

Park Station Newsletter

Monday, August 27 to Sunday, September 2, 2007

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

Auto Break-in Arrest

Monday, August 27, 2007; 2:23 a.m.; Pierce and Page Streets

Officers were called to the above streets on the report of a guy breaking into a parked truck. The person that called 9-1-1 did so only after the dude returned a second time to once again rummage through the truck. Officers caught the guy and found him to be covered in recently smashed glass. He has lots of priors for breaking into cars, and is a commuter criminal as he lives in the East Bay. Hopefully he'll go back to prison for this one.

Park Code Violation; Cite

Monday, August 27, 2007; 3:55 a.m.; Buena Vista Park

Officers tried a different tactic when they cited the parks habitual camper this morning. This die-hard illegal camper has been cited numerous times for the same violation but for the infraction section. Today he was cited for a misdemeanor and given a "notice to appear" and assigned a court date. Hopefully this will bring more attention to this illegal camper.

Aggravated Assault / Parole Violation Arrest

Monday, August 27, 2007; 1:15 p.m.; Alpine Terrace at Roosevelt Way

Officers responded to a reported violent person in the area. Upon arrival, several witnesses and the victim were struggling to restrain the suspect. After securing the suspect the victim stated that he was walking along the street when the suspect attacked him without provocation. The victim stated that he was choked by the suspect and almost lost consciousness and was in fear for his life. The victim managed to knock the suspect off and was struggling with him when the officers arrived. The suspect was on active parole so in addition to the assault charge, a parole hold was placed on him.

Warrant/Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia; Arrest

Monday, August 27, 2007; 5:38 p.m.; Cole and Carl Streets

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress. After arrival, they detained the combatants and quelled the situation. A computer check was made and several outstanding arrest warrants were found for one of the combatants. This unlucky soul was then transported to the Station for booking while his friends were released at the scene. At the Station a "crack pipe" was located on this individual so Mr. Lucky got an additional charge.

Felony Warrant Arrest

Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 7:45 a.m.; Buena Vista Park

Officers were checking the park for illegal campers when they came across a couple sleeping. Upon determining their identities, officers discovered one of the (former) residents had a warrant so he was 'placed' in immediate, albeit temporary housing. The other was issued a ticket for illegal camping and escorted out of the park.

Felony Drug Arrest

Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 3:00 p.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets

A C.I. (confidential informant) provided information to our plainclothes officers of a big-time drug seller operating in the park. With a very thorough description, including his companion, officers responded to the above location and immediately spotted the salesman. Upon being introduced to the officers he told them "I just have some weed on me". "Some" to me connotes a small amount, but not to this guy. Officers retrieved a large quantity of marijuana

all packaged in nice little parcels, no doubt for sale. The dude (Oakland resident) also had a large amount of cash and for some unknown reason a nice little scale in his backpack. He went to jail; his 16 year-old friend was issued a ticket for the small amount of weed he had.

Mental Health Detention

Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 7:40 p.m.; 781 Divisadero Street

The beat officer was flagged down by an employee of the barbershop who told him that there was a crazy guy in her shop. The officer entered the shop and heard the man in question loudly state "feed the children, save the people, God is good". Yes, that's the crazy dude. The officer asked him to leave the store and the subject complied. Once outside the guy told the officer "I'm here to save you" and grabbed the officer by the collar and attempted to push him into the street. The officer grabbed him by the wrist and placed him into handcuffs. The "savior" appeared to calm down so the officer began walking him to his car. Suddenly he pulled from the officer and began to run but the officer easily caught up to him. He then swung around and struck the officer's left eye. The officer had already called for backup and they then arrived. The dude was placed in the police car for a transport to a psych facility. En route he said "Lets jump off the bridge. Will you kill me?" Upon arrival at SFGH the guy continued to struggle so he was placed in four-point restraints.

Felony Drug Arrest

Tuesday, August 28, 2007; 10:30 p.m.; 730 Stanyan Street

The beat guys were walking through the (closed) McDonald's parking lot when they saw a suspicious group of people hanging out. Upon approaching the group they immediately recognized a guy that had been arrested numerous times in that very area for drug sales, hard to believe! They also knew that he had a search condition as a result of his probation status. They asked the guy if he had anything that he shouldn't and he told them that he had an "eighth" indicating he had baggie of marijuana. The officers searched the dude and ended up finding three "eighths" on him. They took him into custody for this violation. Upon placing him in the police car he told the officers "I did a 187 on a cop". 187 is the Penal Code section for murder. He went to jail. And, fortunately, his only priors (lots) were for drugs.

Felony Theft Arrest

Wednesday, August 29, 2007; 2:23 p.m.; 1750 Fulton Street

Store security watched as they saw a 'shopper' enter the store that they had admonished in the past for his sticky-fingers. The last time he walked to the meat department, selected some meat and shoved the packages down his pants. (And, they wanted it back?) They stopped him last time and he returned the meat and the store agreed to not press charges. This time he did the same thing, shoved meat down his pants. He left the store and security attempted to stop him. He ran. They chased and caught him. We responded and discovered that he had priors (lots) for the same thing. He went to jail for that felony. As he had no money he entered the store with the intent to commit the theft, burglary another felony.

Felony Drug Arrest

Wednesday, August 29, 2007; 2:44 p.m.; Sharon Meadow

Officers came upon a dog tied to a suitcase and asked a group to whom the dog belonged to. A guy came forward and the officers advised him of the violation. They obtained identification from the dude and found that he was prohibited from being in the area. The told them that they would be arresting him for the violation and gathered up his belongings. One of his belongings was a basket filled with approximately 30 strange looking wrapped cookies. Attached to the basket was a sign that read "ganja cookies". Oops. And, the cookies appeared to have lots of marijuana baked into them. He told the officers "I just sell them to people with serious medical needs." He went to jail.

Narcotics Buy-Bust Operation

Thursday, August 30, 2007; 2:00 p.m.; Upper Haight Street / Alvord Lake

Park Station Officers joined forces with members of the Narcotics Division to address the ever-present drug trafficking in the area. Within minutes of deployment the first drug seller was in custody. Pressing on this group of diligent officers ultimately arrested 8 drug sellers, mostly out of towners here for the "Summer of Love."

Violence Reduction Operation

Friday, August 31, 2007; 12:00 p.m.; District Wide

Park Station Officers joined forces with members of the departments FRET unit, State Parole and the US Marshals to locate and arrest parole and probation violators and individuals with outstanding criminal arrest warrants. By the end of the day 22 subjects were arrested for a variety of charges, including three parole violators, one probation violator and a registered sex offender.

Violation of Probation

Saturday, September 1, 2007; 11:46 a.m.; Ellis at Pierce Streets

Park Station beat officers were on patrol in the area of the Western Addition Housing Projects when they noticed a carload of gang members cruising the neighborhood. They recognized the driver as a young man who didn't have a driver's license, and made a traffic stop on the vehicle. As the officers approached the driver, they could see that all five occupants were known gang members who had recently been evicted from MLK/Marcus Garvey Housing. Four of the offenders had "stay away" court orders which prohibited them from being in the area. It was the intent of these young men to return to the area in an effort to reinstitute their old gang which Park Officers had worked so diligently to dissolve. Four of the five suspects were taken into custody and booked for violating their court orders, effectively ruining any opportunity that they might have had to reform their gang (The Knock Out Posse). It was far too difficult to rid the neighborhood of these gang members in the first place to allow them the opportunity to start over again with another group of impressionable youth!

Armed Robbery w/Shotgun/Arrest

Saturday, September 1, 2007; 11:21 p.m.; Alma/Cole St.

Two subjects one of whom was armed with a shotgun accosted a couple walking home. The suspects pointed the shotgun at the victims and demanded their money. The victims did the smart thing and gave up their possessions. The suspects then drove off. The victims called 911. Park Station officers arrived within a minute and interviewed the victims who were visibly upset. The victims gave the officers a great description of the suspects and their vehicle (get away car). Ten minutes later officers on Market St. located the suspects in front of 1035 Market St. The victims then were taken to the suspects location, where the positively identified the subjects as the persons who robbed them. The items that were taken from them were recovered and the officers located the shotgun that was used. This arrest was possible because the victims didn't panic, the responding officers put out a great detailed description, and the officers from Tenderloin Station being diligent. Great job on all involved.

Stolen Moped/Arrest

Sunday, September 2, 2007; 3:00 p.m.; 1543 Haight Street

An employee of a business on Haight Street had called the police on Aug. 26th to report that someone had stolen his Moped motor scooter. The Moped had been customized and was extremely unusual in its design. On today's date, the victim called Park Station to report that he had seen his Moped for sale on the Internet. A Sergeant at Park Station called the listed

phone number and contacted the seller. The Sergeant cleverly obtained the suspect's true name and then agreed to meet with him to look at the Moped. A computer check revealed that the suspect had been arrested on prior occasions for theft. Two Park Station plainclothes officers went to the suspect's house in the Mission posing as the victim and her boyfriend. The suspect presented them with the stolen Moped and told the officers that he had done all the custom work on the moped himself. The Moped had been repainted and had some decals removed, but the officers knew that it was the same stolen Moped! The suspect, along with another accomplice, agreed to sell the moped to them. As soon as the agreement was made, the suspect and his accomplice were taken into custody and subsequently booked for possession of stolen property.