

# Central Police Station



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**Captain James I. Dudley**

### **Crime Prevention tips from SAFE: Burglary Prevention**

**Burglary**, (Section 459 of the California Penal Code), is simply entering a premise or structure for the purpose of committing a theft or a felony. (This definition does not require forced entry.) **Robbery**, (Section 211 of the Penal Code), is a theft from a person by means of force or fear. **Think: Burglary=house, Robbery=person.**

About Half of Residential Burglaries are Unforced Entries - Most burglaries involve some degree of opportunism. Burglars often watch a group of houses from the street, a park, or some other vantage point. They may notice small valuables (such as laptop computers) being carried in or lying on a table that is visible through a window. They notice any doors or windows that are left open, including those to which access would require significant climbing.

What about the Other Half of Residential Burglaries? - The entries in nearly half of residential burglaries involve forced entry. The most common tool for a burglar is a prying tool, usually a simple screw driver that doesn't make much noise. Some burglars do break glass to gain entry to a house, but usually not large panes of glass. The glass most often broken in a residential burglary is a small pane in a window on which the glass is sectioned into small panes. The burglar reaches through and turns the interior handle on the lock.

Most Residential Burglaries Occur During the Day - Most residential burglaries occur during the day as the burglars usually prefer to enter when the resident(s) are not home to avoid being detected. So always check who is at your door when somebody rings or knocks. This does not mean that you should open the door to a stranger, but speak to them through the door to make your presence known. If the person acts suspiciously, or is in any way aggressive, after you ask them to leave, call the police. Some burglars do enter homes at night while residents are sleeping. Still most of these burglaries do not result in assault as long as the resident does not try to stop the burglar. San Francisco Police refer to burglary of an occupied residential unit as a "hot prowler".

So What About an Alarm System? - A burglar alarm on a dwelling unit can serve as a good back-up communications tool for security.

Visibility and Upkeep, Deterrents or Attractors - Visibility and general upkeep are very important factors in preventing crime at or near a property. You want to make improvements in a manner that is advantageous for prevention: Minimizing obstructions to visibility, using adequate lighting, and general upkeep of properties allows residents, neighbors, and police more opportunity to observe the area and recognize suspicious activities.

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Take the Initiative - Most residents who have been burglarized say it's better and more reassuring to become educated on the topic and implement the necessary improvements. A security assessment of a home instructs the resident how to strengthen its security so it can better defend itself against burglary. Submitted By *Rob Mackenzie, SAFE Residential Security Specialist 553-1984.*

### **Broadway Corridor:**

Friday March 23, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made  
6 Misdemeanor arrests made  
6 Drunk related arrests made  
46 moving cites issued  
40 parking citations issued  
24 towed vehicles

Saturday March 24, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made  
1 Misdemeanor arrests made  
3 Drunk related arrests made  
16 moving cites issued  
16 parking citations issued  
1 towed vehicles

### **Crimes of Note:**

**On 3/18/07 just after midnight at Columbus and Mason Street**, four individuals were approached by a Black male, 5'8" 170 and 28 years of age who asked them for money. The victims refused but were coerced by the man to take cash from an ATM or he would hurt them. One victim walked away from the group and called 911. **Night Watch Sgt's George Rosko and Tom Haymond** responded, located the victims and the suspect in the area. During their investigation, the Sergeants found individual baggies of suspected marijuana, mushrooms and cocaine in the suspect's possession.

**On 3/18/07** in the early morning hours on the **100 block of Lombard**, two roommates heard noises as if a friend was entering the apartment and thought nothing of it. The next morning they realized several items were missing from their apartment and their friend had not arrived. They assumed that someone had climbed into a unlocked 2nd story balcony from a drain pipe.

**On 3/18/07 at 2 PM, Officers Rod Lee and Matt Fambrini** encountered an individual who was mumbling to himself and was seen by others in **Washington Square Park** waving a knife and kicking people indiscriminately. The Officers attempted to detain the individual and Officer Lee noticed a sheath on the suspect's belt. As Officer Lee reached for the knife sheath the individual began to resist violently. Officers wrestled with the suspect until help arrived and they were finally able to subdue and handcuff him. The suspect was taken to SFGH for a Mental Health evaluation and help.

**On 3/18/07 at 10 PM on the 2600 block of Mason Street, Officers Norm Rice and Tom Johnson** detained an individual for 'jamming' an ATM machine.

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**On 3/19/07 just before midnight, Officers Sam Yuen and Steve Uang** responded to the 500 block of Green at Grant where they located an individual bleeding from a cut on his mouth. Officers investigated and located a suspect who was seen assaulting the other man. Witnesses said the man with the cut mouth walked into a bar carrying a bag and attempted to steal the tip jar. The second man chased him and punched him several times. One witness handed the bag to the officers who found a laptop computer, wallet and identification that was reported stolen on the previous night.

**On 3/20/07 at 1:30 PM on the 500 block of Beach Street, Officer Stewart Ng** responded to a call of a suspect described as a White male, 30 years old attempting to steal women's purses on three separate occasions. Officer Ng was told that when the suspect was confronted he turned violently on the parking garage attendants who tried to stop him. Officer Ng continued searching the area when he came upon the suspect at Jones and Beach and saw that a garage security officer pointing to him. Officer Ng attempted to stop the suspect who tried to run at first but eventually stopped and took a fighting stance at the officer. Officer Ng fought with the suspect for several moments until he was aided by a citizen, **Mr. Sal Alioto**, who helped restrain and capture the suspect. Both Mr. Alioto and the suspect were treated at the scene for a bloody nose and a cut to the forehead. The suspect was booked for attempted Robbery, assault on a Police Officer and resisting arrest.

**If you recall the repeated incidents cited in the last newsletter regarding laptop thefts, here is good news:**

**On 3/22/07 at 2 PM** an individual was returning to his office on the 5th floor of a building on **Maiden Lane** when he observed a Black male suspect, 47 years old 5'7" 217 pounds carrying out two laptop computers in a nylon case. The witness chased the suspect along Grant to Sutter and eventually Market Street as he called 911. The suspect dumped the laptops which the witness recovered but he was relentless and continued to follow the suspect, giving updates to Police Dispatch. Robbery Detail Officer Andy Castro heard the broadcast and caught up with the suspect at Market and 2nd Street. The suspect was booked on a Burglary charge.

**On 3/25/07 at 3 AM** a man and woman were walking at **Front and California** when they were approached by a Black female and Black male on the street. The female attempted to grab the woman's purse and the male suspect put the male victim in a headlock. The woman suspect declared that she had a knife and the woman suspect handed over cash. Both suspects fled on foot in an unknown direction.

**On 3/26/07 at 3:30 AM Officers Dave Frias and Robert Kellog** responded to the **1500 block of Sacramento** on a call of a suspect 'casing' vehicles. As they arrived to the area, dispatch told them that a White male wearing dark pants and a 'hoodie' had just broken a window to a Toyota Prius near that location. Officers spotted the suspect on the 1100 block of Leavenworth and saw him discard a backpack and a tool used in auto break-ins onto the sidewalk. The suspect was booked for Auto Burglary and possession of Burglar tools.

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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	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SF SAFE	553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454		
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	<a href="mailto:steve.shanahan@sfgov.org">steve.shanahan@sfgov.org</a>	
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, 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		

**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](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.

### **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

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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).

**The San Francisco Police Commission** would like to invite you to join the Commission's e-mail list so that you will have up to date information about important matters that come before the Commission affecting the Police Department and the community.

Your interest and involvement in neighborhood issues and matters related to your Police District are crucial to the success of the overall mission of the SFPD. Similarly, the Commission often considers issues on a larger scale that are crucial to the mission of the Police Department and impact Department operations at the local level.

If you would like to join the Commission's e-mail list, please respond to [sfpd.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpd.commission@sfgov.org) and put "Add me to the list" in the subject line.

The Police Commission meets weekly, every Wednesday afternoon, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. A meeting agenda is published on the preceding Friday which is also sent out to those on our e-mail list.

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