



# Central Police Station

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### **So THAT's the way the cookie crumbles.....**

On Saturday, 12/2/06 the Upper Grant Avenue Merchant's held their annual "Christmas Cookie Crawl" featuring over 20 different cookie stops among various businesses. Apparently, I was asked to be a cookie tasting judge based on my svelte profile. After the 10th or 12th cookie I began to doubt if I would ever see the finish line. In the end I endured along with Brad Willmore, Tony Gantner and Mike Scott and gave each cookie our best evaluation. I will report the winners soon, but I think everyone who attended the event was a winner in the end. Thanks to Jimmie Schein, Beat Officers Mark Alvarez and Mike Kangrga and all the organizers, bakers and merchants who participated.

### **Scofflaw Update**

Ever wonder what happens to the person who is cited for an infraction or misdemeanor arrest? There are a few options in San Francisco at present. A citation may be dismissed out of hand or at a protest hearing in Traffic Court, the District Attorney can file and prosecute, bundled cases may be pursued as a Code Enforcement or Public Nuisance case or an infraction may go to a neighborhood 'Community Court'. Nothing can be more frustrating to an Officer who responds to a criminal infraction or who may personally witness it than to see it drop without consequence. The Officer may take the time to write a citation, an incident report and in some cases, may book property or contraband into evidence. In many cases, a suspect may commit the same infraction repeatedly in the same location.

Two new approaches are being looked by City Officials as possible remedies to these types of nuisances. The **SIP**, or '**Serial Inebriate Program**' is a success in **San Diego** and may work here in San Francisco to address habitual drunks in our neighborhoods. Considering what each agency spends in caring for frequent offenders by way of medical treatment by DPH, housing by DHS or the Sheriff's Department, time spent in arresting and transporting by the SFPD, it makes more sense to take a long term approach to deal with them to address the root problem.

Today I will be traveling to **New York** with nine other City Agency representatives to look at NYC's successful '**Court of Innovation**.' It is another way of dealing with Quality of Life and Public Nuisance infractions. I will report more when I return later in the week. I am optimistic in both programs.

### **FRAUD Alerts!**

**Beware the 'Gift Horse;'** sometimes when something looks too good to be true, it is. Although this time of the year is known as the "Giving Season" there are some people out there who believe in it as the "Taking Season."

Recently, we have taken half a dozen reports at the station from neighbors who have received hand addressed letters from Canada with a check inside. Instructions from "American Century Investment" say to deposit the \$7,000 check and to send them money orders for \$1500 to cover fees for a guaranteed payout of the Canadian Lottery. Of course this is a sham and within a week the victim's bank reports that the initial check bounced and



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they are also out the additional payments the victim sent via Western Union. We have sent reports on to our Fraud Detail for follow up investigation. I made a call to the out of state area code listed on the letters and a male voice with an accent asks several questions for "verification" including address, phone number and other personal information. Don't fall for this fraud scheme. Unless Ed McMahon himself is standing on your front step with TV cameras, a balloon bouquet and a check the size of a surf board, please decline the offer.

### **Fraud Alert II**

This is a new one to me; it comes from Officer Scott Gaines:

Well the crooks have found a way to rob you of your gift card balance. If you buy Gift Cards from a display rack that has various store cards you may become a victim of theft. Crooks are now jotting down the card numbers in the store and then wait a few days and call to see how much of a balance THEY have on the card. Once they find the card is "activated", and then they go online and start shopping. You may want to purchase your card from a customer service person, where they do not have the Gift Cards viewable to the public.

### **Just when your faith in humanity dips....**

**On 11/30/06 at 9:45 AM** a local resident found a wallet with cash on the ground at Washington Square Park and turned it in at Central Station. Sgt. Shanahan took the report and left a message on the victim's phone service.

### **Broadway Corridor:**

#### Friday December 2, 2006:

1 Felony arrests made  
3 Misdemeanor arrests made  
4 Drunk related arrests made  
27 moving cites issued  
31 parking citations issued  
13 towed vehicles

#### Saturday December 3, 2006:

0 Felony arrests made  
2 Misdemeanor arrests made  
5 Drunk related arrests made  
27 moving cites issued  
20 parking citations issued  
1 towed vehicle



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### Crimes of Note:

**On 11/28/06 at 9:28, North Beach Beat Officer Mike Kangrga** made an on-view arrest of an individual offering marijuana for sale at **Columbus and Broadway**.

**On 11/29/06 at 4:40 PM** a suspected walked into a bank on the **200 block of Bush Street** and passed a note saying he had a gun and demanded cash. The suspect described as a black male 19-21 years old wearing a black wind breaker, black jeans and a white t-shirt.

**On 11/30/06 at 8 PM a woman at a health club on the 100 block of Greenwich** had her locker opened and several items including her car keys were removed. The woman immediately went to the parking lot where she found a woman inside the passenger side holding some of her property. Management brought the woman inside and called police. The suspect faltered under questioning and fled on foot. **Officers Roger Chea and Sean O'Brien** responded and located the suspect a distance away from the club with help from **Police Patrol Special Officer Byard**. The woman was arrested and most of the property was returned to the owner.

**On 11/30/06 at 9:35 PM, North Beach Beat Officer Mike Kangrga** made an arrest of individuals who stole money from a tip cash box at a strip club on the **500 block of Broadway**. The suspect was apparently dissatisfied with the entertainment and grabbed a cash box and ran from the club. Half way through the club, one of the dancers tripped the suspect who dropped the box, picked it up and continued to flee. Officer Kangrga saw the suspect in front of 560 Broadway and detained him, recovering over \$500 in twenties, tens and one dollar bills from his pockets.

**On 12/01/06 at 11 AM,** Officers responded to an individual acting strange in **Washington Square Park**. The suspect was eventually located at Jasper Alley near Union Street. He had several items including a wet suit, robe and other items taken from a house under construction. **School Resource Officer Steve Matthias** also sent a report indicating that the suspect had said lewd and sexual remarks to school girls and exposed himself to them as well. The suspect was booked for possession of stolen property and the Juvenile and Family Services Division will follow up on the annoying children report. The suspect is a white male, 39 years old, 6' 145 pounds, balding gray hair who frequents the park.

**On 12/02/06 at 1:29 AM, Officer Nico Discenza** made an on-view arrest of an individual at **Grant and Green**, known to him as a drug dealer. The suspect attempted to conceal a small baggie inside his pants and ran from the plainclothes Officer. The suspect was eventually caught and charged with sales of marijuana. While he was being searched in jail he attempted to conceal another two baggies containing cocaine and suspected ecstasy pills.



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### 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

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. The night Lieutenant will run this months meeting.

### 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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### **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](mailto:sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com) or visit our website: [http://www.sfgov.org/site/police\\_index.asp?id=20182](http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182).

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