

# Central Police Station



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

## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

**This week several officers from Central Station will join thousands of officers across the country to honor Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty at the National Peace Officers Memorial in Washington DC. I have been to the memorial, a wall engraved with the names of all United States Police Officers killed in the line of duty. It is quite breathtaking to witness.**

Last week I joined all of the other SFPD Captains in our semi annual Awards Committee meeting to review Officers nominated for Medals of Valor for deeds done in the line of duty. Two of the incidents recalled Officers actively engaged in shoot outs with suspects last year. It served as a reminder of how dangerous our job can sometimes be. It especially hits home with me, having my son Matt currently in our Police Academy.

### **Serial Bank Robbery Suspect Scooped Up**

Over the past month, we have had an unusual string of **Bank Robberies** in the Central District. As the trend goes, we speculate that it is not multiple occurrences committed by several random individuals but by several done by one suspect. This theory was proven correct last week when alert Officers from the Southern District responded to a call of a victim who had fallen from a hotel window to the ground below. Responding officers attended to the semi conscious 45 year old White male adult, and recognized him as fitting the description put out by our Robbery Detail as the suspect responsible for several Central District Bank Robberies. The US Attorney will prosecute him for Bank Robberies on California, Stockton, Grant and Montgomery Street from this past month.

### **Community Justice Center Update**

There is a lot of talk about a prospect of a new community court to address nuisance crimes in San Francisco. There have been articles in the newspaper and on broadcast news about the New York Court of Innovation Model. I sit on a working group/planning committee along with several other City Agencies to make the concept work here. A public forum and outreach group will convene a meeting near you to discuss our "Community Justice Center." I will announce those meetings held in our district and I encourage you to get involved and participate in a worthwhile endeavor to help our City become better in dealing with crime.

### **Broadway Corridor:**

Friday May 11, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made  
2 Misdemeanor arrests made  
2 Drunk related arrests made  
18 moving cites issued  
16 parking citations issued  
12 towed vehicles

Saturday May 12, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made  
5 Misdemeanor arrests made  
2 Drunk related arrests made  
29 moving cites issued  
36 parking citations issued  
20 towed vehicles

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**On 5/12/07**, one Officer was assaulted by a drunken female in front of a liquor store on the 400 block of Broadway. A major fight occurred inside a corner restaurant on the 200 block of Columbus, with major damage done to the interior with the main suspect arrested. Two females were arrested for fighting on the 600 block of Broadway.

### **Crimes of Note:**

**On 5/7/07 at 7:15 PM on the 500 block of Jones Street, Narcotics Officers** conducted a search warrant and made an arrest of an individual believed to be selling narcotics. Neighborhood complaints prompted the investigation. The White male suspect 41 years old, 6' 190 was booked for an outstanding criminal warrant and possession of suspected **Methamphetamine for Sale**.

**On 5/8/07 at 1 AM**, Officers responded to the **1500 block of Larkin** on a call of a possible kidnapping. **Sgt. Ed Anzore, Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt and Officer Derrick Brown** detained three individuals in a vehicle. One 21 year old woman was taken to SFGH and the Psych Emergency Services unit for an evaluation. Two adult males were detained and identified as possible suspects engaged in soliciting for purposes of prostitution.

Fifteen minutes later, a plainclothes officer working street prostitution was approached at **Larkin and Sutter** by an Asian male, offering himself for **prostitution** purposes. The 59 year old was cited and released. Earlier that evening at **Polk and Sutter Streets**, just after midnight, the same undercover officer was approached by a 26 year old Black female, also offering similar services.

A collateral benefit to our Prostitution abatement operations along our Western border have been an increase in drug related activity arrests.

**On 5/9/07 at 3 AM at Pacific and Hyde Streets, Officers Chris Cotter and Sam Yuen** attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The driver acted suspiciously, making movements near the center console. Officers approached the stopped vehicle and upon search of the 33 year old Hispanic male from Antioch, California resident, they located a **handgun** concealed in his waistband. A computer query indicated that the gun was reported stolen a month earlier from Antioch, California. Brass knuckles and suspected marijuana was also located in the vehicle.

**On 5/12/07 at 1 AM, Officers Nelson Artiga and Kevin Richins** responded to the corner of **Bush and Taylor** where a witness called in a report of graffiti in progress. The witness pointed out a 25 year old Hispanic male and a 30 year old White female as the culprits responsible for the Felony Graffiti on the side of a building. Both suspects still had wet paint on their hands, similar to the vandalism. One suspect explained that it was from an art class he had taken earlier in the day. Both suspects were booked for the damage, estimated at well over \$400.00

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**On 5/12/07 at 8:30 PM on the 700 block on Pacific** during their Public Housing Duty, **Officers Nico Discenza and Joe Porta** observed a Black male, 30 years old, in front of the Housing Complex attempting to hold parking spaces for cash. A cab attempted to park and the suspect pounded on the trunk saying "I'm holding this space!" Officers interceded and found the suspect to be carrying a concealed metal object with three protruding knife blades. The officers made the arrest for the weapon and an outstanding criminal warrant arrest.

**On 5/12/07** just before midnight, Officers responded to the **600 block of Bush Street** regarding one male beating another with a golf club in the street. **Officers Kevin Worrell and Jared Lovrin** responded and rendered aid to the victim who had several lacerations on his head and back from the golf club attack. Officer Worrell located the suspect across the street. The attack was apparently part of a domestic relationship dispute over an ex-girlfriend.

**This weekend, we experienced 9 Auto Burglary reports and 5 stolen autos in the Central District. Here is some advice from the Auto Theft and Auto Burglary Detail:**

"If you live in San Francisco and own a car, you or someone you know may have been the victim of an auto theft or auto burglary. The cost and associated inconvenience of auto theft and auto burglary are substantial.

To prevent auto theft, always take all keys from your car. Studies have shown that 25% of vehicles stolen are taken with keys that have been left in the car by the owner. Remember take all keys, including valet keys, spare keys and hidden keys. No matter how well keys are hidden, an experienced thief will find them.

Garage your auto whenever possible. If you must park on the street, utilize a visible security device like The Club. In addition to deterring the theft of your car, a visible security device puts thieves on notice that you are vigilant about your vehicles security and unlikely to leave valuable items in it.

An audible alarm will enhance your autos security and tracking devices, like Lo-Jack, may assist law enforcement in recovering your car expeditiously in the event it is stolen.

Never leave your ownership title inside your auto. Keep a photo copy of your registration in your car and secure the original with your ownership title and other important papers in your home or safe deposit box.

In most cases auto burglary is a preventable crime. Simply put, a thief can not take what you do not leave in your car. When parked and unattended never leave anything in the visible passenger compartment or unlocked storage areas of your auto.

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If you have a remote trunk release, switch it off or disable it if you intend to store valuables in the trunk.

If you must store valuable items such as laptops, ipods, cell phone, briefcases and purses in the locked trunk of your car, invest in a lockable container which can be secured to the interior of your trunk. Many security devices are available for purchase which protects valuables left in the trunk.

Always be aware of your surroundings and persons who may be watching you park your car. If you need to secure valuable items in the trunk of your car, do so prior to reaching your final destination. Criminals will wait for hours until they observe an unsuspecting victim park and place valuable items in their trunk.

Large gatherings are always an attractive lure for auto burglars. Everyone wants to be unencumbered by personal property when attending the ballet, opera, theater, sporting and musical events. These events draw large numbers of spectators. Criminals know this and assume that autos parked near these events have property within them and their owners will not return during the duration of the event. Avoid parking in alleys and dark or poorly illuminated areas surrounding these events.

Should you need further information about protecting your vehicle or the property within it, call an Inspector at the San Francisco Police Auto Theft Task Force. We are available to assist you, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Just call 415-553-1261.”

### **T-Ball League continues! Why aren't you playing?**

**Know of any kids, boys or girls 5-7 years old who would like to learn and play T-Ball? Give Tel-Hi Community Coordinator James Knoebber a call at 421-6443 at extension 16 to sign up. Practice and games will be played on the black top at Joe DiMaggio Playground **Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM** beginning **April 24, 2007**. Officers from Central Station will be on hand to help out. Rec and Park has donated the play area and all the equipment for the kids to use.**

### **Central Station Resource List**

EMERGENCY: 911  
Non-Emergency: 553-0123  
Cell phone 911: 553-8090  
Central Station: 315-2400  
Web: [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police)  
(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SF SAFE	553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454		

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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:	298-0903	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	850-6416	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, and Vic Silveira
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Jonathan Tong
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Dan Gallagher
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Pete McLaughlin & Dan Wynn
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber

**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](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 San Francisco Citizen's Police Academy**

For more information, including application process, please call Ms.Lula Magallon at (415) 401-4720, or Officer Maria Oropeza at (415) 401-4701. You can also email us at [sfpd\\_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com) or visit our website: [http://www.sfgov.org/site/police\\_index.asp?id=20182](http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182).

### **Graffiti Alert:**

Day Watch Sgt. Steve Shanahan is Central's Graffiti Abatement coordinator. Each month he collects surveys from the various beat officers to report graffiti to DPW and our own Graffiti Unit within the police department. You can contact Sgt. Shanahan at [steven.shanahan@sfgov.org](mailto:steven.shanahan@sfgov.org) .

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