

BAYVIEW COMMUNITY UPDATE November 12, 2004

James Guelff Anniversary

Tomorrow marks the tenth anniversary of the murder of Officer James Guelff. Jim was a young officer at Northern Station who responded to the corner of Pine and Franklin Streets on the night of November 13, 1994, on a man with a gun call. Jim was met with a hail of gunfire when he arrived, and although he managed to return fire, he was shot several times by a man armed with numerous assault rifles, eventually dying of his wounds. The gunfight which ensued between the gunman and responding officers lasted more than thirty minutes, which is an eternity for such an exchange. Officer John Payne (now retired) was also shot, and survived his wounds to work several more years. The gunman in this case was wearing full body armor, and as a result of this tragedy, federal legislation was introduced making it a crime for an ex-felon to possess body armor. Every year, on November 13, members of the department who were assigned to Northern Station in 1994 gather for a moment of silence at 6:30 p.m. to commemorate Jim's passing. Senator Feinstein, who was instrumental in passing the federal legislation, will stand with the officers of Northern Station tomorrow night. I was Jim's lieutenant at Northern Station in 1994, and often think of how similar he was to another young officer, Isaac Espinoza, who we lost earlier this year. For those who knew these men, what they remember most is that they were always smiling. And although they were both highly regarded by their fellow officers, what is particularly memorable about each man is the fact that they were so well thought of by the communities they served, the Western Addition and the Bayview. They are both sorely missed.

Basketball Playoffs

Tonight the two final playoff games for Late Night Basketball will take place. The first game will be played at 7:00 p.m., and the second game will follow at around 8:00 p.m. The two winners will play next Wednesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. All games will be played at the Joe Lee Rec Center, Newcomb and Mendell.

Crime and Enforcement Update

On November 10, at 4:45 a.m., Bayview officers were on patrol at 16th and Illinois when they came across a group of people sleeping in a van. The officers cited two of the individuals, but the third party provided a name which couldn't be verified and he was arrested. Once at the station, the officers determined through fingerprints that the man had provided a fictitious name, and correctly identified him. The man was booked for an outstanding arrest warrant charging him with violation of his parole (041 284 039).

On November 10, at 5:42 a.m., Bayview officers were on patrol at 19th and Deharo when they came across a double-parked vehicle which had been reported stolen from Oakland. The officers approached the vehicle and the driver fled from it on foot. The passenger was detained, and the driver was chased to 20th and Carolina, where he was taken into custody. The officers searched the vehicle and found several vehicle and house master

keys, flashlights, large trash bags, binoculars, a master garage door opener, and miscellaneous other burglary tools. The driver, living in San Pablo, was booked for stolen auto, possession of burglary tools, conspiracy and providing a fictitious name. The driver was also booked for two outstanding drug arrest warrants. The passenger, living in Oakland, was booked for the same charges (041 284 095).

On November 10, at 9:13 a.m., Bayview officers responded to the Payless Store on San Bruno Avenue on a theft call. The caller (employee) told officers that a woman had entered the store wearing an old pair of shoes, and moments later, came to the front counter in order to buy a pair of boots. The employee noticed however that the woman was now wearing a new pair of shoes. The employee told the woman she would have to pay for not only the boots, but the shoes on her feet as well, and the woman became angry and threw a boot at the employee. The employee locked the front door and the woman threw a second boot at her. The employee was joined by a second employee, and they attempted to stop the woman from leaving the store. The woman then threw the shoes she had been wearing at the employees and started to throw other items around. When the officers arrived they arrested the woman, living on Pecus Lane, and charged her with theft (041 284 506).

On November 10, at 4:02 p.m., a Traffic officer was on patrol at San Bruno and Mansell when he saw a vehicle drive past him with no license plate. The officer pulled the vehicle over and attempted to identify the driver, who had no ID on him and no driver's license. The officer then saw a large clear bag containing marijuana, along with a scale, on the driver-side floorboard area and seized them both. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale, and a subsequent search of the vehicle's interior and trunk revealed a loaded handgun, a stolen license plate, and additional narcotics. The man had given a fictitious name, and was eventually correctly identified. The man was booked for numerous drug and weapons charges (041 286 483).

On November 10, at 4:16 p.m., officers assigned to our department's Robbery Detail tracked a wanted bank robber to a home on the 1600 block of McKinnon Avenue. The officers surveilled the premises for the entire day, and at 4:16 p.m., a man matching the photo of the bank robber appeared in front of the premises and then entered the premises. The Robbery Inspector called for back-up, and Bayview officers, who were half a block away with the Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team, responded and a perimeter was established around the home. The robber, living in the home on the 1600 block of McKinnon, was booked for multiple counts of bank robbery (041 282 453).

On November 10, at 6:00 p.m., Bayview plainclothes officers were on patrol when they saw a woman they knew to be wanted standing on the corner of 3rd and Newcomb. The woman, living on the 1500 block of Shafter, was arrested for an outstanding arrest warrant charging her with burglary and possession of stolen property (041 387 705).

On November 10, at 8:30 p.m., Bayview officers responded to the 2000 block of Revere on a gun brandishing call. The male caller told officers that his ex-girlfriend (and mother of his child) had just left with her new boyfriend, but prior to leaving, the new boyfriend had threatened the

caller's life while holding a gun. The suspect, "Martin," lives in San Mateo and drives a white 1990 Ford Mustang (041 287 538).

On November 10, at 9:26 p.m., Bayview officers met with a man at 950 Gilman who told them that he had just located his vehicle, which had recently been stolen. The victim told officers that his vehicle had been stolen from in front of a church at 1411 Thomas, and he had then searched the area with a friend for his vehicle, eventually finding it parked at 950 Gilman. The driver, a 16 year old female living on Brookdale, was cited for stolen auto. The passengers, two additional teen-age girls, were both released to their parents (041 287 954).

On November 11, at 2:37 a.m., Bayview officers responded to the 100 block of Dakota on the report of a restraining order violation. The caller told officers that her adult daughter, who was prohibited by court order from being near her home, had entered her home through an open window and was sleeping in a bedroom. The woman was arrested for the restraining order violation and for an outstanding arrest warrant charging her with sales of cocaine (041 288 188).

On November 11, at 6:45 a.m., Bayview officers interviewed a woman who told them that she had been walking at Keith and Thomas when her ex-boyfriend pulled up to her in a green Cadillac and pulled her into the car. The ex-boyfriend then punched and strangled her. The suspect is Anthony Green, 40, 6'1", 240, address unknown (041 288 326).

On November 11, at 12:45 p.m., Bayview officers were on patrol at Phelps and Innes when they saw a well-known drug abuser smoking crack cocaine while seated on a bicycle. The officers approached the man and he threw a single rock of crack into a nearby puddle. The officers retrieved the crack and arrested the man. A subsequent search of the man revealed a quantity of tar heroin and a fully-charged (with brown fluid - suspected heroin) hypodermic needle and syringe. The man, living on the 1600 block of Kirkwood, was booked for numerous drug charges (041 289 396).

On November 11, at 1:42 p.m., Bayview plainclothes officers were on patrol at Keith and Quesada when they saw four men, all known to them as active drug dealers and users, loitering near a parked car. The officers approached and questioned the men, and found a variety of illicit drugs. The first man, living on the 1500 block of Quesada, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine and possession of marijuana. The second and third men were admonished for loitering for drug purposes. The fourth man, living on the 1900 block of Sunnydale, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine for sale, possession of marijuana, and violation of probation. During a subsequent search of this man at Bayview, the officers saw him remove something from his buttocks area and conceal it in his hands while being searched. The man was then seen to return the item to his buttocks. The officers eventually recovered the item (using gloves I hope) and found it to be a paper bindle containing numerous rocks of crack cocaine. In cases such as these, the term butt crack takes on a whole new meaning (041 289 590).

On November 11, at 3:15 p.m., Bayview officers were on patrol at Gilman and Jennings when they saw two men drinking alcohol in public and stopped to

cite them. The first man, living on the 1200 block of Palou, was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant charging him with possession of cocaine and was arrested. The second man, living on the 1600 block of Quesada, was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was arrested (041 289 954).

On November 11, at 4:35 p.m., Bayview officers responded to the 1500 block of Shafter on the report of a restraining order violation. The officers found a man who matched the description given by Dispatch and detained him, but he provided a name different from the one on the restraining order. The man was eventually correctly identified and was arrested for the restraining order violation (041 290 359).

On November 11, at 4:44 p.m., Bayview plainclothes officers were on patrol at Oakdale and Baldwin when they saw a man pull his sweatshirt hood over his head and quickly walk away. The officers stopped the man and found him to be wanted for an outstanding \$500,000.00 burglary warrant. A search of the man revealed both crack cocaine and methamphetamine. The man was booked for the warrant and the new drug charges (041 290 155).

On November 11, at 6:28 p.m., Bayview plainclothes officers saw a known drug dealer at 3rd and Newcomb and stopped to speak with him. The man immediately began to walk away from the area and had to be physically restrained. The man, living on the 1600 block of Oakdale, was arrested for possession of four bags of marijuana (041 290 757).

On November 11, at 10:38 p.m., Bayview officers were on patrol at Cashmere and Dedman when they saw a vehicle parked and realized its license plate was on their hot sheet. The man in the driver's seat was arrested for stolen auto and an outstanding warrant. The suspect is currently on Superior Court probation for burglary and possession of stolen property (041 286 273).

Quality of Life and Housing Phones (This section will remain in every update).

For abandoned autos and other vehicle-related issues, phone 254-7185. Officer Maurice Edwards will have this phone from Monday to Thursday, from 6:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For illegal encampments, trash dumping, graffiti, etc., phone 254-7120. Officer Sue Lavin will have this phone from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For drug dealing, prostitution, and other related activities, phone 254-7197. This phone will be in the possession of the on-duty plainclothes unit, which changes from day to day and from watch to watch. Sgt. Carl Fabbri and Lt. Charlie Orkes will have this phone from around noon until around 11:00 p.m.

For the Westbrook Development (top of Hunter's Point Hill); Officers Edie Lewis and Raphael Rockwell can be reached at 509-1678. Officers Ramon Reynoso and Brett Bodisco can be reached at 806-8304.

For the Hunter's View Development (Westpoint & Middlepoint Roads); Officers Mike Robinson and Dave Dockery can be reached at 509-1270. Officers Ray Pascua and Mike Chantal can be reached at 987-6569.

For the Potrero Hill Development; Officers Kelvin Sanders and Alex Rodatos can be reached at 509-1408. Officers Tim Fowlie and Brian Hoo can be reached at 987-6389.

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