

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

April is Kid's Month!

At Central Station we are partnering with Rec and Park to start our **T-Ball Fun League** at where else? **Joe DiMaggio Playground**. Know of any kids, boys or girls 5-7 years old who would like to learn and play? 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 JD's Playground **Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM** beginning **April 24, 2007**. I or another officer from Central Station will be on hand to help out. This town needs *someone* to play some good baseball! (OK, someone besides **Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep**. The Varsity won the Easter Tournament last week with a 7 win, no loss streak to the title).

Prostitution Update

A recent grant by the District Attorney will allow us to do more **Prostitution Abatement** along our Western border. **Sergeant Arlin Vanderbilt** of the Night Watch is running our operation there.

On 4/12/07 at 4 AM on Clay at Larkin Streets, Officer Lynn Masetti encountered a young woman that she believed to be loitering for the purpose of prostitution. As she questioned the girl, who turned out to be a 15 year old runaway from Stockton, the girl attempted to get into a parked newer rental vehicle. Officer Masetti took the girl into custody and called for **Officer Christina Pena** to assist. During her tow search, Officer Pena located a handgun inside the vehicle. As a follow up, Sgt. Vanderbilt investigated a hotel room key also found in the vehicle and possibly identified other prostitutes and the suspect's pimp.

In a 4 four period on 4/16/07 from 1 AM to 5 AM, Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt and Officers Chris Anderson and Martin Garay arrested 5 separate women for solicitation of prostitution. The Officers worked the Polk, Larkin, Hyde and California area where they observed the women also working the same area.

Fraud Capers

Recently one afternoon on the way to a meeting with **Lieutenants Jim Calonico and Alvin Yee of the Day Watch**, we observed suspicious activity at **Post and Kearny**. A Black male in his 50's was placing catalogs in a Federal Express Delivery box to give it the heft of a computer. We sat and watched as he took a newspaper ad for **laptop computers** and sealed them in plastic across the shipping label. We broke up the scam before he could pawn the box off as a 'cut rate laptop computer.' A month ago a suspect was caught selling a similarly wrapped box. He went even further by wrapping up some wires he found in a dumpster to the box as if it were some component part. UPS and the Fed Ex boxes are free and available at store counters. Beware of this scam.

On 4/10/07 at 9 AM a 73 year old Asian female was walking at **Stockton and Vallejo** when she was approached by a 40-50 year old Cantonese speaking Asian woman who showed her "**healing beetles.**"

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The scam artist ran a beetle over the woman's hand and put it into a container of water that turned black. The scammer explained that it showed the victim that she had 'cancer.' 2 Asian males drove up in a 4 door grey sedan and the suspect told the woman that if she withdrew money from her bank, she could be saved from the cancer. The victim withdrew money and gave it to the suspects thinking it would help cure her.

On a follow up to the **scam parking lot 'valet'** who stands at pay and park Embarcadero Parking lots: **Officer Kim Koltzoff** obtained court issued Stay Away orders on the Black male 45 years 6' -160 pounds, and bald from lots located at the foot of Bay, Kearny and Piers 23 and 27.

Police Community Meeting: Thursday 4/19/07 at 6 pm sharp at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday April 13, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made
2 Misdemeanor arrests made
2 Drunk related arrests made
22 moving cites issued
14 parking citations issued
12 towed vehicles

Saturday April 14, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
2 Misdemeanor arrests made
3 Drunk related arrests made
27 moving cites issued
38 parking citations issued
12 towed vehicles

The Traffic Company helped with their presence and made 2 misdemeanor arrests, 29 citations and two tows.

Crimes of Note:

On 4/14/07 at 10:22 AM, Chinatown Beat Officer Jonathan Tong cited and released a 60 year old Asian male from a shop in Chinatown. 15 minutes later the officer observed the same man running towards Portsmouth Square with property under his coat. As the Officer caught up to the individual he saw that the man was selling umbrellas in the square that he had just taken from a shop on the 900 block of Grant Avenue.

On 4/15/07 at noon on the 1000 block of Stockton, Officers Jonathan Tong and Darryl Fong responded on a call of an assault at a bakery. Officers learned that a 45 year old Asian male had been pilfering items from the bakery without paying several times over a period of time. Once confronted by the owner, the suspect assaulted him. Once the officers attempted to detain the suspect, they too were assaulted. The suspect managed to kick **Officer Severo Flores** in the upper thigh and bit Officer Fong on the thumb, drawing blood.

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On 4/15/07 at 1 PM, Fisherman's Wharf Officer Bob Merino responded on foot to the 400 block of Jefferson on a report of a vehicle being driven North from Pier 39 on the sidewalk and swerving in and out of traffic. Officer Merino, with aid from **Officer Mary Godfrey and John Broucuret** managed to get the vehicle to a stop and the occupants removed. Officers found several open containers of alcoholic beverages and after tests were administered, booked the driver for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On 4/15/07 at 3:20 AM Officers Joe Porta responded to Edgardo and Grant Avenue on a call of a suspect cutting through a convertible top vehicle parked on the street. The officer observed the suspect standing next to the vehicle as he pulled up. The suspect had a small knife in his pocket but no other merchandise from the vehicle. A witness positively identified the Black male 25 year old transient and said that some vehicle contents had been rifled through and strewn about.

Finally, on **4/17/07 at 2:30 AM at the 1200 Bush Street, Officers Mike Costello and William Toomey** responded on a call of a White male, blonde with a black hooded sweater breaking into a vehicle. Prior to their arrival, **Night Captain Steve Tittle** arrived and detained the suspect, still holding a handful of cd's stolen from the vehicle. A witness identified the suspect as the same man who broke the vehicle window and took the property. Officers located the victim, owner of the car and she confirmed that she did not know the suspect.

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.)

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:	850-6416	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo,	

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		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 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 .

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