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Captain's Community Meeting

On Wednesday, December 6, 2006 the name of Officer Nick Tomasito-Birco was formally dedicated on the Wall of Honor in the lobby of the Hall of Justice. In addition to having his placed on the Wall of Honor, Nick was also awarded the Purple Heart award for sustaining fatal injuries in the performance of his duties. The event was well attended and a reception was held at the Police Officers Association at the conclusion of the event. Nick's family selected the date of December 6th because that would have been his 40th birthday.

My next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2nd, at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held in the Community Room. Access can be gained by entering through the Newhall Street door.

Captain Albert Pardini
Commanding Officer
Bayview Station

Christmas Toy Drive

It is that time of year again Bayview Station will be collecting toys on behalf of Operation Dream for children in the Bayview District. We are asking you to bring in unwrapped toys for children from newborn to 15 years of age. If you would like to bring in a wrapped gift please place a label on it indicating whether it is for a boy or a girl and the desired age. There will be Christmas Bins in the Lobby to collect your donations.

Safety Tips:

Holiday Shopping

For some of us, a well-planned holiday shopping season is winding down. For others the shopping will take on a note of urgency the closer we get to our target dates. Whether we pace ourselves in an organized fashion, or fly from destination to destination in a frenzy, we would all like to hold onto our presents once we've purchased them. The good news is that, in most of us, hunting for the perfect gift may reliably inspire feelings of charity, and compassion. The bad news is that wherever there is money, or credit, there will be those who wish to come by it illicitly. Crimes of larceny shadow our brightest endeavors at this time of year. Be that as it may, we can establish certain precautions that make the chance of a Grinch among us dampening our spirits far less likely. Some of the precautions we take as shoppers overlap with those of other concerns, such as auto burglary, pick pocketing and robbery. We have covered each of these subjects in previous newsletters, and we will summarize a few of their more salient points again in this issue.

When you plan to make a day of shopping, carefully estimate how much in the

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way of checks, credit cards, and cash that you will need. Leave that which you will not require at home. Think about wearing a concealed money belt. If you already have one, use it. Leave your social security number at home. Never travel with it. Identity theft is a common crime during the holiday season. Before you have left the house, make a list of the 24-hour customer service numbers to your cell phone service, bank, and credit cards. If you lose any of them, or if you are the victim of some form of theft, you can call the institutions immediately to cancel the lost or stolen accounts and open up new ones. The sooner you call, the less likely you will be to suffer a serious loss. Keep the list in a place on your person that is separate from your purse or wallet.

Over the course of your consumer sojourn, make a point of hanging on to your valuables and walk purposefully between shopping destinations. Trust your instincts. If an area has a reputation for crime, avoid it. Try not to shop alone; bring a friend or two. If you are shopping after dark, park in well lighted areas. If you think someone is following you, seek the nearest populated establishment for help. Anyone carrying a purse should keep it zipped-up, and held tightly under their shoulder. Even so, be forewarned, purse snatches increase in number at this time of year. Those who only carry a wallet should think about keeping it in a front pocket that is zipped-up or buttoned-shut. If you carry a backpack, do not keep valuables in the outside pockets, and buy some luggage-locks to place on double-zippered compartments. As you window shop, be alert. Call it "people watching" if you must.

When you make your purchases put them in plain paper bags, and staple the bags shut. Designer bags not only give away what you may or may not be buying for someone, but telegraph potentially lucrative targets for theft. Festive as the name-brand shopping bags may be, pickpockets and "bag-snatchers" gravitate toward them under crowded conditions. Beware of jostling and pushing, especially aboard public transportation. Regard overly friendly or animated strangers with circumspection. Regrettably, such behavior may be used as the prelude to a confidence scheme, or a pickpocket carried out by an unseen third party. Do not overburden yourself with multiple purchases. Cumbersome loads make getting through traffic, and being watchful problematic.

If you must leave purchases in your car, lock them in the trunk. Try not to leave anything at all inside your car while it is unattended. If you plan to travel to another location after having made purchases, lock your purchases in the trunk before you leave. Never lock something inside your trunk and just walk away. Opportunist burglars watch for shoppers who do this, and "boost" the vehicle the minute the victim is out of sight. Park in attended lots whenever possible. If you must give parking valets or

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attendants the key to your car, give them the key to the ignition only, and lock the trunk release where possible. Do not leave anything inside your car visible to passers by. Even valueless objects give persistent auto burglars the impression that the owner is careless and may have left something behind. Never leave your vehicle running with the keys in the ignition, even briefly. Too many cars are stolen every day in this manner.

Remember that as you conduct your business, you always have a friend in the SFPD. The "Safe Shopper" program is under way. Uniformed officers will be available in all of the city's popular shopping locations. Should you require their assistance, you may reach them at either our non-emergency number, (415) 553-0123, or for emergencies at 9-1-1. If you are calling from a cell phone, and you dial 9-1-1, you may get CHP in Sacramento. Our last little tip would be for you to program your cell phone with the seven-digit number for San Francisco Police Emergency, (415) 553-8090. Happy Shopping, and happy holidays!

Additional Holiday Safety Tips from SAFE

- Keep your keys in your hand whenever walking to your car or home.
- Be aware of your surroundings and anyone approaching you or your car.
- Be alert in crowded shopping areas and public transportation for pick-pocketing.
- At home, keep gifts and valuables out of sight and away from windows.
- If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house, stop newspaper delivery and do not let mail accumulate.

Additional tips can be found on SAFE's website www.safe.org.

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.

SFPD seeks the Public's help with Recruitment

If you are aware of any community events or job fairs that would be an appropriate venue for SFPD Recruitment please contact the Recruitment Unit at 415-401-4714.

SFPD Citizen's Academy

The San Francisco Police Department is currently taking applications for its Citizen's Police Academy scheduled to start on February 27, 2007. The academy meets once a week for 15 weeks and teaches interested citizen's patrol and investigation procedures, vehicle operations, arrest and control

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techniques, and firearm procedures.

For more information contact of Ms. Lula Magallon 415-401-4720, or Officer M , Orpeza 415-401-4701. Email at sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com. Visit them on the web www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Free Legal Help:

Do you have a legal problem? Need to talk to a lawyer? Visit the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic. Sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Saturday, January 29, 2007, Noon to 1:30PM, Providence Baptist Church 1601 McKinnon Ave at Newhall. Doors Close at 1:30 PM without exception.

Sports Memorabilia Sale

San Francisco SAFE will be sponsoring a sports memorabilia fundraising sale December 12th, and 13th from 8:30AM to 5:00PM, Hall of Justice 850 Bryant Street room 135. It will feature signed photos and other memorabilia from Joe Montana, Barry Bonds, and more.

Silver Terrace Playground Re-opening Ceremony

Come join the Thurgood Marshall Staff and Students for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Silver Terrace Artificial Turf Fields. There will be free activities and free hot drinks. Wednesday, December 13th between 6:00-8:00PM at Silver and Elmira Streets. For more information call 415-837-5403.

Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

The Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board (HPSRAB) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2006 from 6:00PM-8:00 PM. The meeting will be at the Southeast Community College Community Room at 1800 Oakdale Avenue.

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:

WEDNESDAY 12/6/2004, 6:57PM - 1700 Block of Newcomb St - Loitering Where Narcotics are Sold Arrest (Case # 061296945)

Bayview Officers know that the good citizens of Bayview are sick of the drugs that plague our streets, bringing violence and heartbreak with them.

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That's why we make a special effort to patrol problem areas where narcotics are sold, and when we find something we take action. So when Ofc Scott, Lyons, Rightmire and Coleman saw the same man loitering on the 1700 block of Newcomb where they had advised him regarding loitering an hour before they stopped for another chat. It should be mentioned that they also knew this man from his previous narcotics related arrests. The man immediately became confrontational and abusive. His behavior, the area that he was in, and the officers knowledge of his prior arrest history led them to believe that he was loitering in the area for narcotics activity and they placed him under arrest. They took him to Bayview Station where they explained the loitering law and the man responded with curses that he didn't give a @#%* about the law. He was booked at Bayview Station and a restraining order was requested.

THURSDAY 12/7/2006, 8:22PM - 2600 Block of San Bruno Ave - Trespassing, Resisting A Police Officer Arrest (Case # 061301550)
Ofc Pashby and Anderson were on patrol on San Bruno Ave when they heard loud music pounding from far down the block. As they continued they found that the music was pulsing from a car in violation of the California Vehicle Code, so they detained the man in order to give him a ticket. It turned out that this man's criminal history included arrests for guns and resisting arrest. As they gave the man his well-earned ticket (they had heard the music from at least 100 feet away) he became abusive and began cursing at them. They gave him the ticket and then decided to go to a nearby restaurant and buy dinner. While Ofc Anderson and Pashby were ordering their food, the man came in to the restaurant and began screaming and cursing at them for giving him a ticket. The man continued to make a scene despite the manager asking him to leave, despite the officers advising the man to take his ticket to traffic court, and despite the fact that there were several families in the restaurant trying to eat a peaceful dinner. Finally the manager asked the officers to escort the man out of the restaurant. Ofc Anderson and Pashby told the man that he was now trespassing, and that he must leave or he would be arrested. The man refused and continued to scream and curse at them. When the officers attempted to escort the man out a scuffle broke out - knowing the man's previous criminal record for guns and resisting arrest Ofc Pashby and Anderson called for backup. When it was all over, the man found that not only did he have a traffic ticket, but that he was now in handcuffs and under arrest. This is an example of how sometimes it is just better to sign the ticket and save the arguing for traffic court!

Friday, December 8, 2006 - 6:18 PM and Saturday, December 9 - 1:40 PM - Robbery with a Gun - 2000 Block of Palou - CS# 061 304 758 and 061 307 348 - As two employees were locking the front door of an area building supply store for the evening they were approached by two masked men. One of the

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suspects held a gun to the victim's forehead and told the employees to get inside and to get on the ground. The suspects took money and keys from the employees and demanded that they open the safe.

Unknown to the suspects, the employees had set the alarm to the building and the time delay had elapsed. The alarm went off and the suspects fled. The employees called 911.

The suspects returned the next day when the business was open for business. While customers were inside, one of the suspects brazenly ran inside with a handgun, and pressed it to the victim's neck. The suspect still had the keys that he robbed from the employee the day before. He ordered the employee to open the safe. The employee brought him back to the office. However, the owner of the business took the safe out after yesterday's incident. The suspect then pistol whipped the employee and ran to the get away car.

The first suspect was a black male, 20-30 years old, 5'08" and 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black BB hat, a black jacket. The second suspect was only described as a black male. They were seen fleeing in a silver 4 Door Honda Civic, unknown license plate.

Saturday, December 9, 2006 - 2:45AM - Robbery w/Gun, Arrest made - 200 Block of Girard - CS# 061 305 778 - A man who was coming home from work got off a Muni bus and began to walk home. He saw a car stop on the corner and two suspects exited the car and walked towards him. One of the suspects pushed the victim to the ground and the other male pointed a long rifle. The suspects rummaged through the victim's belongings and took his money. The suspect jammed the end of the rifle into the ear of the victim causing it to bleed. Officers reported that the wound in the victim's ear was the shape of a rifle barrel.

The suspects fled in the car and the victim went to his nearby home and called the police. The responding officers broadcast a description of the vehicle over the radio. The vehicle was stopped on Precita and Mission Streets. The victim identified the vehicle as the one that used in his robbery. It also was learned that the suspects had committed two similar robberies in the area.

Phone Numbers and Web Sites

S. F. P. D.

Emergency: 9-1-1

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

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Vice Crimes Anonymous Tips: 643-6223

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Bayview Station Anonymous Tips: 822-8147.

Abandoned Autos: Officer Maurice Edwards (Tu - Fr), 254-7185.

Illegal Encampments: Officer Sue Lavin (Mo - Fr), 850-9740.

Bayview Narcotics Investigations: Sgt. Eddie Hagan/Sgt. Dempsey, 254-7197.

Westbrook Development Liaison: Officers Brett Bodisco and Cullen Cahill at 509-1678, and Officers Reynoso and Pasqua at 806-8304

Hunter's View Development Liaison: Officers Brian Petiti and Mike Chantal at 987-6569, and Officers Mike Robinson and Dave Dockery at 509 -1270

Potrero Hill Development Liaison: Officers Alex Rodatos and Kelvin Sanders at 509-1408, and Officers Tim Fowlie and George Ferraez at 987-6369

Third Street Beat Officers: Officer Tim Dalton, Kevin McPherson, Monty Singleton and Lloyd Martin at 671-2300.

San Bruno St. Corridor Beat Officers: Officers Felix Gasanyan and Albert Lieu at 671-2300.

Potrero Hill Beat Officers: Officers Justin Erb and Karl Ma at 671-2300

Miscellaneous City Departments

Illegal Dumping (DPW): 282-5326

DPT Abandoned Autos: 781-JUNK

DPT Parking Problems: 553-1200