

# Park Station Newsletter

Monday, June 4 until Sunday, June 10, 2007

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

## **Dog Bite Attack/Arrest Made**

### **Monday, June 4, 2007 4:12 PM Buena Vista Park**

Park Station Officers were called to Buena Vista Park regarding a Pit Bull dog attacking another dog. When they arrived they spoke to the victim, who stated that she was walking her dog when a pit bull ran up and grabbed her dog with its mouth. The victim used her hands to pry open the pit bull's mouth, which enabled her dog to escape. The victim noticed that she had suffered a bite mark on her hand and her dog also had a bite mark on its head. The owner of the pit bull retrieved her dog and walked away without helping the victim. When Park Station officers arrived they were able to locate the pit bull owner and her dog. She was placed under arrest and Animal Care & Control took the dog.

## **Vandalism of a Vehicle/ Probation Violation**

### **Monday, June 4, 2007 8:08 PM Beulah & Cole St.**

Park Station plain-clothes officers were flagged down by a citizen who had witnessed a suspect trying to break into a car. The citizen pointed out the perpetrator who was running down Cole Street towards the panhandle. Park Station Officers were able to block the suspect's escape route and placed him under arrest on Page Street. The suspect, a juvenile had some stolen property in his possession and was on probation. He was taken to the YGC for booking. The witness did a great job in keeping an eye on the suspect until he was able to get an officer.

## **Possession of a Machine Gun/Probation Violation**

### **Monday, June 4 2007 8:38 PM 1125 Scott Street**

Park Station officers were called to 1125 Scott St. to assist the Probation Department in conducting a probation search on a suspect who might be in possession of a gun. The officers along with the probation officer located a Tech 9 machine pistol & ammo for different types of guns. The suspect had a gun taken out of his residence in May during a search by Homicide Inspectors, but then wasn't home. This time he was home and was placed under arrest. The gun had the serial number scratched out which is another charge. The subject was booked on several felony gun charges. It's nice to get a very dangerous gun off of the street.

## **Mental Health Detention/ Suspicious Chemicals**

### **Tuesday, June 5 2007 8:41 PM 1870 Fulton**

Officers were dispatched to Fulton Street on the call of a man threatening suicide. When they arrived, the Officers located the man and began to question him. The person said that he had inhaled paint thinner fumes several days earlier and that he has been in pain ever since. He had seen a doctor, but apparently the pain was still present and the man was claiming that he would kill himself to make the pain go away. During their investigation, the Officers had the opportunity to look into the person's domicile, a garage that had been converted to a living space. In plain site were numerous kegs, flasks and bottles. There was a large homemade distillery as well as inexplicable heating sources and bottles of unknown substances. At first look, the entire operation looked like a clandestine laboratory for manufacturing methamphetamine. The fire Department responded along with the Health Department, SFPD Bomb Unit and SFPD Narcotics. When the substance could not be identified, the State Department Of Justice responded and ultimately determined that this was not a Meth lab. Residents who had been evacuated were allowed to return and the original suspect was held for a psych evaluation.

### **Felony Warrant Arrest**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007; 12:11 a.m.; Alamo Square Park**

Officers were driving through the Park when they saw a woman in the playground area. As parks in the City close at 10:00 p.m. they decided to talk to her. Upon identifying her and running her name through their computer they found that the temporarily homeless woman was wanted out of Marin. Back to Marin she went.

### **Felony Drug Arrest**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007; 3:05 p.m.; Oak and Masonic Streets**

Officers were patrolling in the area of Oak and Stanyan Streets when they noticed an older model pick-up truck with paper dealer plates. Knowing that many times people delay putting their license plates on their cars in order to avoid parking tickets they decided to pull it over to investigate. In the course of their investigation they determined that the registration for the issues license plates (missing) had expired in October of last year. While talking to the driver they were almost overcome by the strong odor of marijuana. By law the officers may tow a car that has expired registration over 6 months. They must perform an inventory search of the truck prior to towing. Upon being told that his car would be searched the driver (and sole occupant) of the truck became 'quite' concerned. The truck was stuffed with about a kilo of marijuana, scales, baggies and lots of cash. Hum! I wonder what he was doing with that stuff.....He went to jail for his cargo.

### **Ped Right of Way Operation / Citations Issued**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007; 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.; Beulah and Stanyan Streets**

Responding to the numerous complaints, members of Park Station joined forces with the Traffic Division to cite drivers who endanger pedestrians attempting to cross one of the Districts busy intersections. Park Station officers in plain clothes, acted as civilian pedestrians and walked continually across the street as vehicles quickly approached. Within minutes the first citation was being written. One driver actually stopped to curse out the undercover officer for daring to legally cross the street in front of him. Fortunately a motorcycle officer witnessed the entire tirade. By the end of the operation 56 citations were issued and numerous community members walking by stopped to express their thanks.

### **Felony Drug Arrest**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007; 9:02 a.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets**

A tourist from Washington D.C. was walking past McDonald's when he was solicited to buy drugs. It took the seller two times before she could 'convince' the tourist that it was wise to make such a special purchase. About this time plainclothes officers, recognizing the seller, hid inside of McDonald's to view the transaction. Well the saleswoman went into the restaurant to retrieve the goods from her boyfriend whom was in line for 'food'. Once the trade was made officers moved in and took the whole lot to jail, again. The 'tourist' wrote a statement regarding the incident. Quite a tale it was as he gave up everyone!

### **Felony Parole Violation**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007; 1:45 p.m.; Stanyan and Haight Street (busy place)**

The uniformed beat officer recognized a guy that has an existing stay-away order from the above area. He just couldn't stay away. He stopped the guy and placed him under arrest for the violation. Upon searching him he found hypodermic needles on him. Upon contacting his parole officer a 'return to prison' invitation was issued. He went to jail for the listed violations.

### **Possession of Stolen Property Arrest**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007; 6:00 p.m.; Haight and Ashbury Streets**

A guy let a homeless person stay with him for a few days and on the last day he got home from work and the guy was gone. So were many of his possessions. The 'guest' stole clothes, a

sleeping bag, a digital camera, a game system and games. The victim went to look for the guy and found him hanging out in the Haight. The Victim told officers "I wouldn't have had him arrested if he had only admitted that he had taken my things". The victim got everything back except the game and sleeping bag. Our Suspect was arrested for the crime.

### **Traffic Collision/Driving Under the Influence**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007; 9:58 p.m.; Irving and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave**

Officers from Park Station responded to the intersection of Irving and 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue on a report of a single vehicle accident into the elevated Muni platform. Upon the officers arrival they discovered a red pick up embedded into the platform. The 2 occupants of the truck were suffering from severe injuries. The officers could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver as he spoke. Since he was showing signs of being under the influence the officers accompanied the ambulance to the hospital where samples of the driver's blood were taken for testing. The driver was not booked at this time leaving him at the hospital to recover from his numerous injuries and the case will be referred to the District Attorneys office.

### **Restraining Order Violation Arrest**

**Friday, June 8, 2007; 2:15 .m.; Alvard Lake**

Officers of Park station have worked diligently over the past months repeatedly arresting persons and requesting stay-away orders to keep them away from that drug-plagued area. Today plainclothes officers noticed a guy that had one of those very orders. They moved in and the guy took off on his bike. Shortly thereafter, officers spotted him at 'Hippie Hill' and immediately arrested him. As a result, his probation was violated.

### **Auto Boost Arrest**

**Friday, June 8, 2007; 2:40 p.m.; Stanyan and Parnassus**

An alert neighbor called police after she witnessed two-pre teens smash a car window and steal a purse out of the formerly locked car. She described the two with enough detail that the responding officers had no trouble locating the pair. The witness was then brought to the scene and positively identified the two miscreants as the ones she had seen break into the car. The victim's purse was found along the escape route empty of all contents. Officers took the two kids to the station where one of them told officers that he had to use the bathroom. Officers took the kid to the bathroom where it was later discovered he had discarded the victim's credit cards and identification. Both kids had lots of cash on them. Because of their young age they were given tickets to appear at a latter date at the Juvenile Justice Center (YGC). Sadly they have been arrested for this before. Fortunately the victim got all of her belongings back.

### **Graffiti Arrest**

**Friday, June 8, 2007; 10:30 p.m.; 601 Divisadero Street**

In an area heavily plagued by graffiti it's nice to see an occasional arrest. An officer was driving down Hayes Street when she noticed a guy writing on a window to the restaurant with a big marker. She stopped to investigate and indeed the guy was 'tagging' the window. He turned a sickening color upon seeing the officer. He was issued a ticket, swore he had never done anything like that before, and promised to clean up the damage. He was so embarrassed, having been "a regular customer" of the restaurant that we hope he never does it again.

### **Sales of Marijuana/Buy Bust Operation**

**Saturday, June 9, 2007; 14:30 p.m.; Upper Haight Street Area**

Once again members of Park Station conducted a Buy Bust operation to try and put a dent into the narcotics trafficking in the area. This operation took a violent turn, as the first three drug sellers wanted to resist arrest. One officer was thrown into the side of a building during one struggle and sustained a rather serious back injury. This same suspect had been arrested two other times within the last week and his parole violated on each occasion. So why was he back

out? We have an officer hurt as a result of a violent parolee being let out. After regrouping, these officers developed information that a delivery of heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine was going to happen. The officers established a surveillance of the suspected drop location, then at the appointed time observed the drug delivery being made. They swooped in to arrest this supplier of hard drugs into the area. A significant quantity of the aforementioned drugs was recovered already packaged for sale. In all 5 individuals were arrested.

### **Felony Theft Arrest**

**Saturday, June 9, 2007; 4:15 p.m.; 1750 Fulton Street**

Police were called to take custody of a shoplifter from Albertson's grocery store. Upon doing a computer check of the guy it was determined that because of his extensive theft history that he would be booked for the theft. Normally officers issue a ticket for the crime but in this instance the guy went to jail.

### **Aggravated Assault on Police Officer's / Stolen Vehicle.**

**Sunday, June 10, 2007, 0010am 438 Webster St.**

Police saw a vehicle parked on the sidewalk with a driver inside. They run the license plate and find that a plate has been lost or stolen. As they approach the vehicle, the driver starts to back the vehicle at a high speed trying to hit them! He hits the police car, pulls forward, and backs his vehicle at the officers again! Hitting the police car a second time. The suspect then drives south on Webster, on the sidewalk and sideswipes a tree. He drives to 445 Scott St. where he leaves the vehicle and escapes on foot. Numerous Officers respond to the area as back up and the suspect drops a bag he had in his possession. (Containing I.D.) The bag is recovered by a tracking police dog. A Sergeant makes a photo spread to see if the Officer's can ID the driver of the stolen / recovered vehicle and the one who tried to run them down. In ID was made, and a warrant for this wise guy is forthcoming.

### **Robbery with a Knife**

**Sunday, June 10, 2007; 4:45 a.m.; 500 Block of Clayton Street**

Victim said he was walking home when a black Lincoln Towncar stopped and someone from the car asked directions. The victim approached the car and was immediately surrounded by the car's occupants (4 unknown race males), one of which pulled a knife and demanded his money. The suspect proceeded to cut him to his arm and upper torso. Another suspect went through the victim's pockets and removed his wallet. The suspects then got back into the car and drove off. As they did so they instructed the victim to not call police. Victim waited until 12:25 p.m. to walk into Park Station and report the crime. His injuries were not serious, as he did not need medical attention.

### **Haight Street Fair**

**Sunday, June 10, 2007; 12:00-6:00 p.m.; Haight Street from Stanyan to Masonic**

This year's fair was the thirtieth anniversary, and one that was alcohol free. The even went well as we received many positive comments. A few people were disappointed that they couldn't drink. Overall we had 18 arrests. Five of which were for the sales of baked goods, the kind with that little extra 'feel-good' ingredient. Some people think there's no harm in the sales of these types of goods but two years ago 28 people were admitted to S. F. General Hospital for abdominal stress as a result of ingesting these very same baked goods. So as always, we are looking out for the public's interest when we make these arrests. Another arrest involved a belligerent "kick-boxer" inside of one of the bars, that was going to "kick everyone's ass". The dude was big too. It took only one unassuming, much smaller officer (coincidentally one of our most highly trained defensive tactics instructors) to expeditiously take him to the ground. For which he received a standing ovation. Another group of people tried to do a dine-and-dash. They dined and received a misdemeanor citation. Our Community Forum on July 17 is for you to express your opinion. What did you think?