

PARK STATION NEWS LETTER

Monday, September 10 until Sunday, September 16, 2007

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

Robbery/Arrest Made

Monday, September 10, 2007; 5:57 p.m.; Hayes and Divisadero Street

A woman was riding the MUNI bus enjoying her iPod when suddenly a 15 year old girl yanked it off of her lap as the bus stopped. The victim watched as the suspect and several others jumped off the bus and ran away. Fortunately officers were just blocks away and responded to the 9-1-1 call. The suspects were quickly captured and the victim positively identified the 15 year old thief. The thief was taken to YGC.

Burglary/Arrest Made

Tuesday, September 11, 2007; 1:50 a.m.; 1300 Block of Masonic Avenue

Two people were sleeping when they were suddenly awakened by the sound of loud knocking to their front door. They ignored the knocking when they heard their front door kicked in. They called police and then went to investigate. Officers arrived shortly thereafter to find the suspect down on the ground and one victim holding a stick at him. He was arrested and charged with burglary.

Bank Robbery/Arrest Made

Wednesday, September 12, 2007; 5:10 p.m.; 2300 Fillmore Street

Two Park Station officers were in the area of O'Farrell and Pierce Streets when it was broadcast that a bank robbery had just occurred. They drove to Pierce and Post Streets where the alarm in their car sounded, indicating the loot from a bank robbery was nearby. The equipment alerted them to a car coming towards them. The officers stopped the car and arrested the three bank robbers. They recovered the gun used and money from the robbery. These robbers had been involved in a string of robberies including bank, street, and home invasion crimes.

Arson Arrest

Wednesday, September 12, 2007; 10:45 p.m.; Haight and Cole Streets

The beat officers were in area and happened to watch as a man without a home decided to start a fire in the City garbage can. Officers acted quickly to extinguish the can. It appeared as if he had packed the can with lots of wood and kindling so it would burn quite brightly. Perhaps he missed the Burning Man festival and/or was just attempting to relive the experience. He went to jail.

Outside Jurisdiction Warrant Arrest

Thursday, September 13, 2007; 7:19 p.m.; Carl and Cole Streets

A residentially challenged gentleman was sitting down enjoying a brew inside of the MUNI park when the cops decided to 'harass' him. A records check was done and turns out the guy had a warrant for his arrest out of Chico. Maybe he'll be sent back there?

Drug-Crazed Dude Captured

Thursday, September 13, 2007; 10:00 p.m.; JFK and Conservatory Drive

Officers were called to the above scene on a guy acting crazy. When they arrived they found a Good Samaritan sitting on top of a 22 year old man. The man was sitting on top of the dude because every time a car stopped at the stop sign this guy jumped on the hood of the car. The G.S. stopped to help the young man and upon realizing the man was not of his right mind (presuming that he regularly has one) he decided to sit on him until cops arrived. The man was described as having several cuts to his face and officers noticed "his mouth and lips were

covered in dark brown mud where it appeared that he had attempted to ingest soil along the walking path". He was also screaming nonsensical things. All of these led officers to believe that dude was under the influence of a possible (I say probable) hallucinogenic substance. An ambulance was summoned and dirt-man was taken to the hospital for help.

Felony Drug Arrest

Thursday, September 15, 2007; 10:45 p.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets

The beat officers were out and about when they heard the sound of honking horns. They looked in the direction of the sounds and saw one of the locals stumbling across the street against the red light. They stopped him and found him to be very drunk. They arrested him and upon searching him found suspected methamphetamine in his pocket. Once the officers determined his real name (not the lie he kept providing to them) they also found a warrant for his arrest. He went to jail for all of the violations.

Felony Warrant Arrest/ Probation Violation

Friday, September 14, 2007; 1:45 p.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets

Plainclothes officers were in the McDonalds area when they recognized one of the probationers with a stay away order they decided to arrest him. As soon as he saw them he got into line as if to order and when he saw that they saw him he ran. He managed to get out of the restaurant and over several backyard fences before officers captured him. Turns out he had a U.S. Marshall's Warrant that's why he ran. He was also charged with making the cops chase him and not staying away from Haight and Stanyan.

Public Nuisance Arrest

Friday, September 14, 2007; 3:00 p.m.; Haight and Shrader Streets

The beat officer was walking his area when he saw Robert Rawson drunk again stumbling across the street, outside of the crosswalk. I mention his name because he has been arrested many, many times for the same violations. Normally his activities are brought to our attention through some egregious action. So today before he did something really bad he went to jail.

Restraining Order Violation

Friday, September 14, 2007 11:00 p.m.; Alvord Lake

The beat officers were in the park when they noticed someone loitering. This area of the park closes at 10:00 p.m. They identified the guy and found that as a condition of his probation he was prohibited from being in that area. He was then arrested. Officers later found marijuana in his pocket. He was charged with the violations and his probation status was placed on hold.

False Imprisonment, Battery/ Arrest

Friday, September 14, 2007; 11:15 p.m.; 1000 Block of Divisadero Street

Officers were called to an apartment on this block by several neighbors that heard a couple in a heated fight. Upon arrival officers identified the apartment in question and gained entry. The male involved in the fight was very aggressive towards officers and was subdued. The woman advised that she was visiting her 'friend' when he started acting crazy. She attempted to leave and he prevented her from going. She then said he punched her several times to her face. Once told that he would be arrested for the crimes the fight was on. It took six officers to subdue this guy. Once in the police car he tried to kick the windows out so officers had to further restrain him. He eventually made it to the Station where he was booked.

Felony Warrant Arrest/ Outside Jurisdiction

Saturday, September 15, 2007; 4:20 a.m.; Fulton and Divisadero Streets

Officers made a traffic stop on a car that almost hit them and found that the driver had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Napa County. His car was towed and he went to jail.

Resisting Arrest/ Citation Issued

Saturday, September 15, 2007; 7:00 a.m.; 700 Block of Page Street

Plainclothes officers were in the above area when they saw a guy lying on the steps of a church. The guy appeared to be semiconscious so the officer decided to check on his well-being. Upon conversing with the officers he appeared to be under the influence of something. The guy tried to leave but the officers told him to sit down. He refused and once again the fight was on. The officers struggled with the guy attempting to handcuff him. They even resorted to the use of their pepper spray and were finally able to control him. An ambulance was called and ended up taking the guy because his 'eyes were burning and breathing was difficult". He was given a ticket and went with the ambulance. As he was leaving he apologized to the cops for fighting with them.

Attempted Robbery

Saturday, September 15, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; Buena Vista Park

Victim told officers that he was walking on a trail by the tennis courts when the suspect (white male, 26-30 years) jumped out of the bushes. He told officers that the bad guy tried to steal the fanny pack that he was wearing around his waist. Victim said that he fought the suspect off with his cane. The suspect then ran back into the bushes, never to be seen again. The victim went to UCSF where he was treated for a broken finger.

Narcotics Buy-Bust Operation

Saturday, September 15, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; Upper Haight, Alford Lake Area

Over the course of several hours, Officers of Park Station, both uniformed and plainclothes, worked together in an effort to affect the very active drug trade in the upper Haight area. Three officers posed as prospective buyers and had no trouble buying from eight different people. All but one of the sellers were out-of-towners, two up from L.A. and one even coming from as far away as Alaska. The eight were charged with felony sales of drugs. A stay-away order was requested for all arrested.

Vehicle Theft/Strip Arrest

Sunday, September 16th, 2007 5am; 1500 Blk of Fell St

A resident on Fell St. was awakened by the strange sound of tools rattling and a grinding noise. The resident looked out of the second floor window and could see a person stripping a motor scooter in the front yard. The yard was obscured from vision from the street as the house was being remodeled and it had a construction barricade around it. The resident also noted a strange car in the driveway with the doors open. A call was made to dispatch and arriving officers from Park Station noted the car had a variety of burglary tools and the battery to the stripped scooter in the front passenger compartment. The officers found that the rightful owner of the scooter lived just a block away and roused him to notify him of his damaged vehicle. A little investigation showed that the suspect in this caper was an accomplished burglar that has spent little times behind bars in recent years. Maybe the book will be thrown at him this time.

Assault

Sunday, September 16, 2007; 3:20 p.m.; 300 Block of Baker

Victim was walking home when he was approached by a neighbor. The neighbor demanded repayment of some money he had lent to victim. Victim denied owing and was subsequently beaten. He was able to escape his attacker by running and jumping over several backyard fences where he was helped by friendly neighbors. Officers responded and attempted to get the suspect to answer his door to no avail. The victim was only slightly injured and will recover.