

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

After working two night shifts of this St. Patrick's Day weekend, I am renewed in my faith in the men and women of your Central Police Station. I am sure most would agree that this weekend's activities regarding this holiday were pretty well maintained compared to recent years. **Sgt. John Colla, Dwight Lee and Scott Gaines** did a great job in planning for events in the district. They maintained the Command Van in various locations in the district while I rolled in a mobile command with Permit Officer Fred Crisp. The arrest numbers were big but the distribution of revelers was good and most folks were well behaved and still had a good time. Business was booming across the district and assaults and robberies were significantly down from previous years. Thanks to all the business management professionals who were very helpful and kept most places very orderly. What a difference a year makes.

Several of the Officers from Central and other stations around the City made multiple arrests of intoxicated individuals and for various other charges ranging from public nuisance to domestic violence on the street. Solo motorcycle officers providing traffic assistance were also quickly on hand to quell disturbances in the street and with crime related calls for service. After dealing with a pair of intoxicated males fighting on Columbus and Kearny in the street, it occurred to me that aggressive response towards the Police has seemed to increase since the early eighties. I am sure there are several factors that have fueled the phenomena and it doesn't look to change anytime soon.

Police Community Meeting: Thursday 3/22/07 at 6 pm sharp at Café Roma at 526 Columbus Ave. Thanks to owner **Tony Azzolino** for accommodating us. We will conclude sharply at 7 PM, Tony's closing time. I hope to see you there. I should just be back from flying the coup with my fellow Loon's. (The Loon's Nest Golf Club is off Tuesday and Wednesday for a golf outing in Monterey!)

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.

Skateboarding is not a Crime, but.....

You may recall the incident reported here in January where an 84 year old man was run down by a 31 year old skateboarder at **Broadway and Stockton on 1/7/07**. Sadly, the victim never recovered from head injuries sustained when he hit his head on the pavement and he passed on about a month later. **Inspector Matt Krinsky of the Hit & Run Detail** reported that the skateboarder has since been arrested and charged with **Felony manslaughter**.

Also, the Port and Rec and Park has reported increasing incidents of property damage at Pier 7, Ferry Plaza, Harry Bridges Plaza and Ferry Park. We have seen an increase of older skateboarders in their late 20's and 30's who make coordinated efforts to remove 'obstacles' such as benches and bring their own 'ramps' made of plywood and even police barricades. Injuries have been reported from passers-by hit by the boarders and the occasional errant 'board.

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Broadway Corridor:

Friday March 16, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made
2 Misdemeanor arrests made
5 Drunk related arrests made
34 moving cites issued
17 parking citations issued
12 towed vehicles

Saturday March 17, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made
5 Misdemeanor arrests made
12 Drunk related arrests made
53 moving cites issued
40 parking citations issued
17 towed vehicles

St. Patrick's weekend arrests totaled approximately 35 for the two days in the District.

1 Warrant arrest, 39 drunk arrests, 1 Robbery arrest from Columbus and Mason and one arrest for assault on a police officer Saturday night at Columbus and Broadway.

Crimes of Note:

On 3/10/07 at 5 PM, Officers Jesse Serna and Gary Moriyama and several units responded on a call of a purse snatch at **Commercial and Battery**. A woman reported that as she sat on a bench at that location, three large (6'2" 170-190 pounds), Black male teens grabbed her cell phone and then purse and fled on foot. Officers coordinated a search of the area and off duty Officer Kevin Richins and Sgt. Mark Gamble located the suspects. The cell phone, ear buds, cash, keys and several other stolen items were recovered the pants pockets of the suspects.

On 3/13/07 at 11 PM several officers responded to **Sutter and Leavenworth** on a call of an Auto Burglary in progress. Officers Derrick Brown, Joe Porta, Sam Yuen and William Toomey responded and caught a 31 year old White male attempting to take a lock off the cargo door of a moving van with a hand grinder. The suspect boldly showed the officers a rental agreement stating he knew the owner. After all was said and done, the Officers did an outstanding job of sorting out a large **identity theft ring** and recovered additional identification, credit cards and licenses of potential other victims from an address in the Park District on Parnassus. Several computers, laminators, storage disks and photo printers were taken as evidence of a sophisticated operation. This was an outstanding follow up effort by the officers who could have easily stopped with the Auto Boost arrest.

In an unusual twist, on 3/13/07 at noon, Officers Darryl Fong and George Perez responded to **Jones and Union Street** on a call from a 26 year old White male who told officers that an armed man was inside a vehicle that had just been carjacked. Officers approached and investigated and found that the reportee 'victim' was apparently delusional. Officers Mary Godfrey and Kim Koltzoff responded as well and the officers found the man to be an ex-felon in possession of a loaded concealed handgun and suspected of being under the influence of narcotics.

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On **3/14/07 at 5 PM** Officers responded to the **300 block of Clay Street** on another call of a man with a gun. Officers arrested a Black male adult with a 'replica gun' for a criminal arrest warrant from Marin County. **Night Lt. Bob Moser** reported that many individuals have been encountered carrying bb or air pistols that appear to be real. **Please be advised that toy guns without orange tips are illegal and any 'toy' gun, bb, co2 or 'air' that shoots a projectile are illegal in San Francisco.**

On **3/15/07 at noon** on the **300 block of California Street**, a suspect described as a Black male 17-19 years old with a short cropped haircut with a blue down jacket and blue jeans walked into a commercial office building and took an unattended laptop and IPOD from a desk. **This type of theft has happened frequently in office buildings. The trend is for a suspect to wander through office spaces looking for small electronics or laptops from unattended work stations. When they have been challenged, these suspects tend to continue onto another floor until removed from the building. Please call building security and the police if you encounter such individuals.**

On **3/15/07 just after noon**, **Officer Kim Koltzoff and Mary Godfrey** responding to several complaints of suspects posing as garage or parking lot attendants, observed a 50 year old Black male approach vehicles at **Pier 27**. The suspect, a Black male 50 years old, was arrested for attempting to 'valet' a car for \$10. The suspect has been arrested more than 5 times previously for the same offense.

On **3/16/07 at 12:30 PM on the unit block of Geary Street**, Officers arrested an individual for attempting to run his car over a meter checker. The suspect refused to move his 1999 Cadillac and was being written a ticket when he backed towards the DPT Checker on his bicycle. The suspect shouted "You ain't no \$%^&# cop!- You can't tell me what to do!" The checker was forced to dump his bike and fell onto the hood of a parked car.

On **3/16/07 at 7 PM**, a man walked to his basement at the **2000 block of Powell** to check on his drying surfboard. As he entered, he observed a suspect standing with his bicycle, cut from his bike rack. The 48 year old White male suspect with no address took off his jacket and fled on Francisco. The victim gave chase and caught the suspect at Mason and Water Streets. **Officer David On** recovered the jacket, located a bolt cutter with it and observed that the bike rack had metal tubing cut to remove the bike.

Central Station Resource List

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

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Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SF 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:	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	Now taking applications!

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 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 or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

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