

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, December 04, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

Captain's Comments

It's that time of year.

The SFPD MUNI Response Team is coordinating City wide with all districts including the Central, a pick-pocket detail aboard several MUNI lines. Beware of your surroundings in small spaces like Muni, on escalators, in elevators and in crowded stores and restaurants. Those carrying wallets are encouraged to keep them in an inner pocket or under layers of clothing. Purses should not be left unattended, even next to you on a chair.

This week, starting tonight, look for high profile visibility in the form of our Command Van in Chinatown and near Fisherman's Wharf. The van looks like a large mobile home with SFPD logos on it. Officers will staff the unit and patrols will use it as a base of operations in the concentrated areas.

On top of everything else, I received an overnight FedEx package with a check for a sizable amount written to "Inspector Harry Callahan." For those of you who don't know him, he is the larger than life fictional character from the "Dirty Harry" movie series. Some people have way too much time on their hands.

Broadway Corridor

Friday November 30, 2007:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	10
Parking citations issued	54
Towed vehicles	13

Saturday December 1, 2007:

Felony arrests	
Misdemeanor arrests made	
Drunk related arrests made	
Moving citations	
Parking citations issued	
Towed vehicles	

**** Totals not yet available****

Chinatown Vandalism

Chinatown had recently experienced a rash of vandalism in the form of window smashes. Nothing had been taken, only the damage was reported. Victim establishments have been banks, retail stores, and restaurants. The incidents have occurred on the Grant and Stockton Street corridor, between Sacramento and Broadway. The suspect(s) have struck primarily between 2am-5am. In most instances, a rock has been thrown through a window. Foot beat and patrol sector car officers have increased their attention to the area and have worked hard to contact merchants and residents to encourage reporting of any suspicious activity. **On 12/2/07 at 2:42 AM, Officers Joan Cronin and Debra King were**

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patrolling through Chinatown and noticed a suspicious individual. After stopping the man, a 49 year old Asian male, the Officers determined that he had a court issued criminal stay away order, prohibiting him from being in a large section of Chinatown. The subject was arrested for being in violation of the order. There have been no such window smashes in Chinatown since this individual's arrest, and we hope that this arrest has put an end to this crime spree.

Crimes of Note

On 11/29/07 at 3:29 AM, on the 700 block of North Point, Officers Richard Hunt and Kevin Coleman responded to a report of a security guard in pursuit of a theft suspect. The guard directed the Officers to where he had last seen the suspect. After a failed escape on his stolen motorcycle, and a chase through backyards and down sidewalks, **Officers Brendan O'Connor and C.J. Olsen** arrested the suspect near Bay & Leavenworth. The suspect was found in possession of methamphetamine, numerous burglary tools, and stolen property linking him with several burglaries at Ghirardelli Square. There had been a series of burglaries at Ghirardelli Square between 11/21/07 and 11/29/07. Since this arrest, there have been no further burglaries at that location.

On 11/29/07 at 5:27, on the 400 block of Bay, Officers Gary Moriyama and Al Ciudad responded to a retail store where two women had used a stolen credit card to purchase gift cards. The women made the initial purchase earlier in the afternoon, and had returned to the store. Between this time, store management learned that the credit card used to make the purchase was stolen. Officers Moriyama and Ciudad arrested the two women inside the store.

On 11/30/07 at 12:12 PM, on the 800 block of Pacific, Officers Ed Robles, Philip Welsh, Vic Silveira, and Roger Chea responded to an apartment regarding a fight taking place. After separating the involved parties, Officer Robles noticed a homemade firearm known as a "zip gun," sitting on the bedroom nightstand. The gun was loaded, with each of its two barrels containing a live shotgun shell. The firearm was seized and the resident of the apartment was arrested for possession of an illegal weapon.

On 12/2/07 at 1:28 PM, on the 300 block of California, Sergeant Steve Shanahan, Officer Tom Cunnane, and Officer Ed Robles were assigned to a volatile demonstration at the Venezuelan Consulate. The Officers detained an individual who was intimidating people at the demonstration with a large pair of bolt cutters and a pair of heavy duty pliers. No one wished to pursue criminal charges against this individual, but the potential weapons were seized for public safety, and the U.S. Department of State was notified.

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On 12/2/07 at 7:20 AM, on the 2600 block of Taylor, Officer Dave Boyett responded to a business where an ATM had been stolen. The suspect(s) cut the machine from its lock with the use of a torch. Crime Scene Investigations was contacted to respond to the scene.

On 12/2/07 at 12:25 AM, on the 2800 block of Leavenworth, Sgt. Jason Sawyer, Officers Chris Anderson and Michael Costello, and several other Central Station officers responded to a large fight outside a nightclub. Upon their arrival, the Officers met with a chaotic situation involving out of control patrons attacking security employees of the nightclub. Windows had been smashed, a knife had been brandished, and a stanchion had been used as a weapon against the security personnel. Due to his violent and uncooperative behavior, one subject was struck with a police baton and wrestled to the ground. In the end, two individuals were arrested for a variety of felony and misdemeanor crimes.

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
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

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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.