



# Central Police Station

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## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

### **Happy Election Day!**

May the best people and issues win.

While on the topic of the best people and winners, I am proud to announce that the SFPD City wide "**Police Officers of the month for November 2006**" are **Central Station's own Officers Keith Matthews and Sean O'Brien**. It was a pleasure to nominate both hard working Night Watch Officers, who turn in an outstanding effort on a daily basis. Both men are skilled and knowledgeable professionals who are well liked by their peers and supervisors alike.

Aside from handling calls for service and engaging in 'on-view' crimes in progress, the two also do a meticulous job on the Broadway Corridor. Their perseverance, determination and follow up in working with the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Office helped eradicate an egregious offender and frequent trouble spot on the corridor. It is my honor and privilege to have these Officers working at Central Station.

Congratulations also to the "**American Legion's Cathay Post Officers of the Year,**" **Day Watch Officer Ed Browne and Night Watch Officer Lynn Masetti**. Both Officers are worthy of the yearly award and do an excellent job in the Central District. Officer Masetti works tirelessly on the midnight watch and is active, conscientious and also compassionate. I have read countless reports where she has taken extra care and time in handling victims of domestic violence, sexual and violent assaults. Officer Browne is active on days and lends his experience in narcotics and general investigations in the district. He is also a shop steward and looks out for our officers, protecting them from unsafe working conditions.

### **Welcome two new civilian members of Central Station:**

**Police Service Aid Lynn Bloom** comes to us after several years of service working in the city wide Fugitive Recovery Task Force. Lynn brings over 25 years of service and experience and will be working weekdays in the Station front office. **Vehicle Maintenance Officer Morton Hom** will be our new garage person, taking care of our fleet and related facilities. It is a big job that had been done admirably by Officer Scott Gaines, who will now be free to handle other duties.

### **Odd happenings at Ferry Park:**

A note from a neighbor: "The benches re-installed last Friday lasted about 18 hours. According to witnesses (Park homeless) three adults, age 30ish, showed up around 2 AM Sat., with a truck and removed the bolted benches. They commented that "these will wind up in the Bay too"! And to add insult to injury, they took the time to create some elaborate graffiti on the wall adjacent to the stairs."

Apparently, some local engineers do not like the way Ferry Park is laid out. We have contacted Rec and Park for replacements and will keep an eye on them for future actions.

### **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.



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### **Broadway Corridor:**

Activity was listed by Night Watch commanders as 'very light' on Friday evening but things were more active on Saturday night.

### **Friday November 3, 2006:**

2 Felony arrests made

0 Misdemeanor arrests made

0 Drunk related arrests made

4 moving cites issued

2 parking citations issued

2 towed vehicles

Pedestrian and vehicular traffic diversions were employed.

### **Saturday November 4, 2006:**

0 Felony Arrest

8 Misdemeanor arrests

6 Drunk related arrests

42 moving citations issued

51 parking cites issued

21 towed vehicles

On 11/04/06 at 12:16 AM in the area of Fresno Alley and Grant Avenue, Officers Martin Garay and Frank Leonetti were flagged down by a witness of an assault. The victim was assaulted by six young black males who also took his cell phone and cash. Officers Keith Matthews and Sean O'Brien responded to the area and detained individuals who matched the suspect's description. Two suspects were booked for robbery and another two were identified and released from the scene.

On 11/04/06 at 11:30 PM, Officers admonished a group of young men at the corner of Broadway and Columbus to refrain from blocking pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. A short while later, business management complained to police that the young men were back and 'harassing and grabbing' young women passing by. The group continued the behavior at several locations until they were approached by Sheriff's Deputies and Officers Noah Mallinger and John Ferrando. Three suspects with addresses in East Palo Alto were booked for a continuing offense of Municipal Police and Traffic Code violations and resisting police.

### **Crimes of Note:**

On Halloween, 10/31/06 at 2 AM, Officers Sam Yuen and Joe Porta observed a suspicious vehicle driven at the 600 block of Sacramento Street. The Officers made a traffic stop for various violations and after some investigation, determined that the vehicle was subject to tow. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded a handgun in the jacket of the driver.

That same early morning at 3:30 AM, Officer Brian Oliver detained a suspect in an unrelated crime at Post and Leavenworth Streets. The suspect evaded the officer and attempted to drop a small plastic baggie with suspected crack cocaine inside.



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Also on that same evening, **Officers William Toomey and Martin Garay** were on patrol at **Coit Tower** with lots of Halloween traffic in the area at 10:30 PM. The officers observed a vehicle with a stolen license plate parked in the handicapped parking spot with no occupants. Officers waited for the driver to return and arrested him for various charges including stolen plates on the vehicle and for driving with a suspended license.

On **11/03/06 at 4:30 PM** a local business owner was assaulted by another competitor from the area of the **500 block of Columbus Avenue**. **Officers Tom Costello and Kevin Richins** conducted an investigation and reviewed the assault from a video tape outside the restaurant. Officers searched the area and located the suspect and booked him for aggravated assault causing serious injury. The victim was transported for treatment of a "broken and dislocated shoulder."

On **11/04/06 at 12:34 AM**, **Officers Nelson Artiga and Eric Valentini** were on patrol at **Broadway and Stockton Streets** when they observed Federal Police in a marked unit with lights and sirens activated, attempting to stop a vehicle. The officers assisted in the chase and soon learned that the vehicle was wanted as "**Armed and Dangerous**" and was involved in an intricate Robbery and Kidnap incident from Galt, Ca. **Officers Randy Soohoo and Adam Choy** responded to the prolonged chase and set up to deploy "spike strips" to halt the suspect vehicle. The vehicle eventually rammed a police vehicle and came to a stop where officers forcibly removed him from the vehicle. Officers recovered cash suspected to have come from the bank robbery and also a sword from the front seat of the vehicle. Detectives from Galt P.D. responded to San Francisco where they took custody of the suspect and evidence from the crime committed there.

On **11/05/06**, **Officers Brian Oliver and Chris Cotter** made two separate drug related arrests at Sansome and Pacific and later on the 600 block of Hyde Street. In the first case, a Parolee was in a vehicle in possession of Marijuana for sales with two other suspects. In the second case, two men were in the process of bargaining over a baggie of suspected 'crystal meth' when the officers stopped them.

### 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 [james.dudley@sfgov.org](mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org)  
**Anonymous Tip-Line** 392-2623 **SF SAFE** 553-1984  
**Graffiti Abatement** 278-9454 **Graffiti Fax** 278-9456



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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, Off. 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
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x37	Jessica Look (Tel-Hi)

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.