

Park Station Newsletter

January 23, 2006 to February 5, 2006

Attempted Burglary Leads to Arrest of Drug Addict

Monday, January 23, 2006; 2:35 P.M.; 300 block Roosevelt Way

Numerous Park Officers responded to a report of a man breaking into a resident's house. On arrival the Officers put out a description of the suspected burglar riding a bicycle. The suspect was found fleeing from the area and detained. For officer safety a pat down search was conducted which resulted in the discovery of a knife, burglary tools and a pipe for smoking methamphetamine. The victim of the attempted burglary told the Officers that he heard a banging noise at the front gate and thought someone was trying to force their way into his house or steal his bike that is chained to the front gate. On opening the front door he saw the burglar run away and phoned 911. The victim was shown the suspect we had in custody for the knife and burglar tools, but was unable to make a positive identification. The subject was arrested for the mentioned misdemeanor violations and a subsequent search resulted in finding him in possession of powder suspected to be methamphetamine and property belonging to two other persons. With the spiked increase burglaries in our district it is felt that a zero tolerance attitude be maintained towards the drug addicts lurking in the neighborhood.

Attempted Robbery at Kezar Stadium Leads to Arrest of Fugitive

Monday, January 23, 2006; 5:35 P.M.; 1150 Arguello Blvd

Numerous Park Officers flooded the area south of Kezar Stadium when a father of a teenager who was working out at Kaiser Stadium observed his son being robbed and dialed 911. The Dad called in the direction of the suspect's flight as he followed him and kept dispatch advised on his cell phone. The police stopped the young robber, as he was just about to board a Muni bus on Carl Street and make good his escape. The Dad and son and witness all made positive identifications of the suspect being detained. It turned out that the would-be robber was wanted out of Los Angeles for a no bail warrant and to complicate the legal tangle was also in possession of marijuana without a valid cannabis club card.

Burglary of Vehicle: Arrest Made

Tuesday, January 24, 2006; 00:01 A.M.; Scott/Fell Streets

A passing motorist called the police after witnessing the Suspect cutting the roof of a convertible and breaking into the vehicle. Officers quickly arrived on the scene and saw the Suspect still rummaging the inside of the car. After he was ordered out and detained, the Suspect denied owning the car and spontaneously commented, "I'm sorry...I shouldn't be doing this anymore." A search of this bumbling thief yielded some burglary tools and an iPod device. The officers later discovered this felon to be concurrently active on county probation and state parole!

School Burglary

Tuesday, January 24, 2006; Between 7:15-8:00 p.m.; 1351 Haight Street.

As if the schools weren't having enough troubles, some shortsighted thief decided that he should own all of the school computers, not the kids. Somebody (maybe more than one) broke into the principal's office at Aim High Academy and stole 35 Apple iBook computers, worth approximately \$50,000. During the theft, the school custodian heard someone in the principal's office and called school security. School security then called police. Officers responded, including a search dog, and were met by the custodian. The building was searched and the suspects, along with the computers, were gone.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A SKATEBOARD

Wednesday, January 24, 2006; 9:10 P.M.; 1821 Haight Street

Officers responded to Haight and Stanyan Streets on a report of an assault. Upon arriving they located the victim who told them he attempted to collect an outstanding debt of five dollars from a known suspect. The victim told the officers that his request for his five dollars to be paid back resulted in a verbal argument inside a commercial business. The argument continued outside while a crowd gathered around the combatants. The victim said that before he knew it the suspect had struck him in the head with his skateboard, causing a laceration to the left side of his head. The victim told the officers that the suspect fled into the McDonalds parking lot where he lost sight of him. The officers immediately summoned medical help for the victim. Numerous officers from Park Station responded to the immediate area in an attempt to locate the suspect, but they were unsuccessful.

Felony Warrant Arrest

Wednesday, January 25, 2006; 9:15 a.m.; Sharon Meadows.

An officer was driving through the park when he saw a dog off leash; it was an on leash area. The officer inquired as to whom owned the dog and upon identifying the owner found that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and the dog placed with a friend. At the station the dude was found to be in possession of narcotics for sale.

Felony Narcotic Arrest

Wednesday, January 25, 2006; 1:44 p.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets.

Officers saw one of the usual suspects in the above area having arrested him before. Well as soon as our outlaw saw the plainclothes cops he got the deer in the headlights look and took off on his bike, riding away from the officers. The officers caught up with the guy and a computer check showed outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was searched for weapons and officers found a large knife secreted within his pockets. At the station he was found to be in possession of a large cache of drugs. One baggie was full of candy laced with LSD, at least we got the "candy" and not any of the hundreds of children that use the park. He also had lots of other drugs packaged for sales. Maybe he'll do some time on this one, probably not.

Felony Warrant Arrest

Wednesday, January 25, 2006; 6:00 p.m.; Oak and Cole Streets.

Officers went to the above location on the report of homeless people harassing passers-by. They got there and found a group of local homeless partying as usual. They were not happy being 'harassed' by the cops. A computer check showed that one of the visiting homeless was wanted so badly that he will be going all the way back to Manhattan as a result of an outstanding warrant. It's very unusual that a jurisdiction that far away will actually extradite a fugitive. Must be a bad dude! He won't be missed as we have enough of our own desperados.

Warrant Arrest

Wednesday, January 25, 2006; 6:42 p.m.; 1800 Block of Golden Gate Avenue.

A woman was screaming so neighbors called police. Officers got there and found the described person. It was some type of argument and as it turned out the woman had two warrants for her arrest. The argument ended, nobody was injured and she was taken to jail.

Felony Stupid Arrest

Thursday, January 26, 2006; 6:30 p.m.; 1800 block Haight Street.

Our local beat officer was called to the above block of Haight Street, surprisingly, on the report of drugs being sold. While conducting an investigation at the above address a 'rocket scientist' walked by the uniformed officer lighting and smoking a big pipe of marijuana. Right out of a Cheech and Chong movie the guy walks out of his cloud of smoke and into the officer's handcuffs as he was now under arrest. Dude was carrying a backpack that the officer searched. Inside was found enough drugs to rival any pharmacy. He had, of course, the usual massive quantity of marijuana, but he also had 44 pills of Klonopin, alas without a prescription. Also found were packaging for sales materials comprised of a scale, baggies, and ties. Finally, this officer found used and clean needles and cooking spoons consistent with heroin use. Other officers took him to the station for booking and while en route noticed the guy was very fidgety. At the station one officer noticed that the guy's hands were clenched in a fist and instructed him to open his hands at which time was found six balloons heroin. What was he thinking? He must have been high!

Felony Warrant Arrest

Thursday, January 26, 2006; 8:05 p.m.; 700 Block of Cole Street.

Officers went to a house on the above street to serve a newly issued warrant. They got there and the subject of the warrant (recognized by the officers) walked out his front door and into the hands of the police. It was the easiest arrest they have ever made.

Felony Drug Arrest

Friday, January 27, 2006; 7:21 a.m.; Alvord Lake.

Park Station plainclothes officers were in the above area, known for narcotics trafficking, when they saw a guy that they have previously arrested for drug sales. At the time of that arrest he was told that he could not legally hang out in that area because of rampant drug sales. This time they stopped the guy and found that he had a large knife concealed beneath several layers of clothing. They placed him under arrest. Surprisingly he didn't heed their warning after the last arrest and this time he had a large quantity of marijuana packaged for sale on him. He also had all the 'tools' needed for the use of heroin. Back to jail he went, no lesson learned.

MUNI LRV Collison

Friday, January 27, 2006; 1:54 p.m.; Duboce tunnel, Duboce and Noe Streets.

A 28-year-old woman walked into the MUNI underground tunnel and was tragically struck by an LRV. The woman was in critical condition.

Attempted Robbery

Friday, January 27, 2006; 9:58 p.m.; Haight and Stanyan Streets.

Victim was walking, with her baby in a stroller, in front of McDonald's when a suspect (described as a white male, 24 to 25 years, 5'4", 160lbs, wearing a black jacket, black baseball cap, khaki pants, and white tennis shoes) grabbed her cell phone. He was not able to immediately gain her phone so he pushed her backwards. She did not lose her balance and was able to get away from the would-be robber. Victim reported no loss and no injuries.

Sex Offender Failing to register and Park Code Violation

Sunday, January 29, 2006; 10:25 A.M.; Alvord Lake.

Officers noticed an individual seated on a planter box inside Golden Gate Park and in possession of a slingshot, a violation of the City's Park Code. The officers stopped to

investigate. The suspect became belligerent and refused to comply with the officer's lawful directions. Assistance was summoned to restrain and disarm the subject. A computer check was made which revealed that this individual was a registered sex offender in Illinois but had failed to register as required in California. This reprobate was then booked.

Marijuana Arrest

Sunday, January 29, 2006; 4:48 P.M.; Pierce and Ellis Streets.

Two Officers working the Park District's Operation Violence Reduction observed a vehicle with a cracked windshield cruising the Western Addition's Eddy Street corridor where drive by shootings have occurred in the recent past. The observant Officers decided to stop the vehicle for the vehicle violation involving the cracked windshield. The vehicle emitted a strong odor of marijuana prompting the Officer to inquire if there were drugs in the car. The driver quickly pointed out where all the drugs were hidden in the vehicle. The passenger admitted to being on parole for shooting some people in Oakland. The Officers cited the driver (the weight of the marijuana was equal to a misdemeanor offense), confiscated the drugs and thanked the driver and passenger for their cooperation.

Fugitive Arrested

Monday, January 30, 2006; 6:23 P.M., 234 Cole Street

Park Officers responded to the residence of a man wanted on two felony warrants for dealing drugs, bail \$70,000. The Officers being patient waited for the man to leave his residence and quickly reminded him of his missed court dates. The fugitive became quite contrite peacefully going with the Officer to jail and ultimately to court to make his sincere apologies known. That's the fate of a fugitive who has become quite popular with the local constables.

Fugitive Arrested

Tuesday, January 31, 2006; 12:25 P.M., 1705 Haight Street

Park Officers responded on a report from an anonymous woman that a man was masturbating with his pants down to his ankles. Following the directions of the disgusted women they arrived at the location given to observe the man she described with his pants pulled up. The man was wanted for a small warrant issued for the crime of cheating the pay phone. The man seemed indignant that the women took exception with what he deemed to be normal conduct. Part of that conduct was drinking in public, so our Officers only charged him with possession of the open alcoholic container & his warrants. They could not charge the masturbating in public as his misdemeanor was not committed in their presence and the anonymous woman was gone. Without her signing a citizen arrest card they could not charge the indecent exposure.

VICTIM WANTED - IF KNOWN HAVE HER CALL ROBBERY DETAIL

Purse-snatcher Arrested

Tuesday, January 31, 2006; 18:00 P.M., 500 Baker Street - Laundromat

Park Officers responded to several reports of a women chasing a man and screaming, "Stop that man". Okay this gets complicated but here is the story we pieced together from several witnesses. A white female 30 years old with long dark brown hair in a ponytail wearing a heavy white sweater and further described as fast on her feet was folding her laundry inside the Laundromat. As a young man walked into the laundry he covered his head with the hood of his sweater jacket keeping his head down to conceal his face. He walked behind the woman and grabbed her purse, which she had place on the floor next to where she was standing and ran out. A witness as to what happened alerted the woman and she immediately reacted by charging after the young man with her purse. She immediately gathered a posse as she ran screaming after the thief. Another witness was driving along looking for a parking

space when she noticed the man being chased by the screaming woman. This brave female witness followed the purse-snatcher in her car. At one point the young thief stopped and hid in a doorway 734 Masonic to remove his sweater jacket and thus alter his clothing appearance. The woman continued to call in the suspect's location and description as he walked to Fulton and Masonic, where she lost sight of him. Within a minute our Officers spotted the young man now wearing a very distinctive gray sweater with two stripes in each sleeve. The thief was detained and on locating the mobile witness she was brought to view him. The witness positively identified the young man as the one she saw the victim chasing. Back at the Laundromat it was learned that the victim caught up to the young purse-snatcher and recovered her purse intact when he threw it into the sidewalk bushes. The Victim had then returned to the Laundromat picked up her laundry and walked home. She apparently was unaware that another witness had followed the thief and that the police had arrested him. We located a few more witnesses to this incident but as of this writing have not identified our victim. There is an old axiom in police work, "No victim no crime". We left a note on the Laundromat bulletin board asking this victim to call us. We contacted the press and requested they put out a public service message that we needed this victim to call our robbery detail. Last but not least we write about this incident in the hopes that one of our readers might know whom the fast running Laundromat lady is. The suspect who recently finished his parole was charged with grand theft and burglary. Funny thing is he entered the Laundromat to steal a woman's purse and lost his clothing, which was confiscated as evidence. If the victim is not found that may be the only bit of justice to come out of the incident.

Mass Arrest of Marijuana Dealers

Wednesday, February 1, 2006; 2:00 P.M., Haight and Stanyan Streets

Park Officers and several undercover Officers from Narcotics Detail converged on this area that is known as the golden marijuana and pharmaceutical triangle. The result of the Officers 90 minute effort (not including time to write the reports, book the evidence & prisoners) was **seven felony arrests** charging all with conspiracy and sale of marijuana. One poor guy was charged for violating his stay away order from this area and bemoaned for not listening to the judge's warning. This is not the first time this type of operation has been run in the vicinity and each time the results are very similar.

Hot Prowl (somebody was home) Burglary

Wednesday, February 1, 2006; 8:00 p.m.; Unit Block of Upper Terrace.

Victims came home and heard some loud sounds coming from a room above them. They were startled when a subject (described as a black male wearing a black puffy jacket, black jeans, and black beanie style hat) came bounding down their stairs on his way to their garage. While still in shock three other subjects, same description, came running down their stairs on their way to the garage. All four suspects left the house via the garage. One roommate was home during the burglary but only heard the running down the stairs. The loss so far was small consumer electronics. Nobody was hurt.

Armed Robbery with a gun Arrest

Wednesday, February 1st, 2006 10:15 pm; U.S.F, Turk & Annapolis.

A student of Kendrick Hall had just finished his work in the law library and was walking home to the Lone Mountain Village when three African-American males accosted him. The victim had noted two of the suspects on Fulton St when he left the law library. The victims' walk home took him through darkened areas of the campus. As he was on the stairs of Lone Mountain just off Turk St, the three assailants surrounded him. One of them brandished what looked like a stainless steel pistol at the victims' chest. The suspects told the victim that they were going to

take his laptop computer.... "Hand it over or you will be shot". The victim pleaded to be allowed to take the memory card. The gun was thrust further towards the victims' chest. A second suspect struck the victim from behind with an unknown object causing him to fall to the ground. The computer, backpack and cell phone was taken and the three suspects fled. The victim quickly notified campus police who in turn relayed the robbery information to SFPD. Numerous units from Park Station responded to the area. The victim supplied a description of the gun-wielding thug as an African-American male wearing a grey sweatshirt. One of the Park Station units saw a man matching the description in a vehicle, which was turning onto Turk St from Annapolis. A traffic stop was made and campus police took the victim to the area. A positive identification was made and all four occupants of the vehicle were taken to Park Police Station for further investigation. The gun, computer, backpack and cell phone was all recovered. A footnote to this story is that some loot from the hot prowl burglary on Upper Terrace was also found in the car. Park Station Officers were quick to recognize the bounty from the previous crime. Burglary Inspectors will be having a "Chat" with these lads right after the Robbery Inspectors get through with them.

Parole at Large Arrest

Thursday, February 2, 2006; 1:20 a.m.; 501 Stanyan Street.

Officers were patrolling the area of McLaren Lodge due to the incidents of vandalism, drug uses and illegal lodging. The Officers noted two individuals loitering near the building and stopped to investigate. They quickly determined that one of these subjects had an outstanding arrest warrant for violation of parole. He was then booked.

Warrant Arrest

Thursday, February 2, 2006; 7:35 a.m.; 1850 Haight Street.

Part of an Officers responsibility is to be aware of local miscreants who have criminal warrants for their arrest. Officers observed one such individual lurking about unopened businesses, apparently waiting for his drug connection. Armed with the knowledge that this subject was wanted for sales of drugs, the officers were quickly able to arrest this individual prior to him setting up for his drug distribution activity. The officer's specific knowledge of local criminals removed a problem from our District.

Felony Drug Arrest

Thursday, February 2, 2006; 6:10 p.m.; 1827 Haight Street.

Our ever present, uniformed, beat officer was making his rounds in the above area when he saw two guys walking towards him. Not four feet from him they exchanged drugs for money. Not believing his eyes he stopped and detained the two. Both the buyer and seller were taken to the station. While there the buyer wrote a statement regarding the purchase he made, he was then released. The seller was arrested for the sale and other contraband that he had in his possession. The seller told the officer that he was new to the area and the drug trade. The officer advised him that perhaps he should chose another profession, as it appeared that he had not mastered this one.

Hot Prowl (somebody was home) Burglary / Robbery Force

Thursday, February 2, 2006; 6:38 p.m.; Unit Block of Belvedere.

As a lone female was pulling her car into her garage she was confronted by one of three suspects. The suspect pulled the garage door closed and accosted the victim. The victim attempted to fight off the suspect. Another suspect then opened the garage door picked up the victim's backpack and assisted the first suspect in subduing the victim. The second suspect also took the victim's wallet from her pants pocket. The victim screamed and punched

the first suspect several times, after which the suspect pushed her to the ground and hit her several times in the face. The suspects then fled. Witnesses responding to the victim's screams for help called 911 and provided additional information on the suspects. A possible suspect was detained and subsequently cited for an unrelated charge. Inspectors will be actively investigating this case.

Burglary, Hot Prowl

Friday, February 3, 2006; 8:15 a.m.; 1100 Block of Fell Street.

Victim leaves his house, locks his front door, and upon his return finds out that someone entered his room and stole his laptop computer, digital camera, and money. The victim realized that the back door might not have been locked. It also turns out that the victim's roommate was at home and sound asleep during the incident.

Robbery, Commercial Establishment (Pot Club)

Friday, February 3, 2006; 1:10p.m.; 1326 Grove Street.

Victims were in the closed store, preparing inventory when they heard a knock at the front door. One victim went to answer the door, closing the inventory room door behind him. He saw through the front door that it was a former employee, known only by his first name (described as "Moe" a black male, 25-30 years, 6'5", 300lbs, wearing a "hustler" print T-shirt, and black clothing). "Moe" entered the store and was immediately followed by two other subjects (described only as black males). The victim said one appeared to have a gun and ordered him to the ground. The other victim, in the back of the shop, saw what was happening on CCTV and jumped out a side window. He then called police. The suspects fled, but not before stealing a very large quantity of marijuana and cash.

Commercial Robbery-Shoplifting/Arrest

Friday, February 3, 2006; 5:58 p.m.; 1750 Fulton Street.

A 16 year-old 'kid' (he looked much older), goes into Albertson's grocery store and steals a bottle of alcohol. He leaves the store with the bottle hidden in his clothes when a uniformed store security officer confronted him. The guard told the suspect to "just give me the bottle" and he could leave. The guard attempted to remove the bottle from the guy's coat and the fight was on. The suspect removed the bottle and forcefully smashed it over the guard's head. The guard fell to the ground in a pool of blood as the 'kid' fled the scene. An ambulance and officers responded to the scene and rendered aid. The victim was taken to the hospital for a serious head injury. Officers captured the suspect shortly thereafter; the 'kid' appeared to show no remorse as he awaited his charges.

Felony Drug Arrest

Saturday, February 4, 2006; 2:21 p.m.; Alvord Lake.

Plainclothes officers were conducting an investigation in the above area and noticed that three guys had been involved in what looked like drug transactions each time they passed (ten times). Once finished with their original investigation they went to check out the three. The three panicked upon seeing the officers and attempted to discard their 'stuff'. Unsuccessful in their attempts, officers recovered drugs packaged for sales and determined that one of the guys had a warrant out of San Benito County. Off to jail they went.

Graffiti and Warrant Arrest

Saturday, February 4, 2006; 4:30 p.m.; Stanyan and Waller Streets.

Somebody flagged officers down to tell them that someone was spray painting the garbage can at the above location. Officers found two people standing by the freshly tagged garbage

can. One of the 'artists' was holding a can of spray paint and had the same color paint on her hands that was on the garbage can. She told officers that she could clean it off and grabbed a cloth for the ground. She proceeded to smear the large quantity of paint around the garbage can. She also has a stay-away order from the above location, must have been a problem in the past. Her friend had a felony warrant for his arrest. Both were taken to Park station and booked for the charges.

Felony Drug Arrest

Saturday, February 4, 2006; 10:41 p.m.; Haight and Clayton Streets.

Uniformed officers were walking in the above area when they saw a guy riding his bike on the sidewalk (a very minor violation). Once dude saw the cops he immediately got off of his bike and started walking on foot. Officers stopped him to cite him and a computer check showed that because of prior arrests they could search him. They did and found lots of marijuana in his backpack packaged for sale. They arrested him.

Dangerous Drug Possession, Warrant Arrests, Park Code Violation

Sunday, February 5, 2006; 4:00a.m.; Golden Gate Park.

In the early morning hours, Officers responded into Golden Gate Park to conduct out reach and enforce the Park Code violations on individuals camping within. During the operation 17 individuals were located and provided information for temporary shelter and Operation Homeless connect. These individuals were also cited for the applicable Park Code violations. One subject was booked for outstanding warrants and another was booked for possession of methamphetamine. The areas of the park that required attention from Rec and Park were noted and the information forwarded for action.

Sales and Possession for Sale of Marijuana, Conspiracy Arrest Made

Sunday, February 5, 2006; 11:35 a.m. Alvard Lake

Officers from Park Station conducted an undercover Buy/Bust operation using one of the senior members of the station as the undercover buy officer. Dressed in colorful Haight Street attire, this officer, who is 16 months from retirement, entered the Alvard Lake area of Golden Gate Park a known area for drug trafficking. Two drug sellers competing for the deal immediately approached him offering the officer marijuana for sale. After the deal was concluded the officer walked away and signaled for the arrest team to move in. The covering officers quickly closed the net and arrested both drug dealers.