

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, April 03, 2007

Captain James I. Dudley

Jack Kerouac was first published in 1957, the same year I was born and just before the Giants saw the light and left New York to come to San Francisco. Kerouac was actually an Easterner from Lowell, Massachusetts, where a good friend of mine, **Artie Ryan is a Captain in the Lowell Police Department.** (Sorry Artie, but I have been there and I can see why he came West!) Kerouac was a Catholic, but with a Buddhist inclination and interest who kicked around our favorite parts of North Beach with his satchel of writings. Sorry if this passage seems to be non-sequitur, but believe me, it is all connected. It is on the 50th Anniversary of his first publication, that a clean, well-lighted, romantic alley just south of Broadway and Columbus was named after him this past weekend. There is irony here in that Kerouac died of liver disease at 47 years old after years of heavy drinking.

Congratulations to **Janet Clyde and the gang at Vesuvio's.** I know how hard she worked to transform that old alley just outside her doorstep from the noisy, dirty short cut for cabbies and delivery people to the traffic calming bit of renewed history.

I see this event as one of the first steps to renewing the **Broadway Corridor** to a bright, bustling entertainment area to be enjoyed by all. Just across the way at the corner of Broadway and Columbus at the old bank, new owners are renovating the property for a restaurant to be opened soon. The proprietors are well versed in operating successful area businesses and I wish them well and a speedy opening. The **Velvet Lounge** is going under renovation as well and the new owners are enthusiastic and optimistic and so am I. There is talk of a new restaurant going into the old **Enricos** and other locations in the area. The businesses impacted by the slide are back up and running as well.

How is this related to crime and law issues? It is a proven fact that an area that is maintained and well managed is also a safe place, resistant to those who would otherwise commit crimes there. As the Broadway Corridor has seen a dramatic decrease in drunken and rowdy behavior, our officers at Central Station have been freed to give attention to the periphery, including at nearby Public Housing. We look forward to making positive impact on auto boosting and assaults in the area as well.

Police Community Meeting: Thursday 4/19/07 at 6 pm sharp at Tel-Hi Community Room at 660 Lombard Street.

Broadway Corridor:

Friday March 30, 2007:

3 Felony arrests made
0 Misdemeanor arrests made
2 Drunk related arrests made

Saturday March 31, 2007:

1 Felony arrests made
3 Misdemeanor arrests made
3 Drunk related arrests made

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10 moving cites issued

17 parking citations issued

13 towed vehicles

39 moving cites issued

54 parking citations issued

24 towed vehicles

4/1/07 2:35 hours: One club on the **400 block of Broadway** was cited for having patrons and alcohol served in the premise after hours.

4/1/07 just after midnight, one suspect was booked for Sexual Battery and assault on another patron inside a bar on the **700 block of Broadway**.

Crimes of Note:

On 3/26/07 at 9:30 AM at the Ping Yuen Housing on Pacific Avenue, Chinatown Beat Officer Leon Sorhondo checked out a vacant unit that had been vacated and locked. He found the lock broken and a young Black male sleeping inside. The suspect had been identified and detained in a theft from a truck in the area just last week. He was taken to Central Station where he was cited for trespassing. **On 3/29/07 at 7 PM Officers Mike Kangrga and Steve Uang** detained individuals drinking beer at the complex and booked one trespasser for an outstanding criminal warrant.

On 3/26/07 at 12:20 PM Fisherman's Wharf Beat Officer Noel DeLeon was flagged down by a witness to an **Auto Burglary** on the **2400 block of Powell**. The 29 year old White male suspect fled on a bicycle after breaking into a parked vehicle. In his haste, the suspect dropped a backpack with stolen property. The suspect was nabbed with help from Muni Police Officers at Jefferson and Hyde Streets.

On 3/28/07 at 1:40 AM at a hotel on the **700 block of Kearny**, Officers were called by security holding a prisoner. The suspect apparently broke several locked refrigerators behind a closed restaurant bar to obtain some beers. The suspect was charged with **vandalism**.

On 3/28/07 just after 2 AM at Washington and Stockton Streets, an altercation brewed between a cab driver and occupants of a double parked vehicle. The cabbie honked at the car and 2-4 Asian males alighted from the vehicle and broke the windshield and mirror with wooden clubs. The vehicle took off but the cabbie reported the license plate to **Officers Christina Pena, Jared Lovrin, Dave Frias, Brian Oliver and Derek Brown** who tracked down the offenders in the Bayview District. Officers booked the driver and towed the vehicle for impound.

On 3/29/07 at 6:45 AM, Officer Kim Koltzoff responded to the **100 block of Kearny** and apprehended an **Arsonist** who took a gallon of camping fuel and poured it next to a business and lit it. A witness said the 43 year old White male suspect danced around the fire for a few minutes and walked off.

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On 3/29/07 at 9 AM, owners of a fish company on **Pier 47** reported that suspects apparently disconnected copper pipes from crab pots and stole them. Thieves have been known to take the copper to recycling companies for cash and doing significantly more cost of damage in the process.

On 3/30/07 at 3:40 AM Officers **Derek Brown and Joe Porta** approached the **600 block of Leavenworth** in stealth mode in response to an **Auto Burglary** in progress. So intent was the 22 year old White male suspect on ripping a stereo out of the dash, that he did not notice the two officers watching him ply his trade. The officers took the suspect into custody and located the registered owner. The suspect was found to have bloody hands and glass fragments in his sweatshirt, presumably from the broken car window.

On 3/30/07 at 8 AM, Officer **Severo Flores** responded to **St. Peter and Paul's Church** on Filbert Street on a call of a Black male 48 years old who was known as a frequent trespasser. **Sgt. Ed Garcia** detained the individual at Green and Columbus and found him to be in marked property stolen from the church. The suspect had been seen trying to remove paintings from the walls of the church on previous occasions.

On 3/31/07 just after 1 AM, Lieutenant **Bob Moser** was conducting a walk along with **two OCC investigators** on the **1300 block of Grant Ave.** when he noticed an individual lift his shirt and concealed an 8" dagger into his waistband, covering it with his shirt. A custody search revealed suspected cocaine from the suspect's pocket. Hopefully it was an eye opener for OCC to see first hand what the Officers deal with on the streets.

On 4/1/07 just after midnight, Officers **Jared Lovrin and Steve Uang** responded to Post and Taylor Streets on reports of a man running in and out of traffic. The officers detained the 54 year old White male suspect and pulled him onto the sidewalk for safety. The suspect exclaimed: "You guys are not the cops!" and "I am with the FBI!" (He wasn't.) Officers found suspected base rock cocaine and paraphernalia on the individual and transported him to SFGH Psych screening prior to booking.

Finally, I received a memo regarding frequent calls to an address on **Taylor Street**, many of them "prank" in nature. The resident was heralded in the media recently as doing a 24 hour live Internet broadcast following his everyday life. Apparently his life wasn't as exciting enough, so prank calls were made for Police and Fire response. Future calls to that location will be scrutinized and considered for prosecution.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Central Station: 315-2400
Web: www.sfgov.org/police

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(For Crime Stats, Internet reports, etc.)

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, and Vic Silveira
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	Now taking applications!

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_citizenpoliceacademy@yahoo.com or visit our website: http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=20182.

Graffiti Alert:

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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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