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Captain's Comments

Happy Thanksgiving!

We have an awful lot of reasons to be thankful for, here at Central Station. There is good camaraderie here and everyone works well together. All of our events have gone smoothly so far this year and general health overall has been good as well. (knock wood)

Central Station is also in a district that enjoys good participation by the community. Several neighborhood groups across the district are engaged and work toward sharing communication and in making their part of the district clean, safe and well lit.

The day after Thanksgiving is also known as the “busiest shopping day of the year.” We have a **Safe Shopper Program** with enhanced patrols and traffic coordination through the month of December. Traditionally we have encountered protest groups from anti-war issues to animal rights protests. We are coordinating with Tenderloin Station to ensure that things run smoothly along **Union Square and the Geary Street corridor. At Fisherman's Wharf** we have a similar effort. Please be mindful of our safety tips and with efforts to keep attractive items from your unattended cars. To view great safety tips, check out SFSAFE.org

This also happens to be a busy time of the year in dealing with demonstrations and protests. **Last Friday 11/16/07** around mid morning, we had our hands full downtown near the Financial District. I was deployed along with both day watch Lieutenants and several officers to monitor what looked like three separate protest marches.

One group, the Rainforest Action Network, protested while wearing “haz-mat” type suits and marched to financial institutions at three locations. At the same time we received calls and responded to monitor a demonstration regarding a security officers labor action. Also at the same time, we witnessed approximately 30 people all dressed in white, with kites and umbrellas, taking over intersections at the “all-cross” green lights. It turned out that they were not protesters at all but a group promoting “circus type” entertainment here in town. In any event, they caused a bit of a stir and as one passing motorist said to me: “they make me NOT to want to see their show!”

A collateral benefit of having a lot of officers in one location: At 1 PM, **Sgt. Vinn Catanzaro and Officer Tom Cunnane** made an “on-view” arrest of three individuals who stole a cell phone from a backpack two young women near 250 Pine Street. The arrest was made and cell phone was recovered.

Congratulations to Officers Dwight Lee and Randy Soohoo, named as the Cathay Post's American Legion Officers of the year. Randy works the night watch and has been a member of the

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specialists team (SWAT). Officer Dwight Lee works on days as part of the event management staff. He works tirelessly there and is quick to take a run in the field or do a translation and take a report at the station. I applaud the efforts of both of these men.

Officer Matt Fambrini is a member of Central Station being honored at the **Nob Hill Association** as their Officer of the year for efforts in their neighborhood and around the district. Matt has been with us at Central, Park and Tenderloin Stations and is also a member of the specialists team.

Broadway Corridor

Friday November 16, 2007:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	3
Moving citations	39
Parking citations issued	18
Towed vehicles	20

Saturday November 17, 2007:

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	4
Drunk related arrests made	4
Moving citations	36
Parking citations issued	24
Towed vehicles	22

On 11/17/07 at 2:05 AM, on Broadway at Kearny, Sergeant Seth Riskin and Officer Eric Balmy were informed by a young female victim that she was walking with a group of friends when a suspect grabbed her buttocks and then walked away, W/B on Broadway. The victim was unable to provide a suspect description.

Prostitution Update

Due to recent violence in the Northern District, we have increased enforcement activity along our western border and will continue to coordinate with Vice Crimes, Northern Station and the Traffic Company to deal with prostitution related activity along the Larkin and Polk corridors.

On 11/11/07, members of the Vice Crimes Unit conducted an undercover sting operation on a massage parlor located on the 100 block of Bush St. The operation was successful and resulted in the arrest of a massage parlor employee for soliciting an act of prostitution. On 11/13/07, the Vice Crimes Unit conducted an undercover prostitution enforcement operation in the Polk/Larkin corridor. This resulted in the arrest of four suspects for prostitution related offenses, including one arrest for loitering with the intent to engage in pimping. There were a total of six prostitution related arrests made in the three day period between 11/11/07-11/13/07.

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Crimes of Note

On 11/9/07 at 5:24 PM, on Larkin & Sutter, Officers Randall SooHoo and Nico Discenza conducted a computer check on a vehicle they were following and determined it was stolen. The driver was arrested and stolen property from an unrelated auto burglary was returned to its owner.

On 11/10/07 at 8:46 PM, at Jackson & Kearny, Officer Sam Yuen responded to a report of a fight between a man and a woman. The man had chased the woman there from his nearby residence, where he had interrupted her as she unlawfully entered his home. The woman was placed under arrest for burglary. Only 2 days earlier, the homeowner had been the victim of a burglary in which a laptop had been stolen.

On 11/11/07 at 1:40 AM, on the 300 block of Post, Officer Norm Rice responded to an alarm call at a retail store. Officer Rice discovered a large window shattered. An area security guard directed Officer Rice to an individual walking N/B on Powell as the possible suspect. Officer Rice quickly apprehended the individual and the witness was subsequently able to positively identify him as the perpetrator of the vandalism.

On 11/12/07 at 7:17 PM, on the 1100 block of Grant, Officer Sam Yuen was walking his beat when he observed unusual activity at a small shop. Entering the store, Officer Yuen could see that the female clerk was in fear of the individual standing in front of her at the cash register. Officer Yuen questioned the subject and determined that he had an outstanding \$25,000 out of county arrest warrant.

On 11/13/07 at 7:55 PM, on the 300 block of Powell, Officer Scott Korte was flagged down by employees of a retail lingerie store. A group of young women, who had entered the store on previous occasions and committed thefts, had entered again. Officer Korte arrived in time to see the suspects enter a vehicle and flee the scene. The vehicle was stopped moments later by **Tenderloin Station Officer John Sheehan**. Although store employees had prevented any thefts this time, four of the five young women in the vehicle were still taken into custody. The driver of the vehicle was unlicensed. Two passengers had outstanding arrest warrants, and a third passenger was identified as a missing juvenile from Vallejo. Two of the women had court issued "Stay Away" orders to keep out of branches of the same lingerie store in the East Bay.

On 11/13/07 at 9:03 AM, on the 300 block of California, Sergeant Ed Garcia, and Officers Ben Manning and Mary Godfrey responded to a bank robbery. Officer Manning interviewed witnesses at the bank, while Sgt. Garcia and Officer Godfrey recovered evidence and spoke with additional victims and witness in this multifaceted crime. In the end, a suspect was apprehended and booked for crimes including robbery, kidnapping, carjacking, and aggravated assault.

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On 11/16/07 at 10:45 AM, on the 700 block of Geary, Officers Ed Robles and Vic Silveira were working in plain clothes capacity when they were informed by **Officer Ed Carew** of narcotics activity at Geary & Hyde. Officer Robles was able to conceal himself in a location where he observed a narcotics transaction take place a short time later. Although the suspects split up, with one boarding a MUNI coach, they were both taken into custody and booked on felony narcotics charges.

On 11/16/07 at 2:35 AM, Officers Joan Cronin and Kevin Coleman responded to the **600 block of Jones** on a call of suspects in a vehicle. Upon their arrival, the officers encountered two potential auto boosters inside. Further investigation led them to a large amount of cash and individually packaged suspected crack cocaine for sale.

On 11/17/07 at 3:03 AM, on the 800 block of Post, Officers Lynn Masetti, Barry Mlaker, Matt Sullivan and Rene Nielsen responded to a report of an auto burglary. Officers Masetti and Mlaker located the witness and victim vehicle, while Officers Sullivan and Nielsen located and detained a possible suspect at Geary & Leavenworth. The witness was able to positively identify the suspect who had items stolen from the vehicle in his possession. Officer Mlaker recognized the suspect as the same individual he had arrested for another auto burglary on 11/3/07!

On 11/17/07 at 12:20 AM, at Union & Grant, Officers Gary Moriyama, George Perez, Monica MacDonald and Jessie Ortiz responded to a fight in the street. Upon seeing the Officers, the combatants fled on foot. While attempting to apprehend one of the subjects, an Officer sustained significant injuries, including a cut near her left eye, broken vessels, pain and swelling to that eye, and a bruised left forearm. One suspect was booked for aggravated assault on a Peace Officer. **Between the dates of 11/10/07-11/14/07, crimes and arrests in the Broadway Corridor included:** operating a stolen vehicle, delaying/obstructing a Peace Officer, aggravated assault, and a warrant arrest. As usual, arrests and citations were made for traffic violations and public intoxication.

On the SAFE Side

What's the most common concern for kids these days regarding safety? **iPod Theft!!!** At a recent presentation on personal safety for high-school youth, more than half of the students expressed concerns about having their iPods or cell phones forcefully taken from them.

Now that the Holiday and gift-giving season are upon us, many youth and adults will be the lucky recipients of iPods or new cell phones. On the flip side, many thieves will relish in the opportunity to steal iPods from unsuspecting victims. Do not be a victim! We want you to be on the SAFE side... so follow some of these safety tips, and pass them along to those who have iPods, MP3 players, headphones, cell phones, etc. Here are just a few tips:

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Replace the distinctive white earbuds with older headphones to give the impression you have a cheaper music player

Keep the volume low

Keep only one earbud on - the other ear will be free to hear activities around you

Stay alert at all times - your sense of hearing is diminished, so scan the area with your eyes frequently & look frequently look behind you

Record the serial number of your iPod, or engrave it with identifying information

If you feel you are being followed, go to a crowded place, ask for help and call police

Do not walk alone at night - but if you must, travel in well-lighted areas and don't use your iPod!

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911		
Non-Emergency:	553-0123		
Cell phone 911:	553-8090		
Customer Service Center:	311		
Central Station:	315-2400		
Web:		www.sfgov.org/police	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	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 or Cathy	
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino	
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangra	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at Tel-Hi	

Megan's Law Website Access:

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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.

Join the SFPD: www.sfgov.org/police

Join the SFPD Citizen's Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check: 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

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