, possession of cocaine, and fighting in public. There were several fights that night, and while separating combatants, one of our officers' incurred a minor injury. As we have learned in the past, many weekend visitors to Broadway are from outside San Francisco. More often than not, our arrests involve people from out of town. People from as far as Tracy, Oakley, and Bakersfield are coming to Broadway, in some cases, to be arrested.

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On the SAFE Side

Personal & Property Safety... Now and through the Season

What's the most common concern for kids these days regarding safety? **iPod Theft!!!** At a recent presentation on personal safety for high-school youth, more than half of the students expressed concerns about having their iPods or cell phones forcefully taken from them.

Now that the Holiday and gift-giving season are upon us, many youth and adults will be the lucky recipients of iPods or new cell phones. On the flip side, many thieves will relish in the opportunity to steal iPods from unsuspecting victims. Do not be a victim! We want you to be on the SAFE side... so follow some of these safety tips, and pass them along to those who have iPods, MP3 players, headphones, cell phones, etc. Here are just a few tips:

Replace the distinctive white earbuds with older headphones to give the impression you have a cheaper music player

Keep the volume low

Keep only one earbud on - the other ear will be free to hear activities around you

Stay alert at all times - your sense of hearing is diminished, so scan the area with your eyes frequently & look frequently look behind you

Record the serial number of your iPod, or engrave it with identifying information

If you feel you are being followed, go to a crowded place, ask for help and call police

Do not walk alone at night - but if you must, travel in well-lighted areas and don't use your iPod!

[Visit SAFE's Website for more Safety Tips](#)

Crimes of Note

On 10/29/07 at 3:30 PM, on the 900 block of Kearny, Officer Kim Koltzoff responded to a report of marijuana found in a hotel room. Housekeeping personnel had found 3, gallon size plastic bags filled with marijuana. The hotel guest/suspect having last occupied that room, had not checked-out as scheduled on 10/27/07.....with good reason. Officer Koltzoff's investigation revealed that the suspect had "checked-in" to the county jail on felony narcotics charges on 10/26/07.

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On 10/30/07 at 10 AM, on the 1100 block of Bush, Officer Kim Koltzoff met with a security guard working in the area. He led Officer Koltzoff to a brown paper bag he had found in a nearby bus shelter. The bag contained what appeared to be a human skull. The skull was taken to the Medical Examiner's office for examination and investigation.

On 10/31/07 at 8:40 AM, at Geary and Powell, Officers Cathy Daly and Kim Koltzoff responded to speak to the victim of an assault. The victim and her female companion had been onboard a MUNI coach when they were assaulted by the suspect. Without apparent provocation, the suspect was verbally abusive toward the women while on the bus. When the women attempted to disembark the bus, the suspect struck one woman across the face, and the other in the stomach with his cane. The suspect was described as a black male, 40-50 years old, 5'8", 160 lbs., wearing a green jacket and dark blue pants. He walked with a limp and used a silver cane.

On 10/31/07 at 5:20 PM, on the 1100 block of Grant Avenue, a suspect walked into a bank and passed a note to the teller. The note demanded money to be given in a particular fashion. This seems to be part of a series committed by the same suspect described as an Asian male, 50-60 years old, usually wearing a baseball cap and blue nylon jacket.

On 11/1/07 at 12:40 AM, at Washington and Taylor, Officers Dave Frias and Eric Balmy responded to a reported street robbery. The victim told the Officers that two suspects approached him and his companion from behind. One suspect punched the male victim in the mouth, knocking him to the ground. The suspects took the laptop computer that the victim had been carrying. The suspects, two young black males wearing dark, hooded sweatshirts and dark pants were last seen fleeing on foot, N/B on Mason from Washington.

On 11/3/07 at 6:00 AM, on the unit block of Genoa Place, Officer Matt Sullivan responded to a reported robbery. Two female victims were bringing property into their garage when a suspect approached them from across the street. The suspect threw both women to the ground and stole a handbag that one woman was holding. He then grabbed a wallet which the other woman had in her hand. The suspect, a young black male wearing a black jacket and black pants, fled in a small sized black or blue SUV driven by a second suspect.

On 11/3/07 at 2:49 AM, at California and Larkin, Officers Rene Nielsen and Matt Sullivan located and arrested a **16 year old girl** who had recently been working as a street prostitute in the area. At the time of this arrest, she was again engaged in this illicit activity. Less than two hours later, **Officers Derek Brown and Monica MacDonald**, working in plain clothes capacity, arrested another prostitute plying her trade near Polk & Clay.

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On 11/4/07 at 5:25 PM, at the Hyde St. Pier, Officer Tom Costello took custody of a registered sex offender who had come to San Francisco from Sacramento in the company of a 15 year old girl. The 31 year old 6'3" 210 pound suspect met the girl on a telephone "Partyline" and initially disclosed that he was only 18 years old as well. The suspect was charged with two counts of having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

On 11/4/07 at 8:17 PM, on the 1600 block of Mason, Central Station personnel assisted the Fire Department in its efforts in battling what became a 3-alarm fire. Many area residents were evacuated and some were placed into temporary shelter at the nearby Salvation Army on Powell Street.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911	
Non-Emergency:	553-0123	
Cell phone 911:	553-8090	
Customer Service Center:	311	
Central Station:	315-2400	
Web:	www.sfgov.org/police	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	Sgt. Steve Shanahan
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	steven.shanahan@sfgov.org
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:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	850-6146	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, Cathy Daly and Vic Silveira
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangra
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at Tel-Hi

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The Police Community Meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street from 6-7 PM

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 or at the SFPD link at 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

Join the SFPD Citizen's Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check: 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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