

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, December 24, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

Captain's Comments

Happy Holidays!

Thanks for all the support and interest all year long in Community Policing in the Central District. The district is wide and varied with several diverse people and interests. It is sometimes a tough balancing act. If crime were our only focus, it would be a piece of cake. Oftentimes we are asked to weigh in on matters of City planning and event coordination. Sometimes we are resigned to mitigating a situation in hopes of pleasing as many as possible and always with public safety in mind.

I think overall, we have had great successes in managing the district, events, crime and social problems. Events were well thought out and coordinated by Sgt. John Colla and Officers Dwight Lee and Scott Gaines. Lieutenants Al Yee, Jim Calonic, Henry Parra and Bob Moser managed their personnel well. You have read the names of the Sergeants and Officers who do great police work on a daily basis here. When answering a survey on what is going well, I explained that it is a great community to work in. The community wants police in their neighborhood and the police like to work here. When we hold a large event, there is never a shortage of officers who volunteer from other details to come work in the Central District.

Some of our biggest accomplishments include event management, our Citywide lead in the lowest number of Homicides by district, (2), crime management at our public housing sites and our officers interaction with the homeless. We have begun, renewed and continued good interaction and dialogue with several community, civic and private partnership groups throughout the district. We have great relations and communications with property management, neighborhood associations, business associations and security groups.

I will put up our crime statistics when they are in later in January. Until that comes, I would 'guesstimate' that Auto Burglary is our only rising crime. Our Station's work has been cited as the leader in policing a high volume entertainment corridor on a regular basis. I truly appreciate the work of the officers here at Central Station. We look forward to being great in '08!

NYE: Please take public transportation when possible. Events will kick into gear about 10 PM or so. Major events will take place along the Embarcadero, Broadway, Fisherman's Wharf and in pockets throughout the district. Union Square will be closed for annual maintenance. **Plan ahead; after 2 AM, everyone wants a cab!**

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Broadway Corridor

Friday December 21, 2007:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	16
Towed vehicles	12

Saturday December 22, 2007:

Felony arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests made	1
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	21
Towed vehicles	16

Crimes of Note

On 12/15/07 at 1:32 PM, on the 1000 block of Sutter, Officers Jonathan Tong and Carl Payne responded to a report of a citizen following a suspect who had broken into a car. After picking up the citizen, the Officers searched the area for the suspect. With the witness' assistance, the suspect was spotted entering a beauty salon on Geary St. Officers Tong and Payne took the suspect into custody and later determined that he was already on active parole.

On 12/16/07 at 2:22 AM, at Columbus & Kearny, Officers Chris Olson and Brendan O'Connor responded to a report of a fight. An off-duty member of our Department was walking down Columbus with a female companion when he observed a fight involving about seven people. One man was kicking another man who was already on the ground, and several other people were exchanging punches. The off-duty officer identified himself, and ordered the man to stop kicking the individual on the ground. Another person then struck the officer with a fist to the face. When the officer fell, the assault continued. Fortunately, Officers from Central Station arrived quickly and were able to arrest those responsible for initiating the assaults.

On 12/17/07 at 10:24 PM, on the 300 block of Bay, Officers Jason Gallagher, Jessie Ortiz, Chris Olson, Richard Hunt, and Kevin Coleman responded to a reported stabbing. The Officers located a 14 year old victim who had been stabbed once in the leg by one of a group of 3 Asian male juveniles. The motive for the attack was unclear. The victim described the primary suspect as an Asian male, 15-17 years old, wearing a black "hoodie," dark pants, with a black bandanna over his face.

On 12/17/07 at 11:41 PM, on the 1300 block of California, Officers Richard Hunt and Kevin Coleman responded to a report of a trespasser in a hotel room. Upon their arrival, they learned that a woman had been feloniously assaulted after a dispute between she and a friend of her recently deceased husband. The suspect claimed that the victim and her (deceased) husband owed him money. When the victim refused to give him money, the suspect began to choke her. The woman was able to

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escape the room, meet with Officers Hunt and Coleman, and lead them to her room. The suspect was taken into custody at the scene.

On 12/18/07 at 3:41 PM, at Powell & Union, Officer Ed Carew responded to the scene of an altercation between two former business partners. Officer Carew learned that one of the men had struck the other with a pair of nunchaku sticks. This weapon, two sticks linked together with a chain, is illegal to possess. This ongoing dispute reached a temporary resolution with the suspect being arrested for battery and possession of an illegal weapon.

On 12/18/07 at 9:58 PM, on the 700 block of Sansome, Officer Jessie Ortiz met with the victim of an attempted robbery. A couple was walking to their car when the female victim was approached by an Asian male who pointed a small black handgun at her and demanded her purse. The woman's husband yelled at the suspect and the apparently startled criminal ran away, west on Pacific Ave. The suspect was described as an Asian male, 20-24 years old, 5'10", 150 lbs., wearing a black beanie, black shirt, and dark pants.

On 12/19/07 at 1:59 AM, on the 400 block of Powell, Officer Joan Cronin responded to a report of a robbery at a retail store. A store employee saw a subject enter the store and place several cans of an energy drink into a backpack. When the employee approached the individual, the suspect dashed toward the exit and brandished a knife in a threatening manner. With the assistance of another store employee, the suspect was subdued and placed in handcuffs. The suspect was booked for robbery and two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

On 12/19/07 at 2:09 AM, on the 500 block of Mason, Officers Kevin Coleman and Richard Hunt responded to a report of a theft. They learned from an employee of the business that a suspect had entered and stolen a table from the lobby area. Officers Coleman and Hunt broadcast the description of the suspect and stolen item. Within minutes, **Tenderloin Station Officers Daniel O'Brien and Jennifer Hennessey** had the suspect and stolen item in custody at Jones & O'Farrell.

On 12/19/07 at 10:02 AM, on the 400 block of Sutter, Officer Noel Deleon responded to the scene of a bank robbery. A suspect had handed a teller a note, demanding money. Fearing for her safety, the teller gave the suspect in excess of \$1K from her drawer. The suspect took the demand note and money, and fled on foot onto Sutter. Direction of escape is unknown. The suspect was described as a white female, 28 years old, 5'5", 130 lbs., wearing glasses, a dark jacket, and carrying a dark colored "messenger" type bag.

On 12/19/07 at 7:47 PM, at Mason & Eddy, while assigned to our "Safe Shopper" program, Officers William Pon and Tim Buelow observed a narcotics transaction between two men. Upon seeing the Officers approach, one man fled, but the other was placed under arrest and found to be in

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possession of a crack cocaine pipe. Conducting a further search of the suspect, Officers Pon and Buelow found him to be in possession of 9 Clonazepam pills. The narcotics were seized and the suspect was booked on a felony narcotics possession charge. Additionally, the suspect was determined to be on active probation for burglary and narcotics violations.

On 12/22/07 at 9:30 PM on the 1400 block of Taylor, Officers Freddy Alvarez and Lynn Pomatto assisted Officers Kevin Coleman and Richard Hunt in making an Auto Burglary arrest. The suspect was identified by a witness and was found to be in possession of Burglary tools and property from the victim's vehicle.

On 12/23/07 at 12:30 AM, Officers responded to a brawl inside a club on the **2800 block of Leavenworth. Sgt. Ed Anzore, Officers Mike Costello and Chris Anderson** saw 75 or so people milling in front of the packed club and sorted out the incident. One woman was found with a severe laceration over her eye, a result from being hit by a beer bottle by another woman patron inside the club. The altercation began inside the club in line at the women's restroom. Security reportedly escorted the suspect outside where she, and others began to kick and beat the glass doors with their feet and shoes. The 26 year old woman from South San Francisco was booked for felony aggravated assault with other weapon.

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:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly

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Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days Officers Vien Lam and Sam Yuen- Nights
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days Officers Scott Korte, John Ferrando- Nights
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

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 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

On the SAFE Side

Personal Safety Tips

- In the rare event that a stranger who demands your valuables approaches you, do not resist. Your well-being is more important than your belongings.
- Always be alert to your surroundings and know how to reach your destination prior to your departure.
- As you approach your car, have car keys in hand and check inside and beneath your car before entering to make sure no one has hidden in or near your vehicle.
- It is a good practice to let another person know your itinerary for the day and your expected time of return.
- There is safety in numbers. Make every effort to walk with others when leaving a building or location. Walk in well traveled, well lighted streets. Do not take short-cuts through parking lots or alley ways.
- Carry a cell phone with you and keep it fully charged.