

Central Police Station



766 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California 94133, 415-315-2400

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

This past week was an extremely difficult one. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Officer James (Jimmy) Gustafson.

This week, crime-wise, we had a flurry of over 21 Auto Burglary incidents. The officers made two arrests but this crime of opportunity takes only a minute or two to commit. Our best defense is prevention. Remember to lock your car, hide or lock all valuables out of sight. The most stolen items remain high-end electronics such as laptops, cameras, Ipods and portable GPS Units. If you can remove these items from your unattended vehicles, it is highly recommended that you do so.

We also had a flurry of arrests across the district. Officers have been mindful of complaints of drug dealing and thefts of opportunity. Several arrests have been made along our Geary Street border with the Tenderloin Station. Arrests on Geary Street were made relating to drug sales, shoplifting, graffiti, trespassing and assaults.

In one 36 hour period from 8/17-8/18, thirteen individuals were arrested for various offenses including possession of drugs for sale, carrying a loaded concealed firearm, robbery and other acts. Officers on all three watches did an outstanding job in that time period.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday August 18, 2007:

Felony arrests made	2
Misdemeanor arrests made	2
Drunk related arrests made	3
parking citations issued	20
towed vehicles	10

Saturday August 19, 2007:

Felony arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	3
Drunk related arrests made	3
parking citations issued	20
towed vehicles	18

Traffic Company: 1 Field Sobriety Check, 2 Tows, 2 Misdemeanor Citations, 21 moving violation cites and an accident report.

On 8/14/07 at 10:15 PM, two separate assaults were perpetrated by three male suspects along Broadway and on Sansome Streets. Four victims in all said they were walking on the street when they were arbitrarily set upon by the three thugs from San Rafael, Santa Rosa and Novato. Victims sustained cut lips and bloody noses. Beat Officer Mark Alvarez saw one of the victims and rendered aid. The victim pointed out the suspects escape route and **Officers Martin Garay, Lynn Masetti, Lam, Costello, MacDonald, O'Connor and Coleman** assisted in rounding up the three suspects.

Crimes of Note:

On 8/15/07 at 3 AM, Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt observed two individuals vandalizing four buildings with markers and spray paints on the 700 block of Grant Avenue. Roll up doors with vandalism graffiti were photographed and will be investigated by the SFPD Graffiti Unit.

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On 8/16/07 at 9:37 PM, a purse snatch robbery occurred on Lombard and Tuscany. Officers canvassed the area and located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle at Pine and Van Ness Avenue. **Officers Adam Choy and Rene Nielsen** took the initial report and broadcast the description. **Officers Brendan O'Connor and Kevin Coleman** spotted the vehicle and effected a felony traffic stop. The black male suspect, 22 years old, 5'10, 160 pounds was wearing a grey jacket, white shirt and dark grey jeans. He was the passenger in a 2001 gold colored Buick. This robbery fits the method used in both the Central and Northern Districts where one suspect drives and another runs up to victims on foot, robs them and runs back to the vehicle to escape. Our officers have done a good job in coordinating their response and in their area searches.

8/17/07- 1:18 AM- Officers Martin Garay and Derrick Brown made an outstanding arrest that, on the surface, looked like a grand theft. After closer investigation, the officers determined that a burglary/robbery, aggravated assault and extortion had taken place. Officers arrived on a call on the 800 block of Sansome Street, captured one suspect, and detained three others. Officers had to subdue the one suspect who was in possession of a stun gun that was used on one victim. The officers also recovered a stolen laptop computer that was taken from the victim.

On 8/17/07 at 3 AM another fine piece of police work was turned in by Officers Brendan O'Connor and Kevin Coleman. The officers responded on a taxi cab pay dispute where the suspect had apparently used counterfeit money to pay the bill. The alert officers recognized the fare as a burglary suspect wearing the same exact clothing in a flier alert bulletin. The suspect was booked for passing counterfeit notes, possession of methamphetamines and paraphernalia. A copy of the report was forwarded to the Robbery Detail and his clothing was booked as evidence.

8/17/07 at 6:30 PM, North Beach Beat Officer Milan Kangrga made an arrest of an individual on the **500 block of Columbus** who had been harassing, intimidating and threatening merchants and passers-by.

8/17/07 at 8:20 PM, Officers O'Connor and Coleman again investigated a fraud report, this time at a hotel on the **500 block of Northpoint**. Further investigation led them to arrest a woman for the stolen credit card, possession of a loaded handgun, possession of narcotics and paraphernalia.

8/18/07 midnight, 600 Geary Blvd.- Union Square Beat Officers John Ferrando and Scott Korte made an arrest of an individual suspect of selling narcotics from his car on the same block. The suspect, who gave a false name at first, was identified as a parolee and was charged with a Department of Corrections warrant as well.

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8/18/07- 1 AM- Officers Matt Sullivan and Brian Oliver detained several males drinking near vehicles in a parking lot on the **500 block of Broadway**. The officers saw one suspect reach into a wheel well of a vehicle and found him trying to hide a switchblade knife. Two other suspects were arrested for resisting arrest and possession of suspected cocaine for sale. Over \$800 and 2 cell phones, and suspected baggies of cocaine were also booked as evidence.

On 8/18/07 at 5:45 AM, Officers Damien Fahey and Rene Nielsen responded to a call of an auto boost in progress. A suspect description was given by a witness and the officers spotted the suspect walking with the described stolen property at **Hyde and Sutter Streets**.

Pac Man Thieves Gobbled Up

Finally, on 8/18/07 at 7 PM, two Asian males in their 20's entered the Musee Mechanique at Pier 45 and attempted to steal a full sized Ms. Pac Man arcade game. The bold suspects backed their truck into the parking lot and were seen carrying the machine from the arcade center. Officers Gary Moriyama and Charlie Ng chased the suspects onto Bay where they attempted go escape through a retail store. Both suspects were apprehended and Ms. Pac Man was returned to the museum.

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	Sgt. Steve Shanahan	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	steven.shanahan@sfgov.org	
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:	850-6146	Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, Cathy Daly and Vic Silveira	
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng	

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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.



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