

PARK STATION NEWSLETTER

Monday, July 30 through Sunday, August 5, 2007

(Below is a sampling of incidents that occurred during the identified week)

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

July 30 2007, 11:34 pm; Eddy at Scott Street

While on patrol, Park Station Officers noticed a vehicle proceed through a "stop" sign without stopping properly. The officers made a "u" turn and followed the vehicle while they performed a computer check. The computer confirmed the car to be stolen and the officers immediately called for assistance. Back units arrived quickly and then the stolen car was stopped. In the ignition of the stolen car was a "master" key. A computer check of the suspect revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for having stolen a car on a previous occasion. The suspect was taken into custody and booked accordingly.

Felon in Possession of a Concealed Handgun

July 31 2007, 06:45 pm; Broderick at Grove Street

Officers from the Gang Task Force recognized a suspect walking on Grove Street who they had arrested two months prior for possession of a concealed handgun. The previous arrest had been in the Roberts Pitts Housing Project. The two officers began to follow the suspect in their plainclothes car. With moments, the suspect reached under his shirt as if checking to see if his gun was still there. The officers got out of their car, and called to the suspect. The suspect immediately began running. As he ran, the suspect tossed a fully loaded semi-automatic handgun on the ground. One officer recovered the handgun, and the other gave chase. The suspect ran up Broderick Street to Hayes, then Hayes up to Baker Street. As back-up officers converged on the suspect, he gave up and was taken into custody. The suspect is a known gang member, currently waiting to be tried on his previous gun arrest.

Warrant Arrest

Wednesday, August 1, 2007; 5:47 a.m.; Alvord Lake

Officers were providing the 'residents' of the park their morning wake up call when they came across a gentleman sleeping like a baby. Not wanting to disturb him, they gently shook him into consciousness, and politely asked him for some identification. Upon happily writing the information down then running a computer check, much to their surprise, the guy had two warrants for his arrest out of Santa Cruz County. Maybe that county will provide the necessities of life that he was so lacking here?

Parole Violation Arrest

Thursday, August 2, 2007; 9:22 a.m.; Alvord Lake

Officers were in the above area when they saw a guy sleeping near the bathrooms. They attempted to check on his well being and found him to be very hostile and aggressive. He provided the officers with his name and no record was found. Not to be fooled, the guy appeared to have jailhouse type tattoos on his hands so they persisted and finally got his real name. They determined that he was a wanted parolee at large with a warrant for his return. In addition they found several illegal weapons and syringes on his person.

Felony Warrant Arrest

Thursday, August 2, 2007; 10:45 a.m.; Sharon Meadows

The beat officer was making a pass through the park when he saw a guy he knew to be in violation of his stay away order from that area. A computer check also revealed two serious felony warrants for his arrest. Off to jail he went.

Felony Drug Arrest

Thursday, August 2, 2007; 10:46 a.m.; Hippie Hill

Two bike cops recognized a dude with an existing stay away order. They went to arrest him and inside his backpack they found suspected psilocybin packaged for sale. He was arrested for the violations and a probation hold was placed on him since he already was on probation for drug sales.

Stay Away Violation Arrest

Thursday, August 2, 2007; 1:36 p.m.; JFK and Bowling Green Drive

They just won't stay away! Officers stopped a guy riding his bike on the pedestrian only path and upon checking his identification, found that he had an active stay away order from that area. Seems he sold drugs there before. He was arrested for the violation. His probation officer was contacted and placed a felony hold on him for the violation.

Felony Drug & Warrant Arrest

Thursday, August 2, 2007; 2:13 p.m.; Alvord Lake

The beat officer was in the above area when he came across another guy violation the terms of his probation (he couldn't stay away either). He was arrested for the violation and upon checking his pockets the officer found numerous baggies of marijuana packaged for sale. He also found lots of cash. He was booked for the violations.

Warrant and Park Code Violation Arrests

Friday, August 3, 2007; 00:35 a.m. to 08:00 a.m.

During the current enforcement and outreach efforts in Golden Gate Park four individuals were located illegally camping in the park. Three were found to have outstanding warrants for their arrest and were booked. All were offered assistance from the Homeless Outreach Team. Rec and Park will clean up the illegal campsites.

Carrying a Concealed Weapon/Arrest

Friday, August 3, 2007; 4:19 a.m.; 100 blk Henry Street

Officers observed an individual riding a bicycle on the sidewalk and stopped him to issue a citation. The officers soon learned that the subject was on probation with a search condition. During the probation search of the subject the officers located a concealed knife. This subject was then booked.

Possession of Heroin and Marijuana / Parole Violation Arrest

Friday, August 3, 2007; 10:00 p.m.; Stanyan and Page Streets

Officers noticed a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk and with several equipment violations. They stopped the rider to issue a traffic ticket. The rider freely admitted that he was on parole. The officers verified the information and conducted a search of his person, which netted a baggie of heroin and baggie of marijuana. The subject was then booked on all the charges.

Malicious Mischief/Possession of Cocaine Arrest

Saturday, August 4, 2007; 4:10 a.m.; USF Campus

Officers responded to report of a vehicle stuck in the grass near Fulton and Parker Streets. They located three USF students, near the trapped car and quickly determined that one of them was the driver. They also noted the substantial damage to the lawn; a felony vandalism. The driver now under arrest was searched and a bindle of cocaine was discovered in his possession. He was arrested and his future at USF is in doubt.

Buy-Bust Operation

Saturday, August 4, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; Alvord Lake, Upper Haight

Park Station officers worked together in a plainclothes drug operation. Officers posed as potential and had no problem arresting 10 different people for felony drug and other

charges. Included in the sweep was a father of two that decided to let his 12 and 2 year-olds play in the park while he plied his trade. Fortunately their grandmother responded to the Station to take custody of them. The 10 adults all went to jail for their efforts.

Robbery Attempt

Saturday, August 4, 2007; 5:45 p.m.; Pierce and Ellis Streets

Victim told officers that he was walking north on Pierce Street when he saw a group of 5-6 black male juveniles hanging on the corner of Pierce and Ellis. Victim said that one of the group asked him what kind of iPOD he had, and feeling that something wasn't right, the victim ignored him and started walking back towards his home. Victim said the suspect (15-17 years, white t-shirt, black jeans) then said, "Give me your iPOD" and reached towards his waistband, indicating that he had a gun. Victim never saw a gun. Victim then ran home and called police. There was no loss or injury.

Weapon Arrest

Saturday, August 4, 2007; 10:40 p.m.; Alvord Lake

The beat officers were passing through the lake when they came across a group (that area of the Park closes at 10:00 p.m.) of people hanging out. One of the group appeared very intoxicated so the officers arrested him. They found a prohibited knife attached to one of his pockets. He was detained until he sobered up and was cited for the knife. The knife was retained as evidence.

Robbery

Sunday, August 5, 2007; 12:52 p.m.; Geary and Scott Streets

Officers responded to the area when witnesses to what appeared to be a robbery called. Witnesses told the officers that a woman was screaming and told them that two suspects (black males, 16-18 years) had just taken her purse, backpack, phone, and iPOD while she was riding with them on the MUNI bus. The suspects were last seen running south on Pierce Street. The victim was never found. No arrests were made

Felony Drug Arrest

Sunday, August 5, 2007; 1:21 p.m.; 1198 Scott Street

Plainclothes officers detained a possible suspect in the above robbery and though he was not identified as the robber, he did have a search condition as a result illegal drugs were found in his pocket. So he went to jail with a request for revoking his probation.

Felony Drug Arrest

Sunday, August 5, 2007; 2:00 p.m.; Hippie Hill

Plainclothes officers were in the above area when they noticed that upon seeing them a guy got on his bike and attempted to leave the area. They stopped him and ran his name through their computer and found that he had a stay away order from the very area he was sitting. He also had a search condition. Upon arresting him they searched his pockets and in the rear pocket found a bag containing suspected LSD. Dude said, "I forgot about that". Off to jail he went.

Carrying concealed weapons, probation violation

Sunday, August 5, 2007; 10:13 pm. Oak and Lyon Streets.

Park Station Officers were on patrol when they observed a vehicle traveling without having his headlights on. The Officers made a traffic stop to cite the lone driver. While checking the driver for warrants and to ensure that his license was valid, the Officers were told that the driver was on probation. When the driver was asked if he had any weapons or narcotics he replied yes, I have a dagger in my back pocket. The Officers searched the driver and found three throwing knives in his back pocket. The driver was placed under arrest and booked at Park Station.