

# Northern Police Station

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## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, January 10, 2005

### Northern News

The monthly Northern Station Community meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Northern Police Station Community Room.

### Crimes and Law Enforcement

Tuesday, January 3, 6:20 pm, Assault with a Caustic Chemical: Officer Caniglia and Officer Boyle were sent to a report of a man destroying property at Van Ness Ave. and Lombard St. Upon the officers' arrival, they found many residents from the building standing outside the building. Two of the residents were covered in an off-white powder. Many of the residents told the officers that a deranged man was wreaking havoc throughout the building. The officers went in to find the man and had no difficulty following the path of destruction. Shortly thereafter, the Officers found the man holding a fire extinguisher over his head. The delusional man would not respond to the officers' commands to drop the fire extinguisher and sit on the floor. An ambulance was summoned. The officers were eventually able to get the man to submit. The residents gave statements and the man, after being treated at the hospital for injuries incurred during his reign of terror, was booked at County Jail.

Wednesday, January 4, 5:30 am, Possession of Burglary Tools Arrest: From the "We only Catch the Smart Ones File": Officer Weyl and Officer Takaoka were driving on Van Ness Ave. and Lombard St. when a woman ran out into traffic immediately in front of their fully marked police car. After slamming on the brakes and recovering their sensibilities, the officers stopped the woman for jaywalking. A routine warrants check indicated that there was a warrant for the woman. The woman was arrested and searched for weapons prior to being transported to County Jail. The officers found a large, heavy lock-punch concealed under her jacket. In addition to being considered a weapon, the lock punch is a common tool for auto burglars. The officers amended the charges and the woman was booked at County Jail.

Wednesday, 10:38 am, Burglary Arrest: Officer Cesari, Officer Bonnel, Officer Anderson, and Officer Rogers were sent to Oak St. and Buchanan St. on a report of a possible burglary in progress. The next-door neighbor saw two men trying to force their way into a building. When the witness called the police, he lost sight of the suspects. Responding officers, however, found them around the corner pushing two motorcycles up the street. The men fled and one was caught a short distance away. The other, believing himself to be clever, "hid" on an open balcony. He sat in a chair and took his shirt off, as if he was sunbathing. The officers were not stymied and the arrest was made. The men were booked at Northern Police Station. While being transported for booking, one said to the other, "are we going down for the bikes?" In a nutshell, Yes!

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Thursday, January 5, 10:09 am, Arson and Battery Arrest: Officer Householder and Officer Cesari were sent to Moscone Playground to assist Arson Investigators with a suspicious person. The Arson Investigators, while investigating a prior fire, noticed a man with no shirt and pajama bottoms. The man's eccentric behavior was amplified by the fact that he kicked at signs and entered the children's play area without a child. The officers made contact with the man. They were able to identify him and ran a computer check. The officers found a warrant for the man's arrest. When they told the man about the warrant, he became indignant. He suddenly struck out with his fist, hitting Officer Cesari in the head. The suspect then kned Officer Cesari in the abdomen and groin several times. Officer Householder jumped in to assist and the man was arrested. He was transported to Northern Police Station for booking.

Thursday 4:56 pm, Forgery & Counterfeit Money Arrest: Officer Jonas and Officer Mason were sent to Fillmore and Geary on a report of a forgery in progress. Upon the arrival, the officers found two women involved in a complicated scheme. One of the women was acting as a lookout. The other was attempting to cash a check using a fake ID. The women were detained and the investigation continued. Each woman was found to be in possession of a counterfeit \$100 bill. For some obscure reason, the money was secreted in the women's brassieres. False checks, counterfeit bills, false IDs, and a lot of misinformation caused minor affliction for the officers. When confronted with the preponderance of evidence, one woman said, "I found that on the sidewalk," an age-old adage used by many to construe an alibi. The case was forwarded to the Secret Service, for the spurious bills and the women were booked at County Jail.

Thursday, 10:36 pm, Assault & Weapon arrest: Officer Hamblen and Officer Mahoney were sent to Lombard St. and Divisadero St. on a report of a fight in progress. The officers arrived on scene and located the victim. The victim told the officers that he had been stabbed in the hand. The officers summoned an ambulance. The victim further elucidated that he had been talking with his girlfriend when the suspect approached. The suspect was holding a small knife. The suspect confronted the victim and stabbed him once in the hand. All parties dispersed and the victim called the police from a near-by store. When the victim left the store, a compeer of the suspect was waiting. The compeer attempted to stab the victim with a slotted screwdriver. The victim parried the thrust and the compeer fled. The ambulance arrived on scene to treat the victim. Statements were taken and the incident was deemed concluded.

Shortly after the officers left, Dispatch got a panicked call from the victim stating that the suspect was back. The officers returned to the scene and found the initial suspect with knife in hand. The suspect quickly dropped the knife on top of a newspaper rack. The victim told the

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officers that the suspect had told him that he had cleaned up the knife. The suspect was taken into custody. Suspect #2 was not located. The initial suspect was booked at Northern Police Station. Had the suspect not cleaned up, he might have been caught red handed.

Saturday, January 7, 2:56 am, DUI Arrest: Officer Harwood, while patrolling, came across a vehicle stopped in the roadway at Franklin St. and Lombard St. Sensing something was amiss, Officer Harwood attempted to make contact with the sole occupant of the car, a woman. The woman was out cold. Officer Harwood knocked on the window of the car, activated his siren, and rocked the car for 17 minutes before the woman woke. The woman was not able to perform field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence.

Saturday, 4:57 pm, Battery Arrest: Two victims of a robbery approached Lt. Mannix from Park Station at the Safeway on Church St. and Market St. Lt. Mannix was able to get a description of the suspects and the details of the robbery. Officer Hutchings and Officer Inocencio responded to assist. Officer Santos was sent to another robbery at Fillmore and Fell Sts. Noting a similarity in the description of the suspects the officers scoured the area. The diligent officers located the suspects and conducted cold shows. The victims positively identified the suspects and the arrests were made, hopefully ending this spate of street robberies.

Sunday, January 8, 1:05 am, DUI Arrest: Officer Harwood was stopped at Sutter St. and Van Ness Ave. monitoring traffic. Being early in the morning, it was very dark. Officer Harwood was startled to see a car driving north on Van Ness Ave. without its headlights illuminated. Officer Harwood pulled in behind the car and activated his lights to further investigate the situation. When the driver failed to yield, Officer Harwood's suspicions were elevated. Eventually, the driver stopped. When advised of the reason for the stop, the driver stated eloquently, "I just had four beers." The driver failed to perform the field sobriety tests and was arrested for drunk driving. The driver was booked at County Jail.

2:39 pm, Dog Bite: Officer Robinson and Officer Dorgan were sent to Franklin St. and Golden Gate Ave. on a report of a dog bite. The victim was already in the ambulance when the officers arrived. As they conducted the interview, the loquacious victim stated in common vernacular, "the dog bit me, Dawg." The case is under investigation.

Monday, January 9, 1:15 pm, Destructive Device Located: Officers from Northern Station were sent to Van Ness Ave. and Bush St., a Starbucks store, on a report of a suspicious device. Upon their arrival, the officers found that the device did indeed look perilous. The bomb squad responded and rendered the device safe. The incident was placed under investigation. Very little information was immediately available.

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The following day, Officer Burrows, Officer Zapponi and Officer Goss were sent to Special Investigations Division (SID) on January 10th to assist as part of a task force charged with locating a person of interest regarding the Starbucks incident. The officers, after searching the area for about four hours, located the person at about 5:00 pm. The man was arrested on an unrelated narcotics warrant. The investigation is still pending and the ATF and SID are pursuing all leads with assiduity. Much of the evidence collected at the time of the arrest provided the officers with grounds for the arrest.

Monday 5:44 pm, Street Robbery: Officer Fung and Officer Knight were sent to Fillmore St. and Golden Gate Ave. on a report of a robbery. Officer Burrows and Officer Zapponi responded to assist. The officers met with the victim who described three suspects. One of the suspects was located and identified a short time later in the immediate vicinity. The investigation is pending.

Monday 8:34 pm, Assault with Gun: Officer Racine and Officer Lopez were sent to Laguna and Larch Sts. on a report of a shooting. The officers located the victims, two males, one who had been shot in the legs, and the other, a juvenile, who had been grazed in the leg by a ricochet. Ambulances were summoned to the scene. Several witnesses were located, but no one was able to give a detailed description of the suspect. The investigation is pending.

Tuesday, January 10, 1:07 am, Burglary Arrest: Officer Aleman and his K-9 partner were patrolling on Franklin St. at Eddy St. when officer Aleman heard a loud banging noise. The officer's attention was drawn to the sound and he saw a man banging on a garage door. The officer investigated and detained the man. The suspect imparted several prevarications and was caught in his lies. The man was arrested and booked at Northern Police Station.

### Prostitution Related Arrests:

Officer Weyl, working with Sgt. Dangerfield, was patrolling the Polk St. Corridor for prostitution related activity. On 01/05/06 between 2:09 am and 4:38 am, Officer Weyl detained three women loitering in the area. All three women were cited and released at the scene. Two of the women were cited at Polk and Sacramento Sts. and the third was cited at Polk St. and Eddy St.

The Vice Squad was back in the Northern District on 01/06/06 for an early morning decoy operation. Some officers posed as prostitutes and others posed as their customers. The officers, posing as prostitutes, conducted their operation from 5:00 am to 7:30 am. During that time, they arrested

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six johns for soliciting. The arrests all occurred in the vicinity of Hemlock and Larkin Sts.

The undercover officers looking for prostitutes made three arrests in the area of Hyde St. from Pine St. to California St. Their operation ran from 5:00 am to 6:30 am.

Follow up Investigations:

§ A citizen contacted Officer Damato, of the Street Crimes Unit, in December regarding an increasing number of auto burglaries and thefts at Lombard St. and Steiner St. Officer Damato set up some surveillance and conducted some interviews. He learned that the suspect was a woman who drove a green car. Around the first of the year, another burglary was reported. This time, a license plate number was recorded. Officer Damato followed up on the license plate and got a name of a possible suspect. Officer Damato located an address for the suspect and set up additional surveillance. Due to his persistence and determination, Officer Damato was able to make an arrest on January 5th. He recovered extensive evidence from numerous prior incidents. Officer Damato has closed a significant number of cases.

Safety Tip:

Environmental Crimes & Code Enforcement (reprint)

Every now and then an irresponsible private property owner may blight our neighborhood by neglecting or mismanaging their property. Structurally unsound or empty buildings, abandoned automobiles, and untended grounds conditions are some examples of private property problems that may aggravate community health and safety if not promptly addressed. Statutory laws, or codes, regulating these conditions have long been in place, and are enforced by several government agencies. Therein, however, lies the problem. The Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Public Health, among others, all have inherently different methods of tackling a problem. Moreover, each agency depends on its sister agencies to effectively implement the codes they are responsible for.

The answer? Allow us to introduce the San Francisco City Attorney's Code Enforcement Task Force. The Code Enforcement Task Force is an interagency group coordinated by the San Francisco City Attorney and District Attorney's office. Members of the group, including representatives from Northern Station, meet on a regular basis to evaluate privately owned properties that are alleged to be in violation of diverging code violations, and organize joint investigations. Examples may include

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abandoned or condemned buildings, untended grounds, improper hazardous chemical disposal, the improper storage of multiple abandoned automobiles or derelict machinery, and houses used for illegal drug use, prostitution, or homeless camping. Officer Jeff Sung is our Task Force Leader here at Northern Station. He is available to receive your complaints and advise you on Code Enforcement procedures.

Although our officers try to keep a step ahead of these issues, your input is deeply appreciated. Please call us with your questions and concerns. Officer Sung's voicemail phone number is (415) 614-3403. We have listed his and other Code Enforcement Task Force members' phone numbers below.

### Phone Numbers and Web Sites

San Francisco Police Department:

Emergency: 9-1-1

SFPD's Website: [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police)

SFPD Anonymous Tip Line: (415) 575-4444. (A person, not an answering machine will answer this tip line)

SFPD on-line reports: [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police), and click on the link for on-line reports.

Police Communications, non-emergency: (415) 553-0123

Northern District Police Station:

Main phone number: (415) 614-3400.

Northern Station's Web Page: [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police) and link to "Northern Station."

Captain Dillon's email: [Kevin\\_Dillon@ci.sf.ca.us](mailto:Kevin_Dillon@ci.sf.ca.us)

Northern District Anonymous Tips Hotline: (415) 614-3451

Northern District Quality of Life & Homelessness Issues:

Call (415) 298-0865 or (415) 614-3456 & ask for Officer Dave Householder or Officer Bryan Watkins.

Police/Community Relations Forum, questions and suggestions:

Email at [sandrabolden252@yahoo.com](mailto:sandrabolden252@yahoo.com)

Northern Station Environmental Crimes, Code Enforcement Task Force: (415) 614-3403.

Note: We continue to develop the email list for our newsletter. Anyone wishing to receive copies of the newsletter is welcome. Please email Captain Kevin Dillon with your request and comments at email: [Kevin\\_Dillon@ci.sf.ca.us](mailto:Kevin_Dillon@ci.sf.ca.us)