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# Central Police Station Newsletter

## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

My name is Molly Pengel and I am a lieutenant for the San Francisco Police Department. I am currently overseeing Central's Station Investigation Team. I receive great joy in serving my community and giving back to the City that gave me so much. I am here for all Central Station Community members should you have questions, comments, or concerns.

The Central Police District has suffered a recent rise in residential burglaries, ranging from garage thefts to hot prowls, (when the residents are inside the home when the criminal enters the residence). Central Station officers and investigators are planning to face this head on utilizing all available resources. Having said this, we still need help from you, the members of the community as our main priority is to ensure and maintain the safety of all residents living in our district.

I firmly believe that teamwork is imperative in order to combat these criminals. We are currently utilizing our seasoned plainclothes unit to conduct abatement programs throughout the district. We also have other resources in our community such as S.A.F.E. S.A.F.E. will happily provide both residential as well as business inspections in an endless effort to better the overall understanding of burglary prevention. All officers responding to any burglary will provide a CPTED packet to the victims. The following is a description of what exactly is CPTED from the National Crime Prevention Council.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) theories contend that law en-

forcement officers and resident volunteers can create a climate of safety in a community right from the start. CPTED's goal is to prevent crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior. The theory is based on four principles: natural access control, natural surveillance, territoriality, and maintenance. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is based on the principle that proper design and effective use of buildings and public spaces in neighborhoods can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime, and an improvement in the quality of life.

### **CPTED Principle # 1 Natural Surveillance**

"See and be seen" is the overall goal when it comes to CPTED and natural surveillance. A person is less likely to commit a crime if they think someone will see them do it. Lighting and landscape play an important role in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

### **CPTED Principle # 2 Natural Access Control**

Natural Access Control is more than a high block wall topped with barbed wire. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design or CPTED utilizes the use of walkways, fences, lighting, signage and landscape to clearly guide people and vehicles to and from the proper entrances. The goal with this CPTED principle is not necessarily to keep intruders out, but to direct the flow of people while decreasing the opportunity for crime.

### **CPTED Principle # 3 Territorial Reinforcement**

Creating or extending a "sphere of influence" by utilizing physical designs such as pavement treatments, landscaping and signage that enable users of an area to develop a sense of proprietorship over it is the goal of this CPTED principle. Public areas are clearly distinguished from private ones. Potential trespassers perceive this control and are thereby discouraged.

### **CPTED Principle # 4 Maintenance**

CPTED and the "Broken Window Theory" suggests that one "broken window" or nuisance, if allowed to exist, will lead to others and ultimately to the decline of an entire neighborhood. Neglected and poorly maintained properties are breeding grounds for criminal activity. We will work with you to develop a formal CPTED based maintenance plan to help you preserve your property value and make it a safer place.

I hope this information is explaining our strategy for combating the burglars in our district is helpful. Remember, please **DO NOT** hesitate to call the police should you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

**Stay Safe,  
Lt. Molly Pengel**

## CRIMES OF NOTE

**04/11/2014 11:30pm – 04/12/2014 12:00am**

Victim was at a bar on Grant Avenue near Green Street. Victim entered the bar with his iPhone in his back pants pocket. When victim left the bar, he discovered his iPhone had been taken by an unknown suspect out of his back pants pocket. Victim stated that the bar was very crowded.

**04/12/2014 4:30pm**

A suspect walked into a restaurant on the 2600 block of Mason Street and walked to the tip jar located at the front counter near the cash register. The suspect reached into the tip jar and grabbed some money. The suspect walked towards the front door to leave when the employee told the suspect to stop. The suspect was holding a glass of wine and threw the contents of the glass at the employee, which hit the employee's face. The suspect then threw the glass at the employee causing the glass to break before falling to the ground. The suspect appeared to be aggressive, so the employee let him leave. The suspect is described to be a black male with a beard, 6'03-6'04, 30-40 years of age, thin build. The suspect was last seen wearing a hat, grey or black hooded sweatshirt, and grey or black pants. Victim did not require any medical attention. A video of the incident will be provided at a later time.

**04/12/2014 1:30pm – 1:40pm**

Victim parked and secured his rental vehicle at the intersection of Lombard Street and Hyde Street. When victim returned to the vehicle 10 minutes later, he discovered the rear driver's side window had been shattered by an unknown suspect and items had taken from the vehicle.

**04/12/2014 3:00am**

Cab driver picked up suspect and drove suspect to a hotel on Drumm Street. When the cab driver stopped in front of the hotel, the suspect who was sitting behind the cab driver, reached forward and grabbed the cash that the cab driver had placed on the driver's door handle. The suspect then got out of the vehicle and ran into the hotel, leaving the cab fare unpaid. There may be surveillance footage of the suspect and the cab driver will try to retrieve it and provide it at a later time.

**04/12/2014 2:00am – 2:20am**

Victim was walking westbound on Bush Street when he past a group of males. The victim greet the group of males and one of the males turned to the victim and said "Who you with?" The victim was confused and asked "What the hell do you mean?" Addition words were exchanged and the male punched the victim in the mouth. The victim punched back, but was then attached by the other males. During the scuffle, one of the males kicked the victim in the mouth, causing some of his teeth to fall out. The suspects then fled away. The victim then realized that his wallet had been taken. The victim was treated by medics that responded to the scene. The suspects are described to be Hispanic males, 23-27 years old, 5'10, 160-185 lbs.

**04/13/2014 8:45pm – 8:50pm**

Victim was at a restaurant at Pier 23 and hung her purse and jacket on a hook provided on the bar. When victim left the

restaurant, she noticed her wallet had been taken from her purse by an unknown suspect. The victim immediately cancelled her credit cards when she returned home and was notified by one of her banks that the suspect had tried to use her credit cards at a restaurant on the 300 block of Bay Street. The restaurants at Pier 23 and Bay Street may have surveillance footage of the suspect and will provide the video at a later time.

**04/13/2014 2:40pm**

Victim was looking at groceries at the corner of Stockton Street at Pacific Avenue. Victim was holding her cell phone in her right hand when an unknown suspect grabbed it out of her hands and ran away. The victim was not injured during this incident.

**04/14/2014 12:05pm**

Victim entered a parking lot on Bay Street and was approached by suspect. The suspect told the victim it costs \$30.00 to park all day and the victim paid the suspect \$30.00 and received a parking ticket receipt from the suspect. After the victim parked the vehicle, he saw the sign that says that the parking lot is an unmanned parking lot and to purchase parking tickets at the machines located in the lot.

**04/14/2014 1:00pm – 3:30pm**

Victim went to a gym on Montgomery Street and placed his belongings into a locker and locked it with a padlock. When victim returned to the locker from his workout, he found the padlock was on the floor and his items in the locker had been taken by an unknown suspect. There is surveillance video in the hallway at the entrance of the locker room and video footage of that will be provided at a later time.

**04/14/2014 1:00pm – 04/15/2014 12:00pm**

Victim responded to an ad on Craigslist for a job opening. Victim received an email from the suspect informing him that he will help with ordering art materials. The suspect told the victim that he will receive a check in the mail to help with ordering the materials. The victim received a check in the mail with instructions to deposit the check and then wire some of the money through Western Union to Turkey. The victim took the check to his bank to verify and found the check to be fake.

## **RESOURCE LIST:**



<b>EMERGENCY:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency:</b>	<b>553-0123</b>
<b>Cell phone 911:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Customer Service Center:</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Central Station:</b>	<b>315-2400</b>
<b>Captain Garret Tom:</b>	<b>315-2480</b>
<b>Captain's E-mail</b>	<b><u><a href="mailto:Garret.Tom@sfgov.org">Garret.Tom@sfgov.org</a></u></b>
<b>Anonymous Tip-Line</b>	<b>575- 4444</b>
<b>S.A.F.E</b>	<b>553-1984 S.A.F.E</b>
<b>Website:</b>	<b><a href="http://www.centralpolicestation.org">www.centralpolicestation.org</a></b>
<b>SFPD Tip Line</b>	<b>575-4444</b>
<b>Text a Tip:</b>	<b>847411 (Tip 411)</b>
<b>Graffiti Abatement</b>	<b>278-9456</b>
<b>Graffiti Fax</b>	<b>278-9456</b>
<b>Central Events:</b>	<b>315-2440 - Sergeant Philip Pera</b>
<b>Central Permits:</b>	<b>315-2423 - Officer Steve Matthias</b>
<b>Code Abatement:</b>	<b>315-2417 - Sgt. Alex Takaoka</b>
<b>Deputy City Attorney:</b>	<b>554-3820 - Jill Cannon</b>
<b>Dept. Parking &amp; Traffic:</b>	<b>553-1943</b>
<b>DPW Dispatch</b>	<b>695-2020</b>
<b>Homeless Issues:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Cathy Daly &amp; Eric Caracciolo</b>
<b>Chinatown Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Howard Chu &amp; Sam Yuen - Night Watch/ Officers.</b>
<b>Union Square Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Tom Cunnane</b>
<b>Fisherman's Wharf Beat:</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Bob Merino</b>
<b>North Beach: Alvarez &amp; John Torrise</b>	<b>315-2400 - Officers Fred Crisp, Days Nights Officers Mark</b>