

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

Spring has Sprung!

With all this great weather comes the tendency to leave windows and doors open to let the fresh warm air in. It is also a signal to opportunists looking for easy entry into a residence.

Remember to lock unattended doors and windows or put a restrictor on ground level windows to keep them from being opened wide enough for a person to crawl through. Remember to lock up bicycles after use and don't leave them unattended, even if "just for a minute..." Some of our **Grand Theft Opportunist** reports come from purses or bags left hanging over the backs of chairs or on unattended chairs at outdoor eateries.

A weekly review of **auto boosts and burglaries** indicates that a high number occurs along our waterfront. There is still a tendency for people to leave locked autos in garages with visible valuables or packages inside. Take to time to lock valuables in the trunk or otherwise out of sight. **Most frequently stolen items include: cell phones, laptops, Ipods or other MP3 players, cds and GPS systems.** Remove charging cords, headphones or anything that would indicate that a GPS or Ipod is inside the vehicle. Most newer rental vehicles parked by tourists have a GPS system that is dash mounted or removable. If you have a portable model, take it with you and remove the suction cup or Velcro attachment as well. Activate your alarm system and use a 'Club'-like steering wheel restrictor if you have one, even on short trips.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday May 4, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
0 Misdemeanor arrests made
0 Drunk related arrests made
29 moving cites issued
15 parking citations issued
11 towed vehicles

Saturday May 5, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
0 Misdemeanor arrests made
4 Drunk related arrests made
25 moving cites issued
21 parking citations issued
9 towed vehicles

On 5/6/07 at 5 AM at Broadway and Columbus, Officer Damien Fahey responded to a call of a victim being assaulted by a large group of young men and women. Fahey detained a group of 5 individuals and spoke with the victim and witnesses. The victim said he was drinking and still hanging out in the area when a young woman approached him and asked him for money. When he refused he was assaulted by the group.

Although numbers of arrests are again low, we will continue to monitor the corridor as the weather heats up. On Saturday night there were three separate incidents, including two individuals who were pepper sprayed by a suspect who escaped south on Columbus from Broadway; broken windows to a bar on Green Street; and a large gathering of pedestrians and double parked vehicles outside of a club on the 400 block of Broadway.

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On **5/1/07** I asked the Entertainment Commission to deny an entertainment permit based on community complaints and prior calls for service to the address on the 500 block of Sutter. I asked that assurances be given by the new applicant before the permit was to be granted. The permit was granted by the commission. **The Entertainment Commission meets** Tuesdays at 5 PM- City Hall Room 406, (415)554-6678. For agendas, meeting announcements and minutes of prior meetings, go to: www.sfgov.org/entertainment

Crimes of Note:

On 4/28/07 at 5 PM, Chinatown Beat Officer Jonathan Tong saw a regular visitor sitting in **Portsmouth Square** with a bleeding scrape on his forehead. The individual explained that a Black male suspect, 40 years old, 5'11", 190 pounds approached and made an indecent proposal to the victim's girlfriend. The two got into a verbal and then physical fight. The suspect threw a bottle at the victim but missed and left. He returned a short time later with a 'hockey stick' and tried to hit the victim with it. He was unsuccessful and left. He returned another 30 minutes later and on the third try, hit the victim in the head with a beer bottle and fled.

On 4/30/07 at 6 PM, Officers Nico Discenza and Paul Doherty noticed a White male enter a green Honda from the rear passenger door. Knowing that this was an area of recent auto burglaries, and thinking that it was an odd way of entering a vehicle, they detained the individual. The suspect stated, "I only took eleven cents and popped the trunk." The officers discovered that the suspect was on probation for Auto Burglary.

On 4/30/07 at 9:15 PM a Homicide Victim was driven to St. Francis emergency room from an unknown location with a stab wound to his chest. The 31 year old adult male was supposed to meet friends at 7th and Market Street but they saw him in his vehicle at McAllister and Hyde streets with the injury. One of the friends took over driving and drove to St. Francis Hospital. The case is under investigation by the Homicide Detail.

On 4/30/07 at 2 AM at Geary and Hyde Streets, Plainclothes Officers David Serrano and Brian Oliver observed a suspicious White male on a bicycle committing several traffic violations. Officers attempted to detain the individual and fled on the bike, crashed it on Turk and Taylor and fled on foot. He was eventually captured carrying a concealed knife and suspected crack cocaine and methamphetamine. The suspect was on Court Probation for Narcotics Violations.

On 5/3/07 at 2:15 PM, Union Square Beat Officer Carl Payne noticed people chasing a 48 year old Hispanic male who was running with shopping bags in his arms. Officer Payne stopped the man and learned from security at three different area retail stores that the suspect went into each with empty bags and shoplifted several hundreds of dollars in merchandise. The suspect was found to be an active Parolee at Large and was booked on Felony Burglary charges.

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On 5/3/07 at 3:40 PM, Security at a hotel on Powell Street stopped an individual for trespassing on an upper level floor. The American Indian 28 year old male transient was seen loitering on upper floors and at other hotels in the area with no apparent purpose. **Officer Scott Korte** responded and after several attempts, identified the individual and found him in possession of three different wallets, id and a Visa card in another's name that had been recently cancelled. Possession of a 14" crowbar concealed on the suspect clinched the arrest.

On 5/3/07 in the early morning, a suspect pried open the garage door on the 1000 block of Chestnut and broke into two or more vehicles, taking property from each. One item taken was the owners manual. **Note: Check your owners manual in your glove compartment to see if the duplicate key code is inside; if it is, take it out and store it in a safe place so that others may not make a duplicate key.**

Finally, on 5/6/07 at Fisherman's Wharf, Officers Randy Soohoo and Paul Yep sorted out a territory dispute between a "Bushman", a "Clownman" and a "Fisherman". The officers witnessed a verbal argument between the three 'performers' on the 300 block of Jefferson Street and settled what they said had been a physical assault. All three were advised to stay away from the others.

T-Ball League continues! Why aren't you playing?

Know of any kids, boys or girls 5-7 years old who would like to learn and play T-Ball? Give Tel-Hi Community Coordinator James Knoebber a call at 421-6443 at extension 16 to sign up. Practice and games will be played on the black top at Joe DiMaggio Playground **Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM** beginning **April 24, 2007**. Officers from Central Station will be on hand to help out. Rec and Park has donated the play area and all the equipment for the kids to use.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Central Station: 315-2400
Web: www.sfgov.org/police
(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	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	

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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, 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 & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber

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

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 or at the SFPD link at www.sfgov.org/police. You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

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 or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Graffiti Alert:

Day Watch Sgt. Steve Shanahan is Central's Graffiti Abatement coordinator. Each month he collects surveys from the various beat officers to report graffiti to DPW and our own Graffiti Unit within the police department. You can contact Sgt. Shanahan at steven.shanahan@sfgov.org .

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