

# Central Police Station



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

## *Weekly Newsletter*

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

### **Captain's Comments**

**Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the day after is the busiest shopping day of the year. Unfortunately, we also have our hands full with events, shoplifting, auto break-ins, pickpockets and purse picks.** We have plans in place to staff more officers in our concentrated retail areas such as Fisherman's Wharf and Union Square. Our focus will be on crowd management and public education on how not to become a victim in the first place. In many cases, a little prevention goes a long way.

There are many crime prevention steps you can take this holiday season; start by being mindful your own **home security**. Many of us leave home in the morning in the dark and arrive back home in the dark in the evening. Do a check of your locks and deadbolts and put lights on a timer or with a motion detector to insure that you can arrive home to a well lit front door.

Be mindful when taking **public transit**. This may mean foregoing the iPod and/or laptop computer while you travel. Do not leave a wallet, keys or money in exterior pockets of your backpack or purse. **Be aware of your surroundings**. If at all possible, take a buddy while exercising and commuting.

**Secure your car** with an anti-theft device such as 'kill switch' or steering wheel lock. Get rid of all exposed property and valuables. This includes packages, charge cords, GPS, radar detectors, iPods and even gym bags. Take them with you when possible or lock them out of sight in your trunk. The same goes with shopping bags. If at all possible, park near lights and/or close to the elevator or stairway. Have your keys ready and keep a small flashlight with you if possible. Check out SAFE's website for more personal safety tips.

### **Broadway Corridor**

#### **Friday November 9, 2007:**

Felony arrests made	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	4
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	43
Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	17

#### **Saturday November 10, 2007:**

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	5
Moving citations	24
Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	10

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### **Fisherman's Wharf**

**At 8:30 AM on Wednesday, November 7**, an outbound container ship, the Cosco Busan, struck a pier of the San Francisco Bay Bridge, spilling approximately 58,000 gallons of fuel oil (IFO380) into the San Francisco Bay. Between 12:30 and 3:30 PM, oil landed on the shores of Alcatraz Island and several beaches throughout the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. To

protect the health and safety of visitors and park staff, emergency temporary closures have been instituted at the Aquatic Park, Muir Beach Rodeo Beach, Fort Point, Crissy Field Beach, China Beach, Baker Beach, and Kirby Cove. The temporary emergency closures will remain in effect until the extent of contamination and health risks have been assessed. Although swimming and boating activities have been curtailed in San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's lagoon, the historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier remain open. A Bay Area-wide unified command, led by the US Coast Guard is in place. This is the largest oil spill in the San Francisco Bay since the Cape Mohegan incident in 1996. To report oiled wildlife please call 530-304-1241 (State Fish and Game).

We also have just begun regular monthly meetings with merchants in the wharf area every first Tuesday of the month at the Cannery at 11 AM. We ask attendees to **“Brown Bag with Captain D.”** (That means bring your own lunch!) We will address current issues and crime trends in the area.

### **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:

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 behind you

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

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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!

Interested in joining the Fight Against Crime?

### **Crime Prevention Specialist Position – Emphasis on Child, Youth and Family Safety**

SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that provides crime prevention education and public safety services citywide, such as Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups, Personal Safety presentations to all groups, and organizes community policing activities and events. The Crime Prevention Specialist is responsible for the above duties, and coordinates and implements crime prevention programs and projects with a focus on child, youth and family safety. You will be working with diverse communities on leadership development, and strategizing and problem-solving on issues of crime and public safety in neighborhoods citywide. You will work closely with San Francisco Police Department personnel, the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office, and other municipal agencies, community groups, civic organizations and businesses. Submit a cover letter and resume no later than November 15th to [jobs@sfsafe.org](mailto:jobs@sfsafe.org), or fax to (415) 553-1967. Visit [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org) for more information.

### **Crimes of Note**

**On 11/5/07 at 11:45 AM, on the 400 block of Jackson**, an apparent traffic dispute resulted in one subject threatening to assault another driver with a large hole saw which he had retrieved from his vehicle. **Sgt. Carl T and Officer Seve Flores** arrested the suspect at the scene.

**On 11/6/07 at 7:42 PM, on the 300 block of Powell**, a woman visiting from New York had just withdrawn \$200 from a nearby ATM, when a suspect ripped both the cash and a cell phone out of her hands. Patrolling on foot, **Officer Scott Korte** was alerted by witnesses, to the fleeing suspect. Officer Korte chased the suspect into a car rental parking garage and apprehended him.

**On 11/6/07 at 10:38 PM, on the 500 block of Broadway**, **Officers Joan Cronin and Jessie Ortiz** responded to a nightclub on a report of a fight, possibly involving an individual with a gun. The suspect fled on foot prior to the Officers' arrival, but **Officers Richard Hunt and Kevin Coleman** located the suspect at Sansome and Vallejo. Although the suspect was not in possession of a gun, he was in possession of cocaine, and wanted by the Pinole Police Department on an outstanding **murder warrant**.

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**On 11/7/07 at 10:45 AM, at Aquatic Park, Officer Noel Deleon** was on bicycle patrol when he observed two juveniles handling what appeared to be marijuana. After detaining both youths, his investigation proved him correct. With the assistance of **Officer Dwight Lee**, Officer Deleon found one of the suspects to be in possession of a Tupperware container with additional marijuana packaged for sale.

**On 11/8/07 at 5:57 PM, at Battery & Halleck, Officer Vien Lam** responded to a report of a robbery. The victim was walking S/B on Battery when the suspect approached her from behind and grabbed her purse, pulling her to the ground. The victim was dragged before the suspect was able to pull the purse from her grasp. He then fled on foot. The suspect was described as a black male, 20 years old, 5'10", 190 lbs., a dreadlock or curly hairstyle, wearing dark pants and a dark colored parka with a fur trimmed hood.

**On 11/9/07 at 12:21 AM, on the 1400 block of California, Officers Barry Mlaker and Lynn Masetti** responded to a report of a sexual assault. The victim was walking on California St. when a suspect approached her from behind, and knocked her to the ground. The suspect then sexually assaulted the victim with his fingers. As the victim began to scream, the suspect fled on foot, N/B on Larkin St. The suspect was described as an Asian male, 20-25 years old, 5'5", 150 lbs., wearing a red and blue plaid shirt.

**On 11/12/07 at 2:15 AM, near Stockton and Campton Alley, Officers Christopher Olson and Kevin Lee** were informed by a citizen that she had seen an individual carrying a gun tucked in his front waistband. Searching the area, Officers Olson and Lee located and arrested the suspect on the 200 block of Grant. The suspect was found to be in possession of a 9mm semi-automatic handgun loaded with 22 live rounds in a special, high-capacity magazine.

**On 11/9/07 at 2:15 AM, near Pine and Larkin, Officers Matt Sullivan and Rene Nielsen** observed the driver of a vehicle yelling at a working prostitute and ordering her into his car. The Officers stopped the vehicle and issued a citation to the driver (suspected pimp) for his actions related to prostitution activity. During the week, three other arrests were made for prostitution related violations in the vicinity of the Polk/Larkin corridor between Pine and Geary.

**Finally, on 11/12/07 at 9:12 PM**, an employee of a pizza parlor was assaulted by 2 drunk patrons at Beach and Columbus. A citizen walking by the assault attempted to intervene and was set upon with a flurry of blows by the two individuals. One of the suspects grabbed the victim's sweatshirt and the two ran off. **Officer Gary Moriyama** heard the broadcast and saw a suspect running on Jefferson and took him into custody. The suspect was still wearing the victim's sweatshirt when he was apprehended.

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### 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
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	Sgt. Steve Shanahan	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	<a href="mailto:steven.shanahan@sfgov.org">steven.shanahan@sfgov.org</a>	
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	
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 Kangrga	
Community Liaison:	421-6443 x16	James Knoebber at Tel-Hi	

**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](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.

**Join the SFPD:** [www.sfgov.org/police](http://www.sfgov.org/police)

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

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