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Weekly Newsletter Tuesday, July 17, 2007

It is good to be back from vacation. I had a great time in Central Oregon and in Yosemite and look forward to getting back to work. I understand that there was quite a bit of activity while I was gone and Lt. Henry Parra filled in admirably.

While I was away, I read news reports from an Oregon newspaper and from the New York Times that paralleled some of the problems that we encounter here in San Francisco. The Oregonian edition of July 8, 2007 gave an extensive report on excessive drinking and rowdy behavior relating to alcoholic beverages consumed on the Deschutes and other rivers in Central Oregon. The headline read, "Ban might float down on a river of alcohol." Local authorities are wrestling over the increased negative behavior and are considering an alcohol ban while on the rivers in those areas. I read with interest, as the problem seemed similar to the problems we have had in the district.

The New York Times article from the July 9, 2007 edition read "A little girl shot, and a crowd that didn't see." It was about gangs and gun violence in Trenton, New Jersey. A town one fifth of the size of San Francisco, 85,000, had 20 homicides last year. The article also describes the nationwide witness intimidation and "no snitching" phenomena. All too familiar was the angle of gang members feuding over drug dealing turf as the primary cause of the violence.

Finally, an article on-line in yesterday's news detailed a massive prostitution sting coordinated by the FBI and local Bay Area Law Enforcement agencies centered in Oakland. The "Operation Strikeout" netted over 130 pimps, prostitutes and customers in the area during the All-Star celebration. The report indicated that Oakland is "a hub" for western prostitution. We are certainly dealing with the overflow in our own City. Between 7/6/07 and 7/8/07, SFPD Vice and Central Station Officers made seven prostitution related arrests.

Broadway Corridor

Saturday July 14, 2007: Friday July 13, 2007:

Felony arrests: 0 Felony arrests: 0

Misdemeanor arrests: 1 Misdemeanor arrests: 3

Drunk related arrests: 1 Drunk related arrests: 0 Moving violations: 36 Moving violations: 3 Parking violations: 19 Parking violations: 17 Vehicles towed: 11 Vehicles towed: 14

Crimes of Note

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On 7/12/07 at 4 AM, Officers Lynn Masetti, Dave Frias, Oliver, Uang, Brown, Pena, Serrano, Porta, Lovrin and Sgt. Vanderbilt responded to a Burglary in Progress call on the 900 block of Sutter Street. Officers arrived to find one suspect outside, broken glass and a second suspect inside a coffee shop. Officers took photographs and evidence that implicated the men, including the fact that a ten-foot climb had to be made to gain entry. Both suspects were booked for Burglary.

On 7/15/07 at 9:30 AM, Officer Mary Godfrey responded to a call of males fighting on the street at **Post and Hyde.** Officer Godfrey located a suspect sitting on a doorstop and detained him. A search of his person and identity revealed outstanding criminal warrants, a hammer in his pocket and baggies and a vial of suspected crack cocaine. This was a good follow-up investigation to a call of a fight that may have erupted due to drug dealing.

On 7/15/07 at 3 PM, Officer Noel Deleon responded to Al Scoma Way at Fisherman's Wharf to deal with drunken behavior by several men on a boat. The suspects were docked for a few days and their behavior had grown more drunken and rowdy, resulting in a confrontation at a nearby restaurant. Officer Deleon arrested the boat captain and the boat was removed from the harbor.

On 7/16/07 at 4 PM, an 81 year old Asian woman was mugged by a black male suspect, 30-40 years old, 6' tall wearing a black coat or jacket on **Wayne Alley.** The woman was knocked to the ground and suffered possible broken ribs as a result. Central Station is reviewing recent past reports to determine if a series of these types of robberies is occurring.

On 7/16/07 at 7:30 PM, near 900 Hyde, Officers William Toomey and Mike Costello responded to a call of citizens holding an auto burglary suspect. The suspect who was being detained was a white male from San Anselmo. He admitted breaking into the van and made wild claims that he had a van that looked similar to the victim vehicle. Stolen property was recovered, including a GPS system. The suspect was booked after being assessed by Doctors at the Psych Emergency at SFGH.

Update for July Graffiti Enforcement in the Central Police District

On July 8, 2007 - Two graffiti suspects were taken into custody for an attack on property at Hyde and Post Sts. Officers on patrol witnessed the crimes at 2:40 AM. The suspects were booked for three felonies and two misdemeanors. Thanks to the efforts of Inspector Ray Luk at the General Work Detail, the DA has filed cases on these two suspects for their criminal behavior this incident and for a previous incident. Case # 070684822

On July 16, 2007 - Three suspects were arrested (one juvenile aged 15, and two adults both 19) for an attack on property at Jefferson and Mason Sts. The arrest was made after a cell phone caller notified police that the suspects were "tagging" property on the 100 block of Jefferson. Central Station Police Officers captured the suspects at 2:10 AM. They were charged with six misdemeanors and six felonies total.

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Kudos to the witness and caller in these two cases and the Officers of Central Station Night Watch for their quick response and attention to this pernicious problem.

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