

Park Station Newsletter

Monday, July 3 to Sunday, July 9, 2006

Domestic Violence

Monday, July 3, 2006; 2:22 a.m.; 900 Block of Oak Street

The victim went to her boyfriend's house after a night of drinking and smoking crack. She decided to cook, so naturally an argument quickly began and then turned physical. Officers responded to the scene and her boyfriend told police that his girlfriend had come home with an open beer and he voiced his displeasure. He then said that the girlfriend somehow struck her head on the wall, which caused the large cut that, was noticeably bleeding in the back of her head. Of course he did have a baseball bat in his hand. Officers spoke to the victim at the hospital she told them that as she was cooking her boyfriend was "spreading negativity" towards her and then hit her in the back of the head with a bat. This episode ends when he goes to jail and she gets released after her wound was closed.

Felony Drug Arrest

Monday, July 3, 2006; 5:20 a.m.; Fulton and Stanyan Streets (inside the Park)

Officers were patrolling in the park when they saw a guy sleeping on the path. They stopped to check on his well being. They found him to be in good health, just sleeping in the park. They ran a computer check and found him to have warrants for his arrest. In searching him for arrest they found a large quantity of methamphetamine and marijuana. He was arrested for the warrants and drugs.

Felony Warrant Arrest

Monday, July 3, 2006; 10:00 a.m.; 436 Haight Street

Plainclothes officers saw a guy they suspected might be trying to purchase drugs; so they stopped to investigate. They identified the guy and as it turned out, he had a felony theft warrant for his arrest. He went back to jail.

Felony Theft Arrest

Monday, July 3, 2006; 2:30 p.m.; 2675 Geary Blvd

Officers responded to a call from store security stating that they had a shoplifter detained. They took the woman into custody and she was arrested for felony theft as she had priors for the same type of crime. When will they ever learn?

The Fourth of July went off without any serious incidents of note in the Park District.

Mutual Battery Arrests

Wednesday, July 5, 2006; 1:35 a.m.; Haight and Shrader Streets

Officers saw two women fighting in the middle of the street (alcohol may have been a factor). They stopped to break up the fight. Even with two uniformed police officers the two women continued fighting, refusing to let go of each other's hair. Finally, they each released the other and both went to jail. Both were cited and released from the station for fighting and battery.

Robbery/Theft Arrest

Wednesday, July 5, 2006; 1:28 p.m.; 1750 Fulton Street

Store security watched as a "shopper" put some items into his bag; he then exited the store without paying for these items. When store security confronted the guy outside he raised his skateboard towards him in a threatening manner. The security officer took the board away from

the guy and the fight was on. Passers-by called the police and upon the officers arrival they saw the two fighting. Officers separated the two and determined what had happened. Officers were attempting to take the suspect into custody when he began fighting with them. Other officers responded, quickly overpowered the guy and took him into custody. This shoplifting involved a minor loss but since the guy fought with the security officer in order to steal the merchandise, he was charged with robbery. He was additionally charged with resisting arrest when he fought with the officers. Repeat, when will they ever learn?

Warrant Arrest

Wednesday, July 5, 2006; 4:35 p.m.; 1825 Turk Street

Officers were directed to an individual (white males, 26 years, homeless) standing on the corner at the above location. It seemed he had been standing there all day talking to himself. A computer check showed that the guy had a warrant out of Solano County. He went to jail and is on his way back to Solano County.

Battery

Wednesday, July 5, 2006; 8:36 p.m.; 1825 Turk Street

Not related to the other incident. A victim came home and as he described it, appeared to surprise some guy (black male, 40-45 years, 6'2", 250 lbs., wearing a brown jacket and black pants) who appeared to be tampering with the apartment building mailboxes. The victim knew that the guy didn't live there and knew that there had been a series of burglaries in the area. The victim said the suspect punched him with such force that it knocked him to the ground. He said the suspect then fled east on Turk Street towards the projects. The victim was not seriously injured.

Felony Drug Arrest

Thursday, July 6, 2006; 1:36 p.m.; Sharon Meadows

I swear drug dealers have no respect! Even during a well attended children's festival, not fifty feet from kids, plainclothes officers saw what they knew to be a drug sale. They stopped the two and the 'buyer' immediately gave up the seller, telling officers exactly what had transpired. He was walking past the seller when the dude offered him "buds". He bought \$20.00 worth. The seller went to jail. Of course he was not from around here and was just passing through. Once he gets out, hopefully he will leave.

Possession of Fraudulent Money Orders

Thursday, July 6, 2006; 3:30 p.m.; 1275 Fell Street

Beware all of you who answer on-line offers that sound too good to be true, read on...
A woman entered the Bank of America with four \$850.00 money orders. She told the clerk that she wanted to open an account and that she would need \$250.00 cash back. The clerk called to verify if the money orders were valid and she was told that only one was valid for the amount of \$10.00. The clerk then called police. Officers arrived and the woman was taken into custody pending further investigation. This is what happened. She answered an ad on Craigslist for stay at home work. The 'work' was receiving money orders and merely cashing them, the employee would receive 10 percent of the actual cash value. A Chinese company needed U.S. citizens to receive the money orders as the 'company' could not open a U.S. account. The woman corresponded with the company for two weeks before any checks were sent, adding to the credibility of the whole thing. The woman provided officers with a copy of the on-line ad, and it does look legitimate. Officers contacted our Fraud unit and found out that the woman most probably was an unwitting victim as this crime is being seen more and more. The woman was released from the station, the money orders booked by Postal Inspectors who also responded to investigate.

Robbery

Thursday, July 6, 2006; 4:31 p.m.; MUNI bus, Geary and Scott St

Victim was sitting on the bus listening to her music when suddenly a guy (described as a black male, 16-20 years old) grabbed her iPod out of her hand and jumped off the now stopped bus. He was last seen running east on Geary. The victim was uninjured. Her iPod was unique as it had the following inscription on the back: "my story is infinite like the longines symphonette."

Note: iPods are becoming a popular item to steal from a person. The robbers know the distinctive earpieces. Many people have replaced the standard iPod earpieces with a more generic set to avoid standing out.

Robbery

Thursday, July 6, 2006; 9:55 p.m.; Haight and Divisadero Streets

Officers responded to Haight and Divisadero Streets in regard to a Robbery. Upon arriving, they met with the victim who told them that he was waiting for the bus, when a subject approached him and stuck a hard object into his side. The victim said another subject said to him, "give me your cell phone." The victim believed the subject had a knife, so fearing for his safety he handed the subject his cell phone. The second subject then demanded his wallet and the victim complied out of fear. Both suspects fled Westbound on Haight Streets towards Broderick Street.

Possession of Graffiti Tools/Delaying Arrest-Arrest Made

Thursday, July 6, 2006; 9:59 p.m.; Haight and Masonic Streets

A Park Station officer was flagged down in regard to five subjects "tagging" the back of a MUNI bus. The concerned citizen directed the officer to the subjects. The officer exited his patrol vehicle to speak with the subjects, but they all took off running. The officer gave chase on foot and was able to capture two of the subjects. While the subjects ran away they discarded graffiti markers and a backpack. The backpack contained additional markers as well as a pamphlet showing different types of graffiti markings. The officer was unable to locate the MUNI bus that had been vandalized. The subjects were cited and released from Park Station.

Felony Drug Arrest/ Parole Violation

Friday, July 7, 2006; 7:00 a.m.; 441 Rose Street

Uniformed police officers (obviously from Park Station) were patrolling in the above area when they saw two people involved in what appeared to be a drug transaction. The two had the deer in the head lights look when they noticed the officers and attempted to walk the separate ways. The officers attempted to stop the one they believed to be the seller. Having just been out of prison since the end of May the guy was huge (muscular), courtesy of the CDC health club. Well this guy decided he wasn't going back easy and the chase was on. Two blocks later the suspect took a fighting stance with the much smaller officer. With one blow Goliath fell and David took him into custody. This suspect had been in prison for attempted murder and drug possession; he will now go back for drug sales.

Felony Narcotic Arrests

Friday, July 7, 2006; 2- 3:00 p.m.; Alvord Lake, Hippie Hill, Haight Street

Department Narcotic Unit officers worked alongside Park officers in an enforcement operation. Officers posed as prospective buyers and walked in the above listed areas in an attempt to buy drugs. Well, as usual they had no problem as within the hour they had arrested six sellers. They recovered lots of drugs and money from the subjects, only one was a resident of S.F. All six went to jail for felony drug charges, most had warrants too.

Robbery with a Gun/ Arrests Made

Friday, July 7, 2006; 5:44 p.m.; Waller and Downey Streets

Victim was walking down Waller Street when he saw two guys walking towards him. When the two got near one produced a gun and "jacked" a round into the chamber. The other demanded the victim's money. Fearing for his life the victim gave the suspects the money he had in his pocket. The suspects took the money and casually walked up Downey Street towards Frederick. The suspects then walked into a store. The storeowner became suspicious, as it appeared the suspects were hiding in his store and lots of cop cars were driving in the area. The storeowner watched as the two got onto the MUNI bus going towards downtown. Officers asked the storeowner if he had seen the two suspects and he told them that they had just gotten on the bus. Descriptions and possible location were broadcast and another police unit stopped the MUNI bus at Haight and Pierce Streets. The suspects were located on the bus and a fully loaded 45-caliber handgun was found stashed under a seat. Several witnesses and the victim were brought to the scene where they positively identified the suspects. The suspects came from the East Bay to commit their crime; too bad for them that they had to rely on public transportation. These two suspects might actually do some time for their crime. It was excellent coordination of efforts that led to the capture of these armed bandits. Witnesses and police worked together to see that justice was served. Good work all around!

Felony Drug Arrest

Saturday, July 8, 2006; 4:00 p.m.; Sharon Meadows

A bicycle officer was riding through the park when he came upon a "pharmacist" sitting on a bench displaying his wares to a potential customer. (It's amazing how a uniformed police officer can sneak up on people on a bike!) The Officer surprised the two and stopped to arrest them. The Officer was in full uniform and moved in to take the seller into custody. The guy started to resist the officer's efforts, probably thinking that he could outrun the cop. Well, the Calvary was called and within minutes the entire swing watch (right from line-up) was there and helped take the buyer and seller into custody. The seller had lots of money and all types of drugs on him (another out-of-towner). The buyer (tourist from South Carolina) wrote an excellent statement and described how the seller resisted the cops and how he (the buyer) had to slide down the bench as to not get involved in the struggle. He was cited for possession for personal use and

released. Isn't San Francisco is truly a wonderful city to visit with all sorts of amazing sights to see!

Hot Prowl Burglary

Sunday, July 9, 2006; 6:45 a.m.; 900 Block of Page Street

Victim was sleeping when he was awakened by a noise coming from the front office area of his home. Thinking it was his girlfriend he went back to sleep. Several hours later the victim went to his office area and found that someone had entered his home and stole his laptop computer. The victim noticed that his office window was wide open. Unfortunately, the window lock was not functional and the victim had left the window slightly open.

Disclaimer time! Criminals tend to be opportunists. They walk around looking for easy opportunities to commit and get away with crime. For example, it's much easier to get into a place via an open or unlocked window than a locked one. The same goes for any type of door. The solution is simple here...lock all of your doors and windows. The opportunist will move on to the next place, the one with the easier access.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Vandalism Arrest

Sunday, July 9, 2006; 8:59 a.m.; Geary and Divisadero

Two people were sitting in a MUNI bus shelter, waiting for the bus, when suddenly they heard a loud crashing sound behind them. They turned to see that a guy had just smashed his skateboard against the glass side of the shelter they were sitting inside. They then watched as he smashed a window of a business behind them. They called police. Officers arrived and the guy tried to escape on his skateboard. End result, car beats skateboard and the guy was caught a couple of blocks from the scene. After his arrest the suspect told the officers that he did it because he had been in a fight with his girlfriend.

Reckless Driving, Attempted Evading Arrest, Hit and Run, Arrest Made

Sunday, July 9, 2006; 11:55 p.m.; 1500 block of Haight

Near the stroke of mid night Officers noticed a vehicle with expired registration travelling in the opposite direction. When the Officers turned to effect a traffic stop, this motorist decided to accelerate in an attempt to evade the officers. The guilty conscience of the driver and controlling the vehicle were more than the driver could bear. After blowing through several stop signs the suspect lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the rear of a parked car. Still intent on escape the driver and the two other occupants fled on foot in various directions. Fortunately, the initial Officers had requested assistance, and the Park Station posse quickly corralled the fleeing traffic evader and his crew. It turns out that the driver fled because he was driving with a suspended license. Now he has some additional charges to deal with and no car as it was towed pending return to a licensed driver. All the suspects were cited for their misdeeds.