



Central Station Newsletter

San Francisco Police
Department

October 16, 2014

Volume 1, Issue 6

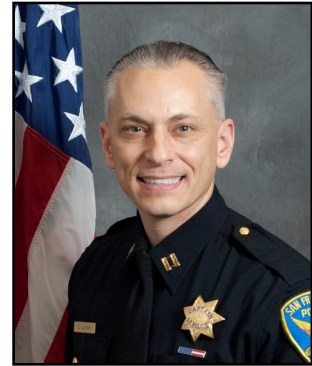
Inside this issue:

Bicycle Theft	2
Robbery Update	2
Blessing Scam Suspect	3
Crimes of Note	4
Community Calendar	8
Resource Information	9

Captain Lazar's Message

It has been a very busy two weeks in the Central District with a lot of events. Fleet week was a huge success. The weather was nice on the weekend and many families enjoyed the festivities along the Wharf and in North Beach. It was a beautiful ending on Sunday afternoon when the Blue Angels were flying, the Italian Heritage Parade was in full swing and many people were enjoying the sights.

We are now ready for the Giants to win and move forward to the World Series!



Commanding Officer David Lazar of Central Station

Follow us on Twitter!

We have 260 followers as of today and growing! Please follow us! @SFPDCentral

Special points of interest:

- ◆ JOIN SFPD
- ◆ Blessing Scam

Central Station's Monthly Community Meeting

Please join me tonight for the station's monthly community meeting which will be held at the North Beach Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

"Blessing Scam"

We are starting to see cases again in San Francisco, starting on October 2nd in Chinatown, where elderly Chinese woman are scammed out of thousands of dollars. In our case, the suspect approached a victim and asked where she may find "Dr. Zheng." Then immediately thereafter, a second suspect approaches and says that there are some bad spirits on her (the victim) and her family. The suspects then escorted the victim to another location where they met with the third suspect who agreed to perform the "blessing." They asked the victim to retrieve all of her cash and jewelry so that a "blessing" may occur thus, preventing the spirits from harming her family member. The victim retrieved a large amount of cash and jewelry and agreed to the blessing. The suspects switched the bags and told the victim to not open the bag for a month. A few hours later, the victim opened the bag to find some water bottles and bread.

Our Department's Special Victims Unit is handling the case and we will be working to get the word out in the community.

Enclosed in today's newsletter is a photo of Suspect #2 in this case and an informational flyer in Chinese. We are asking the community to phone our tip line at **415-553-9212**

Bicycle Thefts

Over the Fleet Week weekend, I must of read approximately 8 reports where bicycles were stolen in the Central District. We also ran a "Bait Bike Sting Operation" where we locked up a bike in the Financial District and watched it get stolen within 5 minutes. We captured the suspect thanks to Central Station's Plainclothes Team.

The suspect generally pulls out bolt cutters from a bag and cuts the cable. In this case, he used a pipe to spin the cable until the lock broke. Please take a look a the SF Safe (www.sfsafe.org) website for the proper procedures to lock your bicycle. On a related note, I visited my daughter over the weekend at her college. I noticed her bicycle's front tire was the only piece locked to a pole. After a very minor and friendly lecture from me, we corrected the lock together.

Robbery Update

A few weeks ago, I told you about the robbery which occurred at Lombard and Jones where the five robbery suspects (4 of them Juveniles) robbed a German tourist of his camera. This was all observed by **Officer James Lewis** of the Department's Honda Unit. After a quick pursuit and team effort by **Central Station Officers, Tactical Company** and the **Honda Unit**, all 5 suspects were captured. Thanks to the great follow up work by **Sergeant Rich Jones and Inspector Steve Paulsen, including Assistant District Attorney Maria Shih**, 3 out of the 4 juveniles were convicted of robbery. The adult defendant is still going through the court process. Great work by all!

Have a great weekend!

Captain Lazar



"Blessing Scam Suspect"

防範祈福黨 保護自己和財物

提防陌生人

切勿輕信街上藉詞接近的人

如陌生人要錢，必須提高警惕

不要隨便跟陌生人走

不要帶陌生人回家

不要帶陌生人到銀行提款

決定從銀行或回家提取現金／金飾前，應先跟家人商量



如有懷疑，保持鎮定！

立即打 **911** 報警



假如你祇懂少許英語，用英語說出你會用的語言，例如「Cantonese」（廣東話）或「Mandarin」（國語），911中心會即時找翻譯員與你通話

祈福黨／金光黨中文舉報電話：415-553-9212（只供留言用）



CRIMES OF NOTE

ROBBERIES

10/5	7:00am	Robbery, Commercial Unit block of Montgomery	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole clothing. An employee tried to stop the suspect, but the suspect told the employee that he has a knife.
10/5	2:30am	Robbery, W/ Gun and Knife Columbus/North Point	An unknown suspect approached the victim and pointed a gun at the victim and demanded everything the victim got. The victim threw a duffle bag and backpack on the ground and as the victim tried to run away, a second victim pointed a knife at the victim and demanded all the victim's items. The victim took out a wallet and threw it to the ground and ran away.
10/5	8:53pm	Robbery, W/ Gun Lombard/Leavenworth	Two unknown suspects approached the victim and pointed a gun at the victim and demanded the victim's camera. The victim gave the suspects the camera.
10/6	9:30pm	Robbery, W/ Force Mason/Jefferson	Two unknown suspects approached the victim and grabbed the camera that was slung around the victim's chest. The victim fell and the suspects broke the camera strap and took the camera.
10/7	11:45pm	Robbery, Commercial 300 block of Powell	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole a bottle of perfume. An employee grabbed the suspect as the suspect was leaving, but the suspect pushed the employee back and got away.
10/7	4:25pm	Robbery, W/ Force 800 block of Pacific	An unknown suspect snatched the victim's necklace from the victim's neck as the victim was boarding the bus.

Assault/Battery/Violent Crimes

10/4	3:10pm	Battery Geary/Powell	An unknown suspect punched the victim in the face after a verbal argument.
------	--------	---------------------------------	--

Narcotics Related

--	--	--	--

THEFT/SHOPLIFTING

10/1	7:45am	Theft, Shoplifting 300 block of Bay	An unknown suspect entered the store, consumed a bottle of wine while in the store and fled away.
10/1	11:15am	Theft, Shoplifting 400 block of Post	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole purses.
10/2	5:00pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 400 block of Stockton	An unknown suspect shattered the rear window and stole suitcases, containing clothing.
10/2	11:00pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 1300 block of Pacific	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole a phone charger, CD, center console and a tool.
10/3	8:00am	Theft, Vehicle 1200 block of Pacific	Stolen vehicle.
10/3	2:44pm	Theft, From Unlocked Vehicle Jackson/Stockton	An unknown suspect stole the victim's backpack, containing wallets, money and credit cards, as the victim opened the convertible top of the vehicle.
10/3	4:30pm	Burglary, Garage 1100 block of Jones	An unknown suspect damaged the garage door lock to gain entry and stole a scooter.
10/4	12:05am	Theft, From Building 300 block of Stockton	The victim brought an unknown suspect back to the hotel room after just meeting the suspect. The victim fell asleep and when the victim woke up, the suspect was gone and the victim's luggage, containing electronics and money, were taken.
10/4	1:00am	Theft, From Locked Vehicle Clay/Battery	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window and stole a laptop.
10/4	12:38pm	Theft, Shoplifting 300 block of Post	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole men's fragrance.
10/4	6:00pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle Jones/Bay	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side rear window and stole a handbag, containing passport, electronics, credit card and money.
10/5	9:38am	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 400 block of Stockton	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side front window and stole a suitcase, containing clothing, electronics and jewelry.
10/5	11:13am	Theft, Pickpocket 1100 block of Stockton	An unknown suspect stole the victim's money from the victim's rear pants pocket.
10/5	11:22am	Theft, From Building 700 block of Bush	An unknown suspect entered the hotel lobby and stole an unattended laptop on the front desk.
10/5	11:30am	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 200 block of Filbert	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side rear window and stole a purse and a coat.
10/5	1:19pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 400 block of Sutter	An unknown suspect shattered the rear window and stole a luggage, containing clothing, a handbag and money.
10/5	6:15pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 700 block of Pacific	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window and stole briefcase, containing electronics.
10/5	7:50pm	Theft, Other Property Stockton/Columbus	An unknown suspect withdrew \$1,000.00 from the victim's account at the ATM machine after the victim withdrew money from the ATM machine.

Theft/shoplifting

10/5	10:15pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 1100 block of Grant	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side window and stole a bag.
10/6	6:38am	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 500 block of Sutter	The suspect shattered the driver side rear window and stole a duffle bag and bicycles. Arrest made.
10/6	11:30am	Theft, Shoplifting 300 block of Powell	An unknown suspect entered the store and stole a bottle of perfume.
10/6	1:50pm	Theft, Pickpocket Columbus/Green	An unknown suspect took the victim's wallet and its contents from the victim's pants pocket while on a crowded bus.
10/6	5:00pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle Pier 33	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window and stole a camera bag, containing camera equipment and passports.
10/6	6:54pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 900 block of Grant	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side cargo window and stole handbags, containing money and electronics.
10/7	11:00am	Theft, Bicycle 400 block of Stockton	An unknown suspect stole a bicycle that was locked to a bicycle rack.
10/7	1:55pm	Theft, From Locked Vehicle 2400 block of Powell	An unknown suspect shattered the passenger side windows and stole a backpack and a suitcase.
10/7	3:15pm	Theft, Bicycle 1400 block of Grant	An unknown suspect stole the victim's bicycle that was locked to a parking meter.

Miscellaneous

10/1	12:30am	Traffic Violation Powell/Lombard	The driver was driving the wrong way on a one way street and a computer check shows the driver was driving on an expired license. Citation issued.
10/2	11:00am	Fraud California/Kearny	Three unknown suspects approach the victim and told the victim that the victim's son will die. The suspects told the victim to go home and bring all the money and jewelry the victim has and they'll bless the money and jewelry so the victim's son will live. The victim brings the money and jewelry to the suspects. The suspects hands the bag back to the victim and told the victim that the items were blessed and to go home and not open the bag for a month. When the victim got home, the victim found all the money and jewelry missing and was replaced with bottles of water, chocolate milk and newspaper.
10/3	12:30pm	Traffic Violation Bush/Sansome	The driver was blocking the intersection and a computer check shows the driver was an unlicensed driver. Citation issued.
10/3	1:15pm	Traffic Violation Stockton/Broadway	The driver made an illegal left turn and a computer check shows the driver was driving on an expired license. Citation issued.
10/3	11:17pm	Traffic Violation Broadway/Kearny	The driver was driving with broken headlamps and a computer check shows the driver was an unlicensed driver. Citation issued.
10/4	11:00pm	Vandalism, Vehicle Hyde/Sutter	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window.
10/5	12:15am	Traffic Violation Broadway/Columbus	The driver was driving with expired registration tags and a computer check shows the driver was driving on a suspended license. Citation issued.
10/5	12:37am	Recovered Vehicle Columbus/Grant	Recovered vehicle. Arrest made.
10/5	12:00pm	Warrant Arrest 700 block of Green	The suspect was sleeping in front of the doorway and a computer check shows the suspect with an outstanding warrant. Arrest made.
10/6	1:00am	Vandalism, Vehicle Mason/Beach	An unknown suspect shattered the driver side rear window.
10/6	10:35am	Recovered Vehicle 1000 block of Bush	Recovered vehicle.
10/6	10:45pm	Traffic Violation Taylor/Geary	The driver did not yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and a computer check shows the driver was driving on a suspended license. Citation issued.
10/7	1:00am	Burglary, Residence 1300 block of Hyde	An unknown suspect pried open the mailroom door and stole packages.
10/7	2:36pm	Suspicious Occurrence 800 block of Jackson	Three unknown suspects entered the office building and knocked on an office door and asked for cash. The victim told the suspect no and closed the door, but the suspects continued knocking, but eventually left.
10/7	10:45pm	Recovered Vehicle Sacramento/Jones	Recovered vehicle.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY CALENDER

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 -10-10 Parade	6	7	8	9	10	11 Fleet Week with the Blue Angels
12 Italian Heritage Day Parade	13	14	15	16 Central Community Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Auxiliary
Law
Enforcement
Response
Team

Are you someone who is interested in disaster preparedness and wants to help out your community while working hand in hand with law enforcement? Then the ALERT program is for you!

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)



ALERT Training Instructor, Officer Roly Canales with K-9 partner Pyro.

Mark Hernandez
ALERT Program Coordinator
San Francisco Police Department
Training Division
350 Amber Drive
San Francisco, Ca 94131
(415)-401-4615
sfpdalert@sfgov.org
www.SanFranciscoPolice.org/alert

What is the ALERT Program?

The San Francisco Police Department has developed a volunteer citizen disaster preparedness program. The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is modeled after and works in partnership with the San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). The ALERT program will train members of the public to assist law enforcement in essential tasks after a major disaster. Such tasks may include: traffic control, foot patrol of business and residential areas, and reporting criminal activity. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

Three steps to becoming an ALERT volunteer:

1. Complete NERT training and receive certification. To register for NERT training courses please visit www.sfgov.org/sfnert
2. Once NERT certified, forward a copy of your NERT ID card to the ALERT program. sfpdalert@sfgov.org
3. After clearing a basic background check the individual is eligible to register for ALERT training.

Like us on facebook
(www.facebook.com/SFPDALERT)



Important Dates:

- An informational meeting about our program will be held on September 18th, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow. This is not a mandatory meeting for interested volunteers. Come have your questions answered!
- Our next training class is scheduled for August 9th, 2014, from 8:00am-5:00pm. This class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow.**

**To view a detailed explanation of the pre-requisites, please visit www.sanfranciscopolice.org/alert

Central Police District Map

Central Station is centrally located in the northeastern part of San Francisco. The center of tourism, commerce, entertainment and civic events. The district is comprised of Chinatown, North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf, the Financial District and three famous hills: Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill and Russian Hill. Seven of the ten major tourist attractions in San Francisco are located in the Central District. The officers of Central Station take great pride in working in one of the most diverse districts in the City.



EMERGENCY: 911

Non-Emergency:	553-0123
Cell phone 911:	911
Customer Service Center:	311
Central Station:	315-2400
Captain David Lazar:	315-2480
Captain Email	David.Lazar@sfgov.org
Lt. Paris Deshong –Investigations	315-2400 Paris.Deshong@sfgov.org
Lt. Molly Pengel (Days)	315-2400 Molly.Pengel@sfgov.org
Lt.Edwards Del Carlo (Days)	315-2400 Ed.Delcarlo@sfgov.org
Lt. Brien Hoo (Nights)	315-2400 Brien.Hoo@sfgov.org
Lt. Hector Jusino (Nights)	315-2400 Hector.Jusino@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	575- 4444
S.A.F.E	553-1984 S
Website:	www.centralpolicestation.org
SFPD Tip Line	575-4444
Text a Tip:	847411 (Tip 411)
Blessing Scam Hotline:	553-9219
Graffiti Abatement	278-9456
Central Events:	315-2440 - Sergeant Dominic Panina
Central Permits:	315-2423 - Officer Steve Matthias
Code Abatement:	315-2417 - Sergeant Alex Takaoka
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820 - Jill Cannon
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943
DPW Dispatch	695-2020
Homeless Issues:	315-2400 - Officers Joseph Siragusa & Eric Caracciolo
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400 - Officers Howard Chu, Sam Yuen , Celina Chow
Union Square Beat:	315-2400 - Officer Tom Cunnane Officer Francisco Rodriguez
Fisherman’s Wharf Beat:	315-2400 - Officers John Van Koll and Kevin Worrell
North Beach:	315-2400 - Officers Mark Alvarez, John Torrise & Pete Schlegle



We, the members of the San Francisco Police Department, are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. In order to protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, **we will provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.**

