

# Central Police Station



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## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, July 1, 2008  
Captain James I. Dudley

### **Captain's Comments**

**As July 4th approaches, please remember a few things:**

- **Fireworks are illegal in San Francisco. Every year the SFFD responds to fires caused by illegal fireworks. Bottle rockets and fireworks that propel an object into the air cause fires to rooftops or flammable things like fields or other structures. Even seemingly innocuous items like sparklers can cause severe burns to small hands. Of course, the emergency rooms are frequented by those who didn't quite throw the fireworks fast enough, or by those unfortunate to be near the 'landing zone.'**
- **Every year we also hear gunshots along with the fireworks. Needless to say, shooting a firearm in San Francisco is also illegal. The old adage, "What goes up must come down" certainly applies to bullets. Some geniuses think shooting a gun into the air is harmless, but over the years, we have responded to calls of those injured by the bullets that cannot escape gravity.**
- **Along with this year's public fireworks display in the Bay, it also happens to be a Friday night in San Francisco. Activities span from Aquatic Park to Pier 39 and beyond, into the Southern District. Entertainment will begin at 2 PM and fireworks will begin at 9:30 PM at the end of Muni Pier and from barges at the end of Piers 39 and 45. There will surely be traffic jams along the bay so please take public transportation or walk to any events in the area. Have a Safe and Sane 4th!**

**(Editor's note- On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 PM, Sgt. Ed Garcia was on foot patrol walking through Portsmouth Square when he spied three juveniles sitting on a bench in the park. At one end of the bench sat a canvas bag full of illegal fireworks, including 16 Roman Candles, 600 missiles, forty four "M-80's" and 2 "m-100's". These are pretty serious illegal fireworks that fall into the high explosives territory. Due to the nature and volume of the collection, the SFPD Bomb Disposal Unit was summoned to take charge of the property for destruction).**

Last week, **Sgt. Mark Hernandez** broke up a fireworks sales ring under the Bush Street arch at Grant. **On 6/28/08 at 8 PM Officer Jonathan Tong** cited a 19 year old for discharging and selling fireworks on the **900 block of Grant Ave.** On 6/29/08 at 6:45 PM, Officer Tong made another arrest for sales of illegal fireworks on **Waverly Alley.** That amount too, called for disposal by our Bomb Squad.

**Broadway Corridor**  
**Friday June 27, 2008:**

**Saturday June 28, 2008:**

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Felony arrests made	0	Felony arrests	4
Misdemeanor arrests made	1	Misdemeanor arrests made	3
Drunk related arrests made	2	Drunk related arrests made	3
Moving citations	2	Moving citations	31
Parking citations issued	10	Parking citations issued	18
Towed vehicles	10	Towed vehicles	13

Friday night on Broadway was small and manageable. Saturday night was a different story indeed. Ten arrests were made, including for prohibited weapons, drunk in public and assaults. A large fight emanated from one club that has been very active. Copies of the reports will be sent to the ABC and to the Entertainment Commission for follow up action.

**On 6/29/08 at 12:30 AM at Broadway and Columbus, Officers Martin Garay and Eric Letsch** stopped a fight and made an arrest of two individuals in possession of an illegal concealed knife and suspected crack cocaine.

**On 6/29/08 at 1:45 AM, Officer Jon Tong, Debra King** and others responded to the lower level of the 400 block of Broadway garage on a report of a large fight. The officers waded through the crowd and detained two suspects from San Leandro and Newark, Ca. Both men were cited and released from Central Station.

### **Crimes of Note**

**On 6/27/08 at 4:30 PM at Bush and Stockton,** a woman on the street said she heard a man behind her say "Give me your purse." She turned around to see an 18-20 year old black male holding what looked like a handgun in his hand. The suspect took the purse and ran south on Stockton. He was described as wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, with full braided hair with gold tints.

**On 6/29/08 at 3 AM,** an individual was on his way home on **Bush Street** when he encountered a woman on the street. The woman responded to his apartment with him and a short while later he learned that she was a prostitute. The woman demanded money and when the victim refused, she took cash from his wallet and night stand. When he attempted to get his money back, the woman bit him in the face. The woman is described as a black female, 20-30 years old, 5'10, 145 pounds with long black hair and a black dress.

**On 6/29/08 at 11 PM, Officers Brendan O'Connor and Eric Letsch** were called regarding a man attempting to break into an ATM machine on the **500 block of Geary**. As they arrived, they saw two men walking away from the ATM to a nearby bus stop. As the officers approached the men, one of them said that he was on probation. After contact with the initial caller, they determined that they

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were speaking with the suspect in the ATM theft attempt. A search of the suspect revealed various burglary tools, wire cutters, crow bar, nail punches and the like. The 37 year old white male suspect from SF was booked for burglary and possession of burglar tools.

### Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911	
Non-Emergency:	553-0123	
Cell phone 911:	553-8090	
Customer Service Center:	311	
Central Station:	315-2400	
Web:	<a href="http://www.sfgov.org/police">www.sfgov.org/police</a>	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984 <a href="http://www.sfsafe.org">www.sfsafe.org</a>
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	
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:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days Sam Yuen- Nights
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days Officers Scott Korte, Ed Carew- Nights
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Nick Rainsford and Bob Merino
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x37	Tel-Hi- Kelly Komasa

### 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.

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[www.sfgov.org/police\\_index.asp?id=20182](http://www.sfgov.org/police_index.asp?id=20182)

Call 3-1-1/TTY: 415-701-2323. If outside of San Francisco, call 415-701-2311/TTY: 415-701-2323 to reach any of the following: Abandoned Vehicles----DPT Dispatch -----DPW Street Cleaning-----Graffiti Hotline--Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)-----Pothole Repair----Street Signs (missing/damaged)---Street Lighting