



Mission Police Station

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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Lieutenant's Corner

Submitted by Lieutenant Dominic Celaya:

I hope all readers of the Mission Station Newsletter had a Happy Thanksgiving. The Holiday Season is upon us!

The Police Commission would like to remind everyone in the Mission District that the regular Captain's Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, is still scheduled as usual at the Community Room at Mission Station.

The Police Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday night, Nov. 29th, at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. All are also invited to attend.

There were many different types of crimes during this past week. For example, Officers of the Mission District have been concentrating on Dolores Park, as there have been a series of armed robberies (mostly by the bridge). The suspects are two black males, usually wearing "hoodies".

Please be cognizant of your surroundings and those people around you. If you are accosted by armed assailants, do as they say. Try to get as good a description as you can. If they have masks or cover their faces, look for any significant, distinctive clothing they may be wearing. Pay close attention to their shoes. Many suspects may change jackets, etc., but few change their shoes right after a crime.

Officers from the Mission are also working with Auto Detail Inspectors on paying closer attention to business areas with lots of parking for potential Auto Boosters. As I mentioned, it is the Holiday Season and there is often a spike in that type of crime throughout the City.

I read many reports and it is very clear; if you leave items in your vehicle in plain view, you really invite yourself to be the victim of an auto boosting. Period. If you come back to your vehicle and put things in the trunk, you also take a chance. I always recount the story of when I was a Patrol Officer and made an arrest of a homeless female for some crime.

She recounted to me the story of how she was on probation for auto boosting. She stated how she watched a citizen put some packages in the trunk of his car. She said how he looked around to see if anyone was watching, then closed his trunk. I'll never forget her raspy, sarcastic voice as she cackled, "He thought no one saw, but I saw!" She got caught, but many don't. If you have to put things in the trunk and proceed to shop without at least moving your car to a new location, you're still taking a chance!

Be aware of your purses and wallets in crowded locations and look out for people trying to distract you. Don't leave your valuables unattended for even a moment! That's all it takes. My wife found that out a few years ago



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at a Target Store. Purse in the cart. One quick look away, a look back and it was gone. She was smart enough to immediately notify security and automatically call the 800#'s to the cards, negating any purchases (and I mean immediately!) Her purse was found in another aisle- with the cards gone of course. She was amazed at how quickly it happened from just a quick glance away and how bold the suspect(s) were in taking something so close in proximity to her. It happens with frequency. Again, try to cancel the cards as quickly as humanly possible. I see many reports where the victims will find that the suspects have used the cards within minutes of them being taken. Also, notify the three Credit Reporting Bureaus of the theft so that no one may open any new accounts. The Credit Bureaus will notify you to make sure any new accounts are legitimate.

Lastly, Drive Safely! It is darker earlier, there are many people out, and people are generally in a hurry, or thinking about other things as they walk or drive. And the weather will only get worse. Try to stay alert and aware as you Drive and Walk!

Additionally, the Lieutenant's Report :

11/19/06 1920hrs. at the unit block of Julian Alley, a stabbing occurred. The victim and suspect, who both reside in the same building, got into a verbal altercation and when the victim walked away from the suspect, the suspect stabbed the victim several times in the chest. The victim was transported to SFGH in serious condition. At the time of the police arrival, the suspect had left the scene and no arrest was made at that time. The General Work Detail has the case for investigation. #061235329.

11/19/06 at 1955hrs., at 20th and Church Sts., a White Male victim was walking through Dolores Park when 2 Black Male Suspects approached the victim by the bridge area. 1 suspect pointed a pistol at the victim and demanded his property, which the victim gave up. The suspects told the victim to walk away and the suspects ran. #061235335.

11/20/06 at 0015hrs., at 17th and Shotwell Sts., a vehicle stops in front of the white female victim, who is standing on the corner. A Black Female Suspect then exits the vehicle and punches the victim in the mouth, taking her purse. The victim then looked in the car and saw a Black Male Suspect holding a firearm. #061235987.

11/20/06 at 0205hrs., at 22nd and Alabama Sts., a robbery with a gun occurred. The victim was approached by a Black Male Suspect who produced a gun and took the victim's property. The suspect escaped and there was no injury to the victim. #061236076.



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11/21/06 at 1850 hrs., at 20th and Bryant St. (2243 Bryant), our Gang Officers McDonnell and Espinoza assisted Juvenile Probation Officers in conducting probation searches. Their knowledge of gang members led them to locate a juvenile gang member on the 2700 block of 24th St. they then conducted a probation search of his room and recovered a semi-automatic pistol in a shoebox in his bedroom. The gun was reported stolen out of the city of San Carlos. Another fine arrest and another gun off the street.
#061243178

11/22/06 at 1350 hrs., Officers Griffin and Spagnuolo saw a narcotics transaction take place. As they went to arrest the suspect, he violently resisted and then attempted to reach for his waistband during the struggle. In his waistband, was an open knife. Thankfully, the Officers were able to overpower him and take control of the knife and make the arrest.
#061245685.

11/24/06 at 0350hrs., on the 2000 block of Market St., a robbery with a knife occurred. The Black Male Suspect approached the White Male Victim with a knife in hand and took the victim's cell phone. The Suspect then swung the knife at the Victim and cut the him in the left arm. Thankfully, the injury was minor. The suspect was able to get away. #061250468

11/25/06 at 0300hrs., at 938 Alabama (at 22nd), a Homicide by stabbing occurred. Due to Departmental regulations, no further information can be given. Any further questions can be directed to the Homicide Detail at 553-1145.

11/27/06 at 0334hrs., at 2071 Mission (at 16th), a Shooting occurred. The two victims, a White Male and a Black Male were waking on Mission St. when two Black Males approached from the opposite direction. According to witnesses, for some unknown reason, one of the two Black Male suspects pulled a gun out and shot both of the victims. Both suspects escaped. The victims were shot in the torso and leg areas and were transported to SFGH in stable condition. There are good leads in this case and it is being investigated by the General Work Unit with assistance from our Plainclothes Units. #061259426

11/27/06 at 1913hrs., at 26th and So. Van Ness, our Plainclothes Units responded to a complaint of Latin Males selling drugs. Upon arrival, they saw a suspect who they knew was on parole. As they told him to stop (he started to walk away as he saw our Officers), he ran away. As the Officers chased him, they saw him reach into his waistband area and throw a gun to the ground. He then stopped. The gun was recovered, loaded, and the suspect arrested and a parole hold also placed. Another parolee and another gun off the street due to great pro-active police work.



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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 28th, at Mission Station Community Room: Monthly Captain's Meeting with Community.

Wednesday, November 29th, at Eureka Valley Recreation Center (100 Collingwood at 18th St.) 4p.m to 9p.m.: Police Commission Meeting in the Mission District.

On-Line Reporting

The Department now has an on-line reporting system for the following crimes:

- 1 Lost Property
- 2 Theft
- 3 Vandalism
- 4 Vehicle Tampering
- 5 Vehicle Burglary
- 6 Harassing Phone Calls

Using this system allows you to submit a report at your convenience and immediately print a copy of your report. Additional information is available at the Police Department's website www.sfgov.org/site/police

Contact Numbers

Mission Station:	558-5400
Abandoned Vehicles:	553-9817
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DPT Dispatch:	553-1200
DPW Street Cleaning:	28-clean
Graffiti Hotline:	241-wash



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Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP): 431-7400
Pothole Repair: 695-2100
Street Signs (missing/damaged): 554-9780
Street Lighting: 554-0730
Supervisor Dufty 554-6968
Staffers: Amanda Kahn
Boe Hayward