

Central Police Station

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Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Community Policing is really Community Problem Solving. The Police are only one component of solving problems in a community. At Central Station we try to look at root causes of a problem and bring those affected to the table. Oftentimes we are asked to conduct enforcement operations to abate the manifestations of a problem. If we only do this, it may cause two negative consequences: 1) We continue to respond to the same call for service, in most cases and, 2) We never solve the problem that causes the negative behavior.

Instead, we look to the public to bring our attention to problems in the community. We then use a SARA Problem Solving Method to **Scan** the Problem, **Analyze** it, **Respond** to the Problem and after some time has passed, we **Assess** how our strategies affected change. We invite our counterparts from other City Agencies who can make positive change to a problem. Some of our allies and resources are with: Department of Parking and Traffic, (DPT), Department of Public Works, (DPW), Recreation and Parks, the District Attorney, The City Attorney Code Enforcement Section, SAFE, SFFD, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and many others.

Currently we are attempting to use this method to help us deal with constant problems along the Broadway corridor, mostly on weekend evenings. To make long term change and to solve the problem, we are asking for help from the Entertainment Commission, the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Office, the SF Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office and the ABC to help limit licenses, after-hours permits and to help control problems associated with alcohol related licenses.

Upcoming Events:

We anticipate a possible protest on Tuesday 4/25/06 at 1:30 PM at the Stanford Court Hotel, 905 California. The number attending is not known and end time is indefinite.

The **Police Commission will hold a Community Meeting in the Central District** at Pier 1 on Wednesday April 26, 2006 at 6 PM. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and may speak at public Comment. The Chief of Police Heather Fong and Command Staff will be attending, as well as the Director of the OCC.

Broadway Corridor

Although a steady rain kept activity down on Friday night **04/07/06**, there were still several incidents reported. 2 arrests were made, with 27 citations issued and 2 drunk related arrests made. Traffic barricades were used to help control traffic. On Saturday **04/08/06**, very large crowds required constant police attention in the corridor. 1 arrest was made and 26 citations were issued. 11 drunk related arrests were made and traffic diversions were necessary. The Sergeant on scene reported 2 ambulance calls to respond to attend to 2 "revelers suffering

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from apparent alcohol poisoning." On 4/4/06, at 12:40 AM, officers cited a club manager for keeping emergency exit doors locked with patrons still inside.

Crimes of Note

A shooting occurred at the parking lot of Coit Tower in the early morning hours Saturday **04/08/06**, after 3:20 AM. An argument between 2 carloads of individuals resulted in the shooting of 2 young men from the East Bay. One suffered gunshots to the chest and is in serious condition while the other was killed from an apparent head wound. Suspects are described as Hispanic males, 19-25 years old, in a blue Honda vehicle.

On **4/6/06** at 4 AM, **Officers Chris Anderson and Mike Costello** responded to a call of an Auto Burglary in progress at Sacramento and Jones Streets. When they arrived they saw the damaged vehicle and that **Patrol Special Officer Roberto Ortega** had a male suspect in custody. The Officers searched the area and located a female suspect and took both and a bag of stolen property into custody. A witness responded and identified both suspects as the same who broke into the parked and unattended vehicle.

Also on **4/6/06** at 7:30 AM, a sandwich shop at Kearny and Bush Streets was robbed by a suspect described as: black male, 25-30 years old, 5'10" 180 pounds with brown and red dyed hair, brown jacket, pants, and boots. He also wore a yellow checked shirt.

On **4/6/06** at 1000 AM, **Sergeant Steve Roche** heard a broadcast of an Auto Burglary in progress at Battery and Green Streets. Sergeant Roche searched the area until he came upon the suspect, riding a bike with the described 'laptop' bag at the unit block of Spear Street where the victim had been following him in his damaged vehicle. After a brief chase, Sgt. Roche took the suspect into custody and recovered the stolen property. The suspect is: white male, 31 years old, 6'1", 175 pounds with brown corn row hair, blue eyes, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans. The suspect confessed, saying he needed money or something to sell in order to buy drugs.

Later on **4/6/06** at 3 PM, a woman was riding MUNI inbound at Sansome and Clay Streets when the bus pulled to a stop. A 12 year old boy grabbed her purse from her lap and fled out the door. The woman chased the suspect and screamed that he just snatched her purse. A bystander on the street heard the screams and grabbed the boy as he attempted to run by. The boy was held for police and the purse was returned to it's owner.

Sometime in the late evening/early morning hours of **4/7/06**, a suspect broke two glass doors of a café on the 500 block of Columbus Avenue to access a cash register inside. The suspect broke the cash register and fled the scene. Our CSI team processed the establishment for evidence.

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On **4/8/06** around noon, an individual described as a black male, 6'1" 160 pounds, black hair, black beard, skinny build, and a black hooded sweatshirt went into a closet of a restaurant on the 1500 block of Stockton and took a wallet from a coat. The suspect was seen running North on Stockton before the owner realized the theft had occurred.

On **4/9/06** at 11:20 AM, Officers detained 2 individuals in an Auto Burglary on the 800 block of Northpoint. One of the suspects had outstanding warrants and was arrested and the 2nd was taken to Youth Guidance Center for possession of burglar tools and auto tampering.

Finally, last week in this newsletter I reported the arrest of an individual in Union Square who was systematically exposing himself to passersby in a lewd manner. We have bundled at least 4 such reported occurrences involving the same man and are asking for prosecution and a stay away order from the court.

The sketch seen here depicts the suspect wanted in the Homicide of Allen Leung on 2/27/06 at 603 Jackson Street. The suspect is described as a Vietnamese or Chinese male, 5'4"-5'5", medium build, 120-130 pounds, late 20's-early 30's. Contact Inspector Dennis Maffei at 553-9251 or call the Tip-Line at 575-4444 with any information.

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