

Park Station Newsletter

Monday, May 7 to Sunday, May 13, 2007

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

Warrant Arrest

Monday, May 7, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; 300 Block of Castro

Officers responded to a reported accident on the above block. When they got there they found there were no injuries so they facilitated the exchange of information. We do not prepare incident reports for non-injury accidents, unless they are hit-and-runs. Upon verifying insurance and licensing officers discovered that one of the parties had a suspended license, no proof of insurance and should not have been driving. Additionally, he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Off to jail.

Battery

Monday, May 7, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; Carl and Hillway

Two MUNI transit fare inspectors 'busted' a 67 year-old fare evader. They issued him a ticket and instructed him to pay the fare at the front of the bus. He complied and remitted the fare. Upon returning to the back of the bus he passed the inspectors and drove his shoulder into one of them forcing her off balance. The inspectors called police and the evader was issued another, more serious, ticket for battery. The inspector was not seriously injured.

Probation Violation

Monday, May 7, 2007; 9:44 p.m.; 1600 Block of Haight Street

The beat officers didn't make it very far when they saw what they suspected were three people involved in a possible drug transaction. One saw the officer and all three reversed direction away from the officers. The officers decided to investigate and attempted to stop the group. Two of the three stopped but one guy ran. Officers gave chase and caught him a block and a-half away. He told the officers that he "didn't want to get a ticket for drinking in public". A computer check showed that the guy was on probation for drug sales. Officers retraced their steps and found a large baggie containing various prescription drugs, including morphine, and oxycontin. He was arrested for violating the conditions of his probation, a warrant, and running from the cops.

Robbery/ Syringe Used

Tuesday, May 8, 2007; 11:20 a.m.; 1750 Fulton Street

Another shoplifter was seen by store security loading his jacket with a whole bunch of toiletries, 30 items in total. He then left the store making no attempt to pay for said items. Store security attempted to stop the guy and he ran. They gave chase and the suspect turned and pointed a syringe at security and said "I have AIDS, it's not worth your life". He then continued running with security not far behind. The dude dumped most of the merchandise and then attempted to jump into a double parked truck. He told the driver "get me out of here, someone's chasing me". The driver refused so the suspect then pulled the syringe on him and said "I got a syringe, if you don't go I'll stab you". The driver then pulled his keys and jumped out of his truck. That's when the cops arrived and took the guy into custody. He managed to turn a simple ticket into a serious felony so he went to jail. He also had a burglary warrant for his arrest. Officers safely removed the syringe from the street where the guy had dumped it.

Buy-Bust Narcotics Operation; Heroin Dealer Arrested with Citizen Tip

Tuesday, May 8, 2007; 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Upper Haight, Golden Gate Park

Members of Park Station once again conducted a Buy/Bust operation to address the on going narcotics problem on Upper Haight Street and in the Alford Lake Area of Golden Gate Park. This team of enthusiastic officers deployed to the target area and within minutes had their first suspected drug peddler in custody along with a co conspirator. While the second undercover officer was on the street these highly motivated and knowledgeable officers observed a known supplier of heroin driving in the area. This individual had plagued the area for some time. Neighbors had even printed up fliers describing the activity, the individual seller, and his van. The officers realized the significance of this individual and the concern of the community, so they quickly re-deployed, and arrested the heroin dealer and his client prior to a deal being consummated. When arrested, the dealer had 13 balloons of black tar heroin and cocaine in his hand ready for sale. Believing that this was the tip of an iceberg, a dog unit was summoned to search the suspect's vehicle. An additional 11 balloons of cocaine and black tar heroin were found hidden in the steering wheel of the vehicle. To top it off the officers discovered that this suspect had another vehicle towed earlier in the day and it was still in the police impound lot. Believing that additional narcotics would be found in this car the officers notified the Narcotics Detail. Officers of the Narcotics Detail searched the impounded vehicle and recovered additional 44 balloons of heroin and cocaine. After this brief interlude the team continued on, eventually netting 5 more teams of drug sellers. In total, 9 felonious drug dealers were removed from Upper Haight Street and an area of Golden Gate Park frequented by tourists and families with small children. A great job by all involved and a heartfelt thank you to those concerned citizens for providing the information needed to rid the area of this crook. Hopefully he'll stay in jail for awhile.

Passing Bad checks and so much more

Tuesday, May 8, 2007; 3:00p.m.; 1720 Fulton & 20 Franklin

Officers from Park station responded to the Bank located next to the Albertson's on Fulton. Once there the teller stated that a suspect cashed a forged check for the amount of \$3,245. The teller was able to give a description of the suspects and the vehicle they used to leave the area. Another set of officers contacted the Department of Parking and Traffic and were able to ascertain that the suspects vehicle had received parking tickets in the area of the 100 block of Franklin. These officers checked out that block and sure enough here was the vehicle parked. They watched the vehicle for a few minutes and soon a person entered the vehicle and started to drive away. Seeing that the vehicle was used in a crime they made a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was not one of the suspects mentioned in the original theft but was on probation and was driving with a suspended driver's license. The officers responded to her residence down the block to conduct a probation search. Once at the apartment they discovered a wanted subject who also was listed as a person that the Homicide unit wanted to speak to regarding a possible murder case. Inside they also discovered narcotics and nearly 500 credit cards and other identifications. Most of these items were stolen from auto boosts or other burglaries even robberies. The whole apartment was set up to conduct identity theft.

Traffic Accident/ Hit & Run

Tuesday, May 8, 2007; 4:35 p.m.; Haight and Scott Streets

Officers were called to a hit and run accident involving a bicycle and two parked cars. The bicyclist had been riding north on Scott at a high rate of speed and as he turned to go east on Haight he crashed into two parked cars. He did a lot of damage to both cars including smashing the entire front windshield of the second car. A passerby, driving a grey van stopped and put the bicyclist and his bike in to her van and allegedly transferred him to a

hospital. He was described as a white male, 25 years, 6'3", 165 lbs., shoulder length brown hair in a 'mullet' style, the only clothing he wore was a dark bandana in his hair, and purple boxer briefs. Officers found blood at the scene but could not locate the rider. This intersection is extremely problematic with daily vehicle code violations committed by bicyclists. Park station is planning an enforcement operation to target this intersection in light of this latest incident.

Battery/ Theft

Tuesday, May 8, 2007; 5:05 p.m.; Golden Gate Park, near Children's Playground

The victim told officers that she was walking by the Children's playground when she was confronted by a group of people. One of the people (black male) she recognized as someone that she had a fight with several days prior. A woman (Filipino female) approached her and yelled at her. She told them that she was going to call police and the woman kicked the phone out of her hand. She said the female then ran and grabbed her phone and ran away never to be seen again. No arrests were made. The funny thing is the woman had a cell phone in her hand, the same one (#) used to call police.

Burglary/ Residence under construction/forcible entry

Wednesday, May 09, 2007; 3:55 am; 1251-7th Ave.

Good citizen neighbors were awakened by loud sounds coming from a vacant house under construction. They looked out their window and saw lights, probably from flashlights, moving around in the house next door. They called the owner, who instantly drove to the house. When he saw the lights inside, he called police who were just minutes away. The bad news is that the burglar snuck out before the police got there, but the good news is that nothing was taken. However, all the construction tools, which had been previously locked up for the night, were all stacked by the door, as if ready to be loaded in a getaway vehicle. The loud noise must have been the compressor that was moved from the 3rd floor to the first floor!

Domestic Violence

Wednesday, May 9, 2007; 10 p.m.; 1665 Haight Street

The victim and suspect had been dating/living together for over a year without incident. On this particular evening the suspect returned to their hotel room and began acting crazy, as if he were high on drugs. The suspect's actions were so violent and agitated that the victim was afraid to leave the room. The following morning, the victim called the hotel manager and had the boyfriend removed from the hotel and told not to come back. Two hours later, the boyfriend returned. He broke open the door and struck the victim with his fist. The suspect then rummaged through the victim's belongings, found some medication and then left. Officers responding to the call located the suspect several blocks away, still in possession of the medication. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for the assault.

Theft, Trick & Device, ATM

Wed. -Thur., May 9-10, 2007; 10 pm to 5 am; 520 Frederick Street

The owner of an ATM located on Frederick Street came in to Park Station to report that his ATM machine, and consequently several of his customers, had been victims of an ATM scam. Some devious person has been jamming paper into the ATM's money dispensing slot. A victim would use their ATM card, request money but then rather than dispense the funds, the paper would jamb the money back up inside the ATM. The victim would not know to check the money dispenser and would then assume that the ATM machine had simply not dispensed the money. After the victim walks away, the suspect pulls the money out of the dispenser and puts the paper back in. The Owner of the ATM machine reports that this has happened several times a week for several weeks. The thefts are under investigation.

Strong-arm Robbery

Thursday, May 10, 2007; 5:45 p.m.; Alamo Square Park

Victim was working on his laptop computer when he was approached by a guy (Latin male, 17 years) asking for the time. As he began his reply the victim was forcefully struck to the head. The first guy then grabbed for the computer. The victim continued to hold the computer as he was struck repeatedly to the head. The victim fell to the ground, damaging the computer. One suspect (black male, 17 years) yelled, "grab his bag". The first suspect grabbed the bag and fled. The victim gave chase and followed the guy to Fulton and Fillmore Streets where he dropped the bag and kept running. Officers had already been called by numerous witnesses and were actively searching for the suspects and victim. Officers found three suspects matching the given description and got out to investigate. Upon exiting their car one suspect ran away while the other said, "the guy got his bag back". The officers caught the one that ran. The victim was shown the suspects but could not positively identify them. Officers are hoping that witnesses will later be able to identify these young thieves. They were released.

Violence Reduction Operation

Fri. May 11, 2007; 12 pm to 10 pm; District Wide

Park Station officers combined efforts with members of the Departments Fugitive Recovery Enforcement Team, State Parole, and Adult Probation to seek out those in our community who are wanted on criminal arrest warrants, parole and probation violations. These officers searched high and low tracking down these suspects. By the end of the night 18 suspects were in custody and removed from the now more peaceful confines of our district.

Robbery, Force Used

Friday, May 11, 2007; 3:00 p.m.; Grove and Ashbury Streets

Victim had just gotten off the bus and was walking back to work when she felt a tug to the Budweiser jacket that she had tied around her waist. She turned to see a guy (white male, 16-22 years) who yelled, "give me the jacket". Victim had just withdrawn over 900 dollars from the bank and had been carrying her wallet in her hand. As a result she dropped her wallet and another suspect (white male) picked it up and both suspects ran east on Grove towards Masonic. The victim was uninjured. The suspects were not caught.

Robbery, Force Used

Friday, May 11, 2007; 5:30 p.m.; Fell and Ashbury Streets

Victim was walking east on Fell Street. She heard someone walking behind her and turned to look. She turned away and continued walking when suddenly she was on the ground. Someone then began pulling her purse from her grip and when she looked at the person she found that it was the girl (black female, 14-15 years) that had been walking behind her. The girl got her purse and ran off. The victim got up and chased the girl. The victim said she chased the girl for blocks (to Lyon and Hayes) until the girl threw her purse to the ground and said, "Yo, I ain't got your purse no more!" The victim checked her purse and found her wallet missing, she then noticed that the girl had her wallet in her hand. She asked the girl for the wallet and she said "this is my wallet don't touch me". The victim said that a man who had been walking by helped her get her wallet from the girl. The suspect then walked away. The victim received a small cut to her lip and a sore wrist. The suspect was not located.

Theft with a prior, possession burglary tools

Friday, May 11th, 2007 7:24 pm; Mervyn's

Mervyn's security observed the suspect take items into one of the dressing rooms and then exit with fewer items that he entered with. Security followed the suspect as he walked through the store and then exited without paying for any items. When the suspect was stopped they found over two hundred dollars in merchandise in a backpack the suspect was carrying. After the suspect was turned over to Officers from Park station, they found that the suspect had a prior conviction for theft, which changed the charge to a felony. Also found on the suspect were spark plug chips that are commonly used by auto burglars to shatter the windows on vehicles, so the charge of possession of burglary tools was added.

Quality of Life Violation

Saturday, May 12, 2007; 4:43 p.m.; 1700 Block of Grove

Violence reduction officers were in the above area when they saw a guy that they know was on probation hanging out. They stopped him to exercise his search condition. Upon searching him they found a crack pipe in his pocket. They issued him a ticket for the crack pipe and took the pipe.

Quality of Life Violation

Saturday, May 12, 2007; 5:21 p.m.; Divisadero and McAllister

The same violence reduction officers were in the above area when they saw a guy drinking a beer while standing on the sidewalk. They stopped to give him a ticket and when they ran his name through the computer they found he had two felony warrants out of Sacramento County. Back to Sacto he'll go.

Narcotics and Weapon Arrest

Saturday, May 12, 2007; 5:24 p.m.; 775 Corbett

Operating on information from The Rohnert Park Police Dept., Officers from Park Station began surveillance on an apartment located on Corbett Avenue. A suspect wanted in a Rohnert Park Domestic Violence case was believed to live there. After several days the SFPD Officers saw the suspect and took him into custody. The Rohnert Park Police obtained a search warrant on the suspect's apartment based on their domestic violence case and came to S.F. The SFPD and Rohnert Park Officers went back to the apartment on Corbett, and then hit the jackpot. The apartment was full of narcotics and drug paraphernalia, indicating that the suspect was in fact a drug dealer. Also located in the search was a .45 caliber pistol. The suspect is now in custody in Rohnert Park for his original crimes as well as for the drugs!

Marijuana, Sales to a Police Officer

Sunday, May 13, 2007; 12:37 p.m.; Alvord Lake G.G. Park

Two plainclothes Park Station Officers went into G.G. Park on the report of flagrant narcotic dealers operating in the area. One officer rode a bicycle in order to "fit" in, and the other just took a casual stroll through the Park. Within minutes the officer walking was hailed down by a suspect offering drugs. The officer paid the suspect who then walked over to a second suspect and received the drugs. When the transaction was completed and the drugs delivered back to the purchasing Officer, the second officer swooped in on his bicycle and arrested both the seller and the furnisher. The suspect holding the drugs was already on felony probation for selling marijuana in G.G. Park on a previous occasion.