

Bayview Police Station

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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Bayview Community Update
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Fatal Officer Involved Collision

a San Francisco police officer was killed early this morning, Wednesday, July 26, 2006, after the suspect vehicle, a stolen van, collided with the officer's patrol car at Cambridge and Felton Streets. In this incident, police had received a call from the victim of a robbery who had just gotten off work on the 500 block of Bayshore Boulevard. The victim accompanied the responding officers in a search of the area to look for the suspects and vehicle. Officers located the suspect vehicle and observed that the license plate matched that of a robbery vehicle that had been broadcast earlier. As officers approached, the suspect drove off.

Officers initiated a pursuit, which continued onto Highway 280 to South San Francisco, then proceeded back to San Francisco. At about 1:00 A.M., as the pursuit continued, the van was heading northbound on Cambridge Street where it ran a stop sign and collided with a patrol car traveling eastbound on Felton, causing the patrol car to strike a power pole on the corner before landing on its right side, while the suspect vehicle crashed into a residence. The officer driving the patrol car was not involved with the original pursuit, but had responded to assist the other officers looking for the suspect. The officer, Nick-Tomasito Birco, 39, was later pronounced dead at San Francisco General Hospital. Officer Birco had been with the Department for five years and was assigned to Bayview Station.

During his brief career, Officer Birco was awarded a Police Commission Commendation in December 2002 for his bravery in executing a search warrant on a man whose residence contained numerous firearms and rounds of ammunition. He had also been awarded 11 Captain Complimentary awards, and had received two letters from citizens impressed with his level of service and professionalism.

Four suspects, three males and one female, have been detained pending further investigation.

Captain's Community Meeting

There will not be a meeting in August (vacation). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held in the Community Room. Access can be gained by entering through the Newhall Street door.

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Fraud Alert:

(First submitted by Capt. Dillon, Northern Station)

San Francisco Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting is warning residents of San Francisco about a scam. The Assessor-Recorder Office provides homeowner exemption claim forms for free. Recently, private companies around California have been mailing out advertisements for these same services. The companies charge a fee for the services and forms. The Assessor-Recorder's office would like the residents of San Francisco to know that they provide the service and forms for free. For more information, go to room #190 at City Hall or call (415) 554-5599 (English & Chinese) or (415) 554-5574 (Spanish).

Summer Home Security Tips:

The following is from San Francisco SAFE. San Francisco SAFE, is the city's leading crime-prevention education organization. We help residents, police, and community groups work together to create safe, vibrant neighborhoods by providing violence prevention education, public safety and community organizing services. We believe that everyone who lives, works and visits in San Francisco has the right to be safe. Please visit them at www.sfsafe.org.

Dear SAFE Friends & Supporters:

The Summer holiday and vacation season is now upon us with long holiday weekends and even more extended vacation trips planned in the months ahead. While away, we should not forget that our home could become an inviting target for burglars, who seldom take vacations when their victims do. Here are some steps to take to prevent your home from becoming an easy target for burglars; please pass on the information to your communities and neighbors:

1. Make sure your doors and windows are locked when you are away from home. It is unbelievable, but true, that approximately half of all residential burglaries are made via unforced entries. That is making it too easy for the burglars. Keep doors and windows closed and locked tight.

2. The same goes for garage doors. They should be closed and locked tight, so no one can see if your car is gone. If you have an automatic garage door opener, unplug it.

3. If you return and find a door or window has been forced or broken while you were gone, do not enter. Go to a neighbor's house and call the police (415) 553-0123 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

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4. Do not publicize your absence by leaving a message on your telephone answering machine giving specific information about your absence: "I'll be gone until Sunday". It is better to keep your message vague.

5. Also, let your alarm service provider know specific information about times you will be absent from your home.

6. Let trusted neighbors know when you are leaving and when you plan to return, so they can be extra alert for anything suspicious. Try to leave a number where you can be reached in an emergency.

7. Notify the Post Office to hold your mail or have a neighbor pick it up daily. Also arrange to have your newspapers put on hold or diverted.

8. Use automatic timers to turn lights on in multiple locations in the house at dusk, and off at your bedtime. Vary the lights to be turned on and have a radio or TV on a timer. Never leave lights or the radio on constantly. Tune your radio to a talk show so that voices can be heard.

9. Your home and yard should reflect current occupation; keep the property in good maintenance and repair.

Have a worry free vacation this summer with improved home security while your home is "Home Alone". For additional safety and effective neighborhood surveillance, establish a SAFE Neighborhood Watch group, or get a SAFE residential security assessment to learn how make your home more burglar-resistant. Contact SAFE at 553-1984 or www.sfsafe.org.

Residential Security Assessments

A residential security assessment will help to ensure that your home is safer while you are on vacation. One of SAFE's Crime Prevention Specialists will walk through your individual house, condominium, or apartment with you and offer recommendations on how to make it more secure. We try to make simple and low-cost recommendations unless you have more complex needs. Please call our office for more information on scheduling a home security assessment, or visit our website for more of our services.

Neighborhood Watch

Forming a Neighborhood Watch group can help to build a safer community. Neighbors that know each other are more likely to look out for each other and more likely to report suspicious activities. SAFE will help you form a Neighborhood Watch, Building Watch, or Community Watch group to address crime and quality of life issues - it's also an ideal forum to learn about Emergency Preparedness!

SAFE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. You can help us to create safer communities by making a tax-deductible donation, either by check or on our secure website. You can also volunteer at one of our events. Please check

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our website, www.sfsafe.org, for updates and information!

Be SAFE!

--The Staff and Board of SAFE

Public Interest

Police Department is now hiring: Applicants must be at least 20 years old, have a valid driver's license, and not be convicted of a crime that would prohibit them from carrying a firearm. Applications are available at District Stations, and numerous public facilities. You may also apply online at www.sfgov.org/police.

National Night Out Celebration

National Night Out is the nation's night out against crime. Residents are encouraged to join with their neighbors in this free outdoor event. Food and Entertainment to be provided. Tuesday, August 1, 2006 7PM to 9PM. Sponsored by the SFPD, Bayview Community Beacon, Officers for Justice, The Mayor's Office, S.A.F.E., and Safety Network

"Positive Flow" at the Spot

St. Paul Tabernacle Church 1789 Oakdale Ave, 3rd Saturday of every month 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be comedy, singing, dance, Gospel rap and a house Band. Transportation provided. For more information call 415-642-4965.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Training. Become a part of NERT, a community response team that responds to large-scale emergencies in San Francisco. NERT was created by the San Francisco Fire Department in response to the 1989 Earthquake. The Fire Department has provided training to its members regarding Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Skills, First Aid. Classes will be held on Saturday July 29, at the Bayview Station Community Room. To register and to learn more go to www.sfgov.org/sffdner or call 970-2024. You are welcome to attend any of the meetings even if you missed the previous meeting.

SFPD Youth Fishing Program

The San Francisco Youth Fishing Program will begin its 38th year of taking local kids fishing. The program will run from June 20th through August 19th and fish for salmon. The program is open to established community groups that serve San Francisco Youth.

The boat will leave every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Fisherman's Wharf at 5:30AM. The boat can accommodate fourteen kids and one supervisor. The youth participants must be over 12 years old and under 18 years old. Anyone over the age of 16 must possess a Fishing License. A

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one-day license can be purchased on board. Equipment and bait will be provided. The group must supply their own transportation and food.

To participate, your group will need to complete a questionnaire that can be picked up at your district station. For further information leave a message at 401-4664 and a representative will contact you.

Free Legal Help:

Do you have a legal problem? Need to talk to a lawyer? Visit the legal advice and referral clinic. Doors close at Noon, no exceptions. Sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Saturday, July 29, 2006, Noon to 1:30PM, Providence Baptist Church 1601 McKinnon Ave at Newhall. Doors Close at 1:30 PM without exception.

Saturday, August 12, 2006, 10:30 AM - Noon at the Main Library 100 Larkin Street at Grove. Doors close at Noon without exception.

Back issues of the Bayview Community Update:

Back issues of the Bayview Community Update are available online at www.sfgov.org/police. Other District Stations updates can be found here as well.

Crimes and Law Enforcement

THE BELOW LISTED INCIDENTS WERE SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS OF BAYVIEW STATION:

Tuesday July 18th, 2006 - 1:15 AM - Loaded Firearm - San Bruno Avenue and Paul Street - CS # 060 757 661 - Numerous Bayview Officers reported to the area of San Bruno and Paul Avenues regarding a person firing a gun. The caller stated that the person is a Samoan male driving a green Honda. Moments later a Samoan male driving a green Honda pulled into the gas station. He was detained. Inside the Honda was a bullet casing and under the seat was a loaded revolver. As the male was placed into the back of a patrol car he blurted out, "You do not even know why we carry guns." He was given the opportunity to answer but he decided to remain silent. .

Tuesday, July 18, 2006 - 4:00 PM - Assault with a Pit Bull - Revere and Jennings - CS# 060 760 363 - A Fourteen year old boy turned a pit bull on a group of girls standing on the corner of Revere Avenue and Jennings Street. It is unknown what provoked the attack. Two of the victims were treated at St. Luke's hospital. One of the girls ran away before police arrived. A passerby managed to pull the dog from the victims. The dog fled the area but other neighbors identified where the dog and the suspect live.

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Tuesday, July 18, 2006 - 4:47 PM - Loitering where Narcotics are Sold - Kirkwood Avenue and Newhall Street - CS# 060 760 341 - A known drug dealer was arrested this afternoon for loitering in the area he deals drugs in. The man, who claims that he resides on Suisun City, spends a lot of time in this area. In fact he was just arrested for the same thing just three days prior to today. The interesting thing to note in this case is that the subject used to be on San Francisco Probation and have a stay away order from this location. He was not doing well while he was on Probation so they released him to California Parole system a few months ago. However, for whatever reason, this takes months to do. So he will be out on the streets playing cat and mouse with the officers of Bayview Station.

Tuesday, July 18th, 2006 - 11:08 PM - Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person - Lane Street and Shafter Avenue - CS# 060 761 628 - A 22 year old man, from San Francisco, was booked for possessing a firearm. The suspect was walking on the street when Officers Farrell and Anderson were driving by. When the man saw the officers he turned and began to walk in the opposite direction. This action raised the suspicions of the officers. They drove a little closer. The man then broke into a sprint and in the process dropped a loaded gun to the sidewalk. He hopped a fence and a passerby pointed out where he was hiding. He was brought under custody without further incident.

Tuesday, July 18th, 2006 - 11:50 PM - Assault with a gun - 3rd and Newcomb - CS# 060 761 656 - A 16year old boy suffered life threatening injuries this evening while standing on the corner of Third and Newcomb Avenue. Many of the details of the case are being withheld due to the sensitive nature of the investigation.

Wednesday, July 19th, 2006 - 1:46 PM - Attempted Homicide Warrant/Possession of Crack Cocaine - 1000 Block of Connecticut Street - CS# 060 763 511 - Plainclothes Officers Ahern and Benzinger were on patrol in the Potrero Hill Housing Complex. They saw a man who had an outstanding warrant for attempted homicide. He was arrested without incident. In his possession was crack packaged for sale and a lot of US Currency in small denominations. The possession of crack was also added to his charges.

Thursday, July 20th, 2006 - 5:35 PM - Car Jacking - 1100 Quesada Avenue - CS# 060 768 436 - A man was a victim of a robbery and carjacking today at the dead end of Quesada Avenue. The man stopped his van and got out to lock the gate behind him. THREE MALES APPROACHED HIM. One of the males wrapped his arm around the victim's neck and another suspect punched the victim in his face and demanded the man's wallet. Another suspect grabbed the man's keys and jumped in the van. The suspects fled including a fourth suspect that was driving a white Toyota Supra. The van was later found at the dead end of Navy Road. It was towed for crime scene investigations.

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Friday, July 21st, 2006 - 12:55 AM - Possession of a Firearm - Northridge and Harbor Road - CS# 060 769 672 - While plainclothes Officers Benzinger, Solares, DeJesus and Alcaraz were in the area of Harbor and Northridge Roads conducting other business, they spotted a van. As Officer Solares approached, one of the passengers got out of the van and hurriedly walked away. In the place where he was sitting was a loaded firearm. Officer Solares radioed his findings and put out the description of the male. Officer Benzinger found him and detained him. It should be noted that he gave Officer Benzinger a false name. In fact the name the suspect gave Officer Benzinger was the name of one of the passengers of the van. The mistake was quickly found and the man, a resident of the Lakeview District was booked for numerous felonies.

Saturday, July 22, 2006, 8:13 AM, Attempted Robbery/warrant arrest, Bayview Plaza Shopping Centre (Case # 060774790): The suspect entered the store and grabbed two tubes of toothpaste. As he walked out of the door without paying for the toothpaste, a security guard stopped him and attempted to detain him. The suspect started yelling at the guard and then without warning punched the guard in the face. The guard grabbed the suspect who continued to struggle, grabbing items off the counter and throwing them at the guard. The guard was able to control the suspect and take him to the back of the store. A warrant check revealed that the suspect also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The suspect was booked on attempted robbery and the warrant at Bayview Station.

Saturday, July 22, 2006, 4:00 PM, Evading police, reckless driving and warrant arrest, Harbor/Northridge (case # 060776150): Plain clothes officers spotted a car double parked in the area of Harbor and Northridge. The occupants of the car were talking to a well known gang member who was standing in the street. As officers approached the car on foot, the driver took off at a high rate of speed, jeopardizing the safety of pedestrians and other vehicles in the area. The officers jumped back in their car and gave chase safely, choosing sometimes to back off if they felt that they could not chase the car safely. Because of the danger to others in the area, the officers soon called off the chase and continued on their regular patrol. A few minutes later they saw the same car at Ingalls and Oakdale, with the same driver, but now the passenger was gone. The officers turned on their lights and siren and this time, the car stopped. A warrant check revealed that the driver was wanted on an outstanding warrant. Unfortunately, the officers could not complete their investigation on scene because a large crowd gathered and started to harass the officers. The entire investigation was moved to Bayview Station where the driver was booked on evading, reckless driving and the warrant.

Sunday, July 23, 2006, 1:30 PM, shooting, 3rd and Kirkwood (case # 060779336): Officers responded to SFGH emergency room on a report of a shooting that occurred at 3rd and Kirkwood. When they arrived, they

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attempted to interview the victim who told them he didn't know anything. Officers searched 3rd and Kirkwood for any evidence or witness, but did not find anything.

Sunday, July 23, 2006, 6:50 PM, Burglary/Parole violation, Watchman & Missouri (Case # 060779938): The victim of a burglary flagged Gang Task Force officers down on Missouri. The victim told the officers that he saw the man who had burglarized his home running south on Missouri. The officers searched the area and found the suspect who was positively identified by the victim. A warrant check revealed that the suspect was on felony parole. he was booked for the burglary and his parole was violated at Bayview Station.

Monday, July 24, 2006, 3:30 PM, Shooting suspect apprehended, 25th and Wisconsin (Case # 060751663): Plain clothes officers were patrolling Potrero Hill when they saw the third suspect wanted in a shooting that occurred on Watchman way a couple of weeks ago; two of the suspects are already in custody. Gang Task Force officers had identified the third suspect two days prior to this incident. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and booked on attempted murder charges.

Monday, July 24, 2006, 9:00 PM, Robbery , 1200 block of Silliman (case # 060784379): The victim, a small Asian woman, was taking groceries out of her car in front of her house when the suspect approached her and demanded money. The suspect grabbed the groceries from the victim and threw them on the ground. The suspect then grabbed the victim's purse and pulled it off over her head. Before he ran off, he pushed the victim to the ground causing her to twist her ankle and knee.

the suspect is an African American male in his 20's, 5'8" tall and 140 pounds. He had short hair, a white t-shirt and black sweatpants.

Monday, July 24, 2006, 3:19 PM, Under the influence in public, San Bruno and Silliman (case # 060783246): Officers were sent to San Bruno and Silliman on a report of a man standing in the middle of San Bruno Avenue screaming. When they arrived, they found the man standing shirtless screaming at passing cars in the middle of the street. He was pacing back and forth, waving his shirt and yelling at passing cars. Officers detained him and moved him to the sidewalk. Although it was broad daylight, his pupils were completely DILATED. Based upon their experience, the officers determined that the suspect was under the influence of a stimulant and took him into custody for his safety.

Phone Numbers and Web Sites

S. F. P. D.

Emergency: 9-1-1

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S.F.P.D. Website: www.sfgov.org/police
S.F.P.D. Anonymous Tips, General: 575-4444
Narcotics Detail Anonymous Tips: (800) 272-2548
Vice Crimes Anonymous Tips: 643-6223

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Captain Albert Pardini: 671-2300
Bayview Station Anonymous Tips: 822-8147.
Abandoned Autos: Officer Maurice Edwards (Tu - Fr), 254-7185.
Illegal Encampments: Officer Sue Lavin (Mo - Fr), 254-7120.
Bayview Narcotics Investigations: Sgt. Eddie Hagan/Sgt. Dempsey, 254-7197.
Westbrook Development Liaison: Officer Raphael Rockwell and Edie Lewis, 509-1678, or Officers George Luedtke and Brett Bodisco 806-8304
Hunter's View Development Liaison: Officers Brian Petiti and Mike Robinson at 509-1270, or Officers Ray Pascua and Mike Chantal at 987-6569
Potrero Hill Development Liaison: Officers Cullen Cahill and Eric Altofer at 509-1408 or Officers Tim Fowlie and George Ferraez at 987-6369
Third Street Beat Officers: Officer Tim Dalton, Kevin McPherson, Dave Dockery and Lloyd Martin at 671-2300.
San Bruno St. Corridor Beat Officer: Officer Felix Gasanyan at 671-2300.

Miscellaneous City Departments

Illegal Dumping (DPW): 282-5326
DPT Abandoned Autos: 781-JUNK
DPT Parking Problems: 553-1200