

Central Police Station



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Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Central District Newsletter

Captain James I. Dudley

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Auto Burglary incidents continue to be prevalent along the Northern part of our district. Almost all are broken into via a broken window. Last week we had 19 cases reported to us. We made two arrests. Fourteen occurred between 2 PM and 10 PM.

Items taken were: 6 Laptops, 5 IPOD's, 5 wallets/purses, 4 Cell phones, 3 GPS units and 2 cameras.

It is rare that we have people make reports where a window was broken but nothing was taken. It still seems to hold true that most Auto Burglars are not out on 'fishing expeditions' but rather they usually pace a row of parked cars on the street or in a parking lot, making a quick scan to see what valuables may be visible. We have seen suspects pacing an area looking into cars from the sidewalk. Sometimes they have been observed riding a bicycle on the street side, with or against traffic to get a view into the vehicles from the bike.

Remember to take all valuables with you when you leave your car. At the least, store items in the trunk or out of sight. This includes cables and charging cords. If you have a cradle for an IPOD, cellphone or GPS system, take that as well. We can only do our best. Last year I remember an incident where someone broke into a car for a can of Coke! If you notice any behavior as described above, please do not hesitate to call the emergency number 9-1-1.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday June 2, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
2 Misdemeanor arrests made
5 Drunk related arrests made
24 moving cites issued
76 parking citations issued
18 towed vehicles

Saturday June 3, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made
1 Misdemeanor arrests made
1 Drunk related arrests made
29 moving cites issued
12 parking citations issued
7 towed vehicles

Central Station Officers continue to do a good job in a difficult environment on Broadway. Both weekend nights were very busy with large crowds. One club experienced a problem with a promoter who billed a charitable event as a "Gangsta Rap" promotion. The Club management and Central Station Officers assigned to the venue did a good job of keeping the crowd orderly, even when several individuals were denied admittance. The Sheriff's presence was a good deterrent to problems as well.

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On 6/3/07 at 1:39 AM, on the Broadway Detail, Officers responded to a call of a fight at Broadway and Kearny Streets. **Solo Motorcycle Officer Joe Coggan** detained one suspect and called for assistance with one 'victim' down on the sidewalk. **Officers Martin Garay, Derek Brown, Chris Cotter, David Serrano and Chris Anderson** responded. Officer Garay approached the person on the ground and rolled him over to assess his physical condition. **The male was semi-conscious and was seen holding a handgun in his hand.** Officer Garay attempted to grab it but the suspect squeezed it tighter and refused to let go of it. Officers finally wrestled the gun from his grip. It was determined that the man on the ground, a Parolee with past gun possession charges, attempted to start a fight with the other detained individual. Once the suspect brandished the gun, the other man punched him in the face in self defense, just as police arrived. The gun was a loaded 9 MM semi-automatic handgun with a live round in the chamber.

Prostitution Activity

We continue to run operations through **Night Watch Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt** in response to rising incidents including shootings on our West border with the Northern District along Polk/Larkin/Leavenworth and Hyde Streets. **On 6/3/07, between 1 AM and 4 AM, Officers Mike Kangrga, Christina Pena and Jared Lovrin made four arrests** of individuals for soliciting for purposes of prostitution. Men and women aged 18-33 were arrested and gave home addresses of Marin City, Hayward, Pleasanton, and Benicia, California. **Arrests were made at Polk and California, Polk and Pine and Van Ness and Washington Streets.**

Lieutenant Jim Calonico and I checked out potential Code Enforcement buildings along Post Street and Sacramento Street to see if they may be contributing factors to activity there. We will be contacting property owners to take corrective action.

Crimes of Note:

On 5/30/07 at 7:43 AM Officer Dave Boyett responded to Alice Marble Playground (Greenwich & Hyde) on a call of a man acting strangely. When Officer Boyett arrived, he located the suspect near the dog walking area and tennis courts. Among other actions, the white male subject was spinning in circles and yelling to Allah. Upon seeing the officer, the subject rushed toward him, fell to his knees and began praising Allah. He was also holding a crack pipe in his right hand. Officer Boyett and other officers at Central Station have had numerous encounters with this individual. He is often violent and terrorizes the other visitors to the park. He was taken into custody at the County Jail for committing a public nuisance and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

On 5/30/07 at 6:45 PM (11 hours after the above incident) **Officer Scott Korte was sent to Alice Marble Playground on a call of a man yelling uncontrollably in the park.** Upon his arrival he saw,

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you guessed it, the same white male subject from the above incident yelling and screaming incoherently. Numerous people who were using the park complained to Officer Korte about the constant yelling and disturbing behavior of the subject. The subject was again taken into custody and booked for being a public nuisance.

On 5/31/07 at 5:00 PM, Sergeant Carl T and Officers Gary Moriyama and Darryl Fong were sent to Ina Coolbrith Park at Taylor and Vallejo Streets on a call of a man throwing rocks and yelling at passers by. When they arrived, they found our friend from the above incidents yelling and screaming incoherently. When the officers approached him, he bolted to his feet, started yelling and pounding on his chest. The officers took him into custody and booked him for being a public nuisance and the crack he was holding. This subject has had a long history of this type of behavior. We will be working with public health and other city agencies for a long term solution.

On 5/31/07 at 3:30 AM, Officers Masetti, Oliver, Porta, Pena, Lovrin, Kellog, Fahey, Yuen and Sergeant Anzore responded to Pine and Larkin on a call of a shooting. When they arrived, they found a man down on the sidewalk who had been shot several times in the legs and arms. The victim, who was less than cooperative, said that there were two vans involved. One was white and one was grey and he saw a black male with dread locks in one of the vans. He was taken to SFGH and is in stable condition. The officers located three cars and one apartment that had bullet holes in them. They also located over 20 shell casings in the area.

On 6/2/07 at 9 PM, Officers Gary Moriyama and Paul Yep responded to the **600 block of California Street** where a Berkeley High School Prom was underway. Security officers told our officers that a handgun was found in the coat of a female partygoer who said the gun belonged to her date. The Oakland couple admitted to having the gun for their protection and were booked at SF County Jail for possession of a loaded, concealed .25 caliber firearm in public.

On 6/2/07 at 1:46 AM, Sergeant Fischer was called to the corner of Bush and Stockton Streets on a call of a man with a gun. An anonymous caller described two subjects standing at that location who had a gun. When he arrived, Sgt. Fischer saw an Asian male and a Latin who matched the suspect descriptions. When the suspects saw him, the Asian man said, "Oh #&*!" and then turned away and threw something from his belt area to the ground that landed with a metallic thud. **Officers Porta, Pena, Costello and Uang arrived to assist.** They found that the Asian male was wearing a holster and located the loaded .25 caliber pistol that he discarded. He was booked on several felony gun charges. His friend was booked for public intoxication.

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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.)			
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org	
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:	850-6146	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, Cathy Daly 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

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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.

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 .