

Central Police Station



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

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

Nine years ago I attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. I spent three months there and have visited a dozen times since then. I still keep in touch with many friends there and have sympathized with them regarding the event that occurred at Virginia Tech last week. I also know that what happened there can happen anywhere. Since the incident we in the Police Department have discussed our response to "Active Shooter" incidents at various venues.

Since I came into the Department we have changed tactics from holding a perimeter until sufficient help arrived to our current policy of forming up first arriving troops to actively engage the shooter. We have trained every member of the department to move toward the threat. The public at risk should determine, based on the situation, to shelter in place if it can be safely done, or to flee in a safe route away from the threat.

One item stood out in the reports I read, concerning the general awareness of the suspect's disturbed mental state at Virginia Tech. One professor apparently had a code word to alert others that the suspect was acting out and police needed to be called. I am no expert, but would say that the Police should have been called long before that point. In the Central District we receive calls concerning individuals displaying some sign of mental illness. In January we detained 22 individuals for psychiatry evaluation. In February there were 23 cases and in March 2007, Officers detained 19 people for transport to SFGH's Psych Emergency Services. Our Officers are trained to do a street assessment and in only a fraction of the calls for service, are individuals actually detained.

Know of any kids, boys or girls 5-7 years old who would like to learn and play T-Ball? Give **Tel-Hi Community Coordinator James Knoebber** a call at 421-6443 at extension 16 to sign up. Practice and games will be played on the black top at Joe DiMaggio Playground **Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM beginning April 24, 2007**. I or another officer from Central Station will be on hand to help out.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday April 20, 2007:

0 Felony arrests made
0 Misdemeanor arrests made
2 Drunk related arrests made
20 moving cites issued
20 parking citations issued
14 towed vehicles

Saturday April 21, 2007:

2 Felony arrests made
0 Misdemeanor arrests made
1 Drunk related arrests made
8 moving cites issued
29 parking citations issued
17 towed vehicles

Crimes of Note:

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On 4/16/07 at 6:15 PM, Officer Kevin Richins responded to **Sansome and Sutter** on a call of a 54 year old Black male who had spit on passers by and groped a woman who walked by and brandished a large knife. As Officer Richins approached, he noticed that the suspect was at a stand off with **Auto Detail Inspector Dino Marcic**. Inspector Marcic **had the suspect at gunpoint and was ordering the knife wielding suspect to the ground without compliance**. Officer Richins seized the opportunity of his blind side approach and tackled the suspect to the ground, taking the knife from him.

On 4/16/07 at 7 PM, employees of a business office at the **200 block of Jackson** reported a suspicious individual on site after the premise should have been locked. The next day they found damage to a metal filing cabinet and a computer had been stolen. The suspect was described as a Black male, 20-30, light complexion 5'9, 170 dressed in dark clothing.

On 4/19/07 at 2:35 AM on the 400 block of Broadway Street, an individual told officers that as he exited a pizza parlor, he was approached by a panhandler. When he refused to give the individual some money, he was goaded by 3 other individuals. The victim got into a cab with his friends when one of the suspects threw a bottle of cognac at him, hitting him above the eye. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 5'8", 175, White 49er jersey, long hair and Gold or Silver teeth.

On 4/18/07 at 9 AM on the 1900 block of Grant Ave, an individual had problems with his garage remote and discovered that someone had apparently forced their way into his garage, stealing several things from his home as well as his car.

On 4/19/07 at 6:22 PM, Officers Nico Discenza and Paul Doherty on Ping Yuen Housing Detail noticed a woman who attempted to enter a locked gate immediately behind a tenant, in violation of the trespassing code. The woman was detained and found to be wanted by Oakland PD for Prostitution.

On 4/20/07 at 10 AM on the 200 block of Post Street, a Middle Eastern male entered a retail store and asked to see expensive watches. The suspect grabbed the pieces and attempted to flee when he was grabbed by the clerk. The two wrestled with the suspect fleeing into a waiting auto but losing his coat and cell phone in the struggle. Officers from the Park and Northern District saw the vehicle a short while later and took up chase. The driver ran from the vehicle, letting it roll into a parked car. The suspect was apprehended a short time later. The watches were not recovered but the Robbery Detail is continuing to investigate.

On 4/21/07 at 2:40 PM, Officer Ed Robles, working off duty at Embarcadero Center #3 investigated a suspicious male wandering in private areas of the building. Officer Robles detained the individual for trespassing and found him to be wanted for an outstanding Burglary warrant.

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On 4/22/07 at 1:20 AM at Sutter and Kearny, Officer Joe Porta responded to a call of a victim of a Street Robbery. The victim told the officer what the suspects looked like and got into his radio car to search the area. Officer Porta spotted the 3 suspects at the unit block of Maiden Lane. All 3 suspects, two Black males and an Asian male were apprehended after attempting to flee into a bar. The victim positively identified the suspects. All property was recovered at the scene.

On 4/22/07 at 1:30 PM on the 1000 block of Northpoint, Officer Mary Godfrey responded to a call of an **Auto Burglary** that had just occurred. Officer Godfrey spotted a suspect who matched the description on Francisco and Van Ness. She ordered the suspect to stop when he took a fighting stance, despite being held at gunpoint. Plainclothes Officers Rogers and Farrelly responded to assist in subduing the suspect. Once secured, Officer Godfrey spoke with the caller, **Retired Idaho Police Officer Freddy Broner**, who said he saw the suspect inside the boosted vehicle, putting items into his backpack. Mr. Broner called 911 on his cell and followed the suspect until police responded.

Finally, on 4/23/07 just after midnight at 150 Francisco, Officer Joe Porta and Christina Pena were flagged down by someone who had seen a 46 year old White male, 5'8, 160 on a bicycle in a private parking lot that had numerous auto break ins recently. Officers responded to the area, detained the suspect and arrested him for carrying Burglar tools and for violating his Felony Parole status.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Central Station: 315-2400
Web: www.sfgov.org/police
(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

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| Captain James I. Dudley | 315-2480 | james.dudley@sfgov.org | |
| Anonymous Tip-Line | 392-2623 | SF SAFE | 553-1984 |
| Graffiti Abatement | 278-9454 | | |
| Graffiti Fax | 278-9456 | | |
| 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: | 850-6416 | Off. Jay Shastri, Off. Bob Cebalo, | |

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| Chinatown Beat: | 315-2400 | Off. Leon Sorhondo & Jonathan Tong |
| Union Square Beat: | 315-2400 | Officer Carl Payne & Dan Gallagher |
| Wharf Beat: | 315-2400 | Officer Pete McLaughlin & Dan Wynn |
| North Beach | 315-2400 | Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga |
| Community Liaison: | 421-6443 x16 | James Knoebber |

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 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 San Francisco Citizen's Police Academy

For more information, including application process, please call Ms.Lula Magallon at (415) 401-4720, or Officer Maria Oropeza at (415) 401-4701. You can also email us at sfpd_citizenspoliceacademy@yahoo.com or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Graffiti Alert:

Day Watch Sgt. Steve Shanahan is Central's Graffiti Abatement coordinator. Each month he collects surveys from the various beat officers to report graffiti to DPW and our own Graffiti Unit within the police department. You can contact Sgt. Shanahan at steven.shanahan@sfgov.org .

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