

Central Police Station



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Captain's Comments

Happy Holidays!

With all the wet weather and darkness falling early, we anticipate the usual run of fender benders. Downtown, we expect to see the usual crush of cars and pedestrians, not a great mix with the added pressure of last minute shopping. Please be mindful, whether in a car or on foot, to slow down and yield to the yellow traffic lights rather than taking the chance to dart across the street to beat the red light. 2007 has so far shown a decrease in pedestrian fatalities compared to 2006.

Be SAFE this holiday season and in the New Year. Please keep in mind, all of the SAFE tips regarding keeping valuables out of sight or in a safe place. Remember to stow valuables out of sight in vehicles and to use a steering wheel club, lock or alarm system. Think about calling SAFE at 553-1984 to do a security survey of your home or business. They can tell you about proper locks, lighting and alarm systems. Mark your calendars to call for a free or low cost survey. Safety Awareness For Everyone, (SAFE) tips are located at the end of the newsletter; check them out on the web at: www.sfsafe.org

Broadway Corridor

Friday December 14, 2007:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	12

Saturday December 15, 2007:

Felony arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	21
Towed vehicles	16

Commander Tacchini from the Field Operations Bureau has convened meetings with club owners across the city these past few weeks to discuss violence reduction measures. This year there has been a rise in violence near entertainment related venues. Representatives from the ABC, (State Alcohol Beverage Control), SFPD Vice and Entertainment Commission have attended the meetings as well. Most of the incidents have occurred south of Market and in the Tenderloin. On Broadway, we continue a downward trend in criminal activity and violence. Police presence is certainly a factor but better club management has greatly contributed to the success as well. We look forward to continued success in 2008.

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North Beach Robbery Series

We have recently experienced an uptick in the number of robberies in North Beach and the immediate vicinity. There have been 5 reported strong-arm robberies between November 1st and December 12th. The incidents have taken place on the 2100 block of Leavenworth, the 100 block of Francisco, Chestnut & Jones, Greenwich & Lombard, and Washington & Taylor. Four of the robberies occurred between 11:30 PM and 12:40 AM, with the other occurring at 11 AM. In most of these incidents, the suspects have been described as 2 or 3 black males between the ages of 18-25. The suspects are 5'8"-6' in height, of medium build, and wear black or dark clothing. The suspects may be using a white or tan colored, 4-door, newer model vehicle, as this was reported by 2 of the victims. In 2 of these 5 incidents, a laptop computer was stolen from the victim.

Our officers have been made aware of the problem and are being provided with additional information as it becomes available. Officers are spending additional patrol time in the North Beach area and we have been in contact with the Robbery unit of our Investigations Bureau to ensure a constant two-way flow of information. Again, we ask area residents to call "911" when they observe suspicious persons or activity.

Prostitution Update

Our prostitution abatement efforts are continuing. On a day to day basis, our uniformed patrol personnel take enforcement action whenever unlawful prostitution activity is observed. Under the supervision of Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt, prostitution abatement enforcement teams are assembled on dates when station staffing levels allow. During the period between 11/6/07-11/26/07, Central Station officers made 10 misdemeanor arrests. Another 3 misdemeanor arrests were made between 12/2/07-12/10/07. We are now employing new techniques in our prostitution abatement effort. We hope that these techniques will enhance our opportunities for successful prosecution of these cases.

Crimes of Note

On 12/10/07 at 2:45 AM, at Hyde & Pine, Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt and Officers Sam Yuen, Joe Porta, and Rene Nielson made the first of two prostitution related arrests in a period of one hour. The Officers patiently observed and followed two prostitutes while they loitered in the area of Hyde & Pine attempting to solicit their services to passing motorists and pedestrians. The women were arrested separately at different locations.

On 12/10/07 at 2:36 AM, on the 200 block of Kearny, Officers Sean O'Brien responded to a report by a security guard of a suspicious person inside a parking garage. Officer O'Brien interviewed the security guard and learned that a suspect had pried apart a section of the security roll-up gate, entered

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the parking garage, and stolen a computer monitor. Within minutes, Officer O'Brien had the suspect in custody. He then located and recovered the stolen monitor which the suspect had stashed in a nearby doorway.

On 12/11/07 at 2:17 PM, at Union & Montgomery, Sergeant Steve Shanahan responded to a report of two subjects looking into parked cars. Sergeant Shanahan located the two subjects as they exited Bartol Alley at Broadway. One subject was carrying a laptop computer, and the other a briefcase. These two individuals had just broken into a car parked in Bartol Alley. Upon seeing Sergeant Shanahan, the two men fled on foot, quickly discarding the laptop and the briefcase. After a chase, and with the assistance of **Officers Kevin Worrell, Martin Bandvik, and Will McCarthy**, both subjects were taken into custody. The stolen property was returned to the owner.

On 12/11/07 at 7:10 PM, on the 500 block of Taylor, Officers Nelson Artiga and Eric Valentini, responded to a reported battery. A deranged tenant yelling, "San Francisco Police Department," sprayed another building tenant in the face with pepper spray. When our (real) Officers arrived, they learned that the suspect had fled into his room. Upon entering the suspect's room, the Officers located and seized the can of pepper spray, a pair of Yawara sticks, a collapsible baton, and a loaded .22 caliber handgun. The suspect was booked for the felonious use of the pepper spray, and the weapons were booked as property for safekeeping.

On 12/11/07 at 10:10 PM, on the 500 block of North Point, Officers Matt Sullivan and Rene Nielsen met with the victim of an attempted strong-arm robbery. The victim, who resides in the area, was walking on Taylor at North Point when she was suddenly pushed from behind and fell to the ground. Someone attempted to grab her purse from her, but was unsuccessful. The victim looked up and saw two young black females running away, S/B on Taylor. Both suspects were described as being between 14-17 years old, and wearing dark clothing. One suspect had a black "hoody" with a white stripe on it.

On 12/15/07 at 4:08 AM, on the 800 block of California, Officers Kenneth Bates and Esther Gonzalez spoke with a woman who identified herself as a working prostitute. She said she had brought a man back to her apartment to engage in sex for money. Upon arriving at her apartment building, the man became violent and pushed the victim down a flight of stairs. The suspect forced his way into the victim's apartment, where he stated that he was a police officer, and that the victim would have to perform an act of sex. When the suspect heard people in the hallway outside, he fled the scene. The suspect was described as an Asian male, 30-32 years old, 6' tall, 200 lbs., wearing a beige jacket, blue jeans, white tennis shoes, driving a silver 2-door pickup truck.

On 12/14/07 at 8:30 AM, on the 300 block of Greenwich, I responded with Lieutenant Alvin Yee to the scene of a burglary. We searched the paths of adjacent Pioneer Park in an attempt to locate

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property stolen in the burglary. While doing so, we came across two homeless individuals who had established an encampment in the park. While searching through a bag for identification, one of these individuals failed to fully shield the contents of the bag from our view. Lieutenant Yee and I both clearly saw that the bag contained numerous small baggies of marijuana packaged for sale. After his arrest, the man quite readily admitted that it was his job to sell the marijuana. Interestingly, he even stated, "I owe a guy \$600. for that."

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:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff	
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly	
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days	
		Officers Vien Lam and Sam Yuen- Nights	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days	
		Officers Scott Korte, John Ferrando- Nights	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino	
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at 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 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.

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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

On the SAFE Side

Personal Safety Tips

- In the rare event that a stranger who demands your valuables approaches you, do not resist. Your well-being is more important than your belongings.
- Always be alert to your surroundings and know how to reach your destination prior to your departure.
- As you approach your car, have car keys in hand and check inside and beneath your car before entering to make sure no one has hidden in or near your vehicle.
- It is a good practice to let another person know your itinerary for the day and your expected time of return.
- There is safety in numbers. Make every effort to walk with others when leaving a building or location. Walk in well traveled, well lighted streets. Do not take short-cuts through parking lots or alley ways.
- Carry a cell phone with you and keep it fully charged.