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# Central Police Station Newsletter

## CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

The North Beach Library reopened its doors on Saturday and it looks great. The new building is 8500 square feet, which is 60% larger than the old one. The building includes state of the art program/meeting room on the upper level, public copying machines with scan and computer printing capabilities and the building is **Leadership Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)** rated. As a kid I would spend many days at the North Beach Library. Can you name the tallest building in the world? It's the library, it has the most stories. That's an old one, also from my childhood days.

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center had its annual fundraiser "A Taste of Tel-Hi" this past Saturday at the Joe DiMaggio Playground. The playground was transformed into a dining establishment under the big top tent. The night's Emcee, was KPIX news reporter, "The Great Joe Vazquez". There was a tribute to my hero Ruby Gim. Ruby worked with preschoolers and coordinated the senior program at Tel-Hi. She served with Tel-Hi for over 36 years before she was murdered by her estranged husband two weeks ago in her Daly City home. She is truly one of the sweetest people I have ever met. Tel Hi is accepting donations in her memory for the Senior Lunch Program that she headed.

### Robbery with Gun

On Thursday morning at 2:00am, a 21 year old man was walking on McAllister and Market near UC Hastings Law School when he heard someone come up behind him and saw a suspect pointing a black gun right at his face. The suspect ordered the victim to get down on the ground and empty his pockets. The victim in fear of his life placed his phone and wallet on the ground. The suspect took the phone and wallet, and then walked across the street to meet his accomplice; they talked a couple of minutes then ran westbound on McAllister to southbound Hyde.

A couple of hours later at 4:00am another male was walking to work at the intersection of Bush and Sansome. The victim saw the two suspects and felt something was wrong. He crossed the street and the two suspects also crossed the street. The victim began to run and the two suspects chased after him. Suspect 1 pushed the victim to the ground. Suspect #1 pointed a gun and pulled the victim's computer bag off his shoulder. Suspect #2 jumped on the victim's back and reached into the victim's pants pocket and took his wallet. The suspects fled on foot. Officers Dudley and Santana of Southern Station were on another assignment but saw the two suspects on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and chased after them. They were detained at gunpoint in front of 474 Natoma Street. Victims from both robberies were brought to the scene where they identified the detained subjects as the ones who robbed them.

### Hot Prowl Burglaries

A Hot Prowl Burglary is when someone enters someone's residence while the victim is still home. On Tuesday, May 8, 2014 between 11:45pm and Wednesday, May 9, at 6:55am someone entered the victim's residence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of 440 Davis Court. The victim left his sliding door open

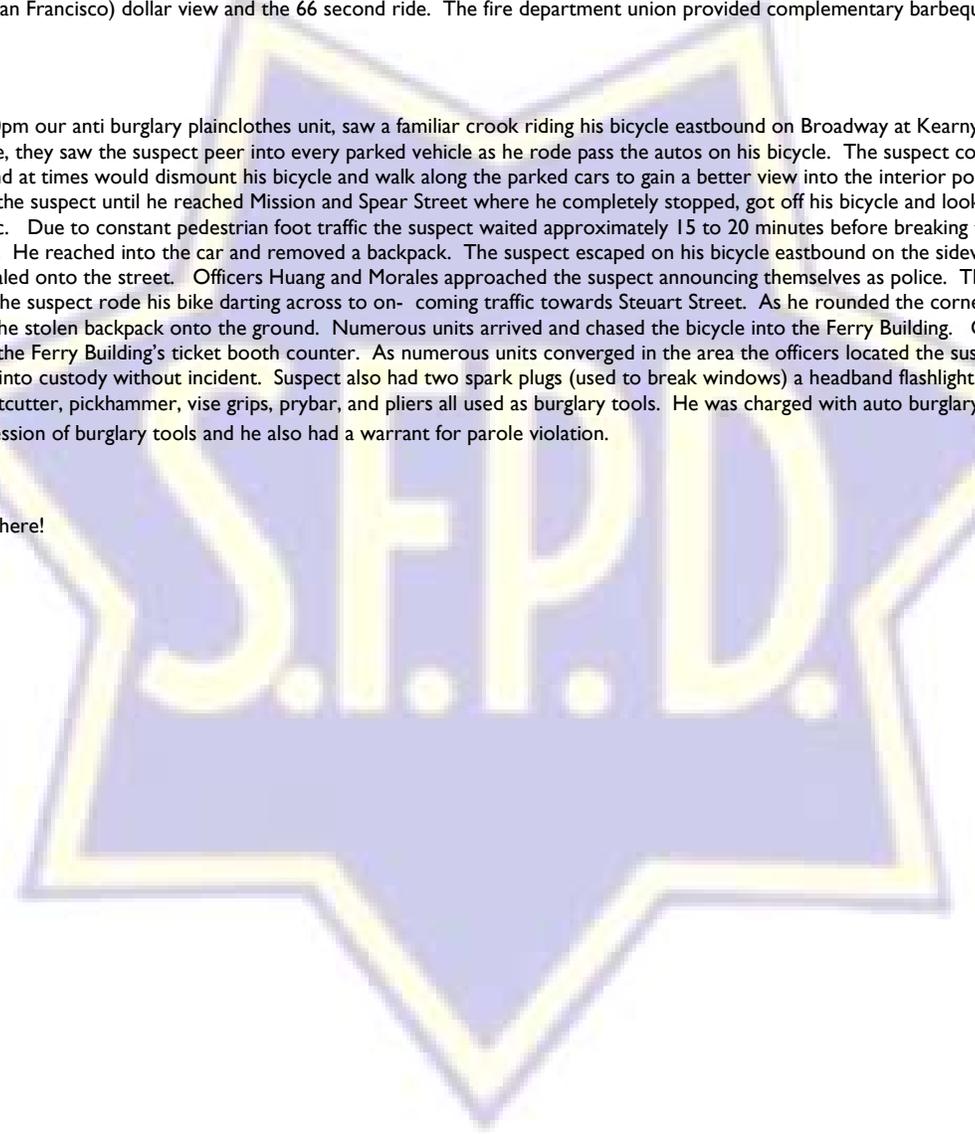
while sleeping in his studio apartment. When the victim woke up he found his I phone and \$200.00 in cash missing. Also on May 9, the same suspect went into an apartment directly above the first victim apartment, this time on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The victim also left his patio glass door open. He was sleeping when he was awakened by noise in his bedroom. The victim saw someone crouched next to his bed, rummaging through his night stand. The suspect ran out of the bedroom and escaped down the hallway with the victim's I phone, laptop, and wallet. The Gateway Apartment Complex has video cameras on the premises and the management gave us a copy of the surveillance video which shows the suspect carrying a stolen laptop. On Saturday, May 10, at 4:28pm Officer Lopez responded to Saks Fifth Avenue on a call a suspect being detained by Saks Security for stealing a belt (A \$450.00 belt may I add). The incident was also captured on surveillance video. The suspect made a handwritten statement admitting to the crime and agreed to pay for the merchandise. When Officer Lopez inquired about the suspect's identity he told the officer his name was Joshua Brown and he had never been arrested before. Officer Lopez told Joshua Brown he had to book him at Central Station because he could not confirm his identity without identification. Otherwise Brown could be cited with a ticket to appear for court with identification. Brown did not want to go to jail, he really wanted to be cited out so he told Officer Lopez his real name which was not Joshua Brown. The only problem now is that using his real name, revealed that he had two outstanding warrants one for burglary and one for vandalism. He was also on felony probation for burglary, and had five prior convictions for theft. In the meantime Inspector Woo of Central Station recognized this suspect as the same suspect on video for the Hot Prowl Burglaries from 440 Davis Court. Now this suspect is in Hot Water as he was booked for additional charge of Hot Prowl Burglary. Speaking of Hot is the weather hot enough for you?

The reopening of Coit Tower after six months of restorations occurred Wednesday. Mayor Ed Lee, Police Chief Greg Suhr, Fire Chief Joanne Hayes White, DA George Gascon, District 3 Supervisor David Chiu, and a slew of VIPs cut the ceremonial ribbon. The restored depression era fresco artwork looks fabulous. On reopening day there were free elevator rides up to the top. By the time you read this newsletter it will cost you \$7.00 for the million (billion this is San Francisco) dollar view and the 66 second ride. The fire department union provided complementary barbeque hot links and burgers. Yum!

Tuesday night at 10:40pm our anti burglary plainclothes unit, saw a familiar crook riding his bicycle eastbound on Broadway at Kearny Street. As the unit set up surveillance, they saw the suspect peer into every parked vehicle as he rode pass the autos on his bicycle. The suspect continuously circled surrounding streets and at times would dismount his bicycle and walk along the parked cars to gain a better view into the interior portions of the cars. The officers followed the suspect until he reached Mission and Spear Street where he completely stopped, got off his bicycle and looked into a parked blue 2003 Honda Civic. Due to constant pedestrian foot traffic the suspect waited approximately 15 to 20 minutes before breaking the passenger front window of the Honda. He reached into the car and removed a backpack. The suspect escaped on his bicycle eastbound on the sidewalk of Mission Street, he quickly pedaled onto the street. Officers Huang and Morales approached the suspect announcing themselves as police. The suspect screamed Ahhhh!!! The suspect rode his bike darting across to on-coming traffic towards Steuart Street. As he rounded the corner of Mission and Steuart he discarded the stolen backpack onto the ground. Numerous units arrived and chased the bicycle into the Ferry Building. Officers noticed the bicycle abandoned by the Ferry Building's ticket booth counter. As numerous units converged in the area the officers located the suspect hiding under a bench. He was taken into custody without incident. Suspect also had two spark plugs (used to break windows) a headband flashlight (used to see the windows break), a boltcutter, pickhammer, vise grips, prybar, and pliers all used as burglary tools. He was charged with auto burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and he also had a warrant for parole violation.

Please be careful out there!

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## CRIMES OF NOTE:

### 05/02/2014 1:30 AM – 9:00 AM

A restaurant on the 1200 block of Grant had been vandalized during non-business hours. The window, door window and door had been painted over with graffiti. No suspects were seen. No surveillance cameras were found in the area.

### 05/01/2014 3:00 PM

Victim received a collection letter in the mail stating that the victim had an outstanding balance for unreturned equipment to Comcast. The victim did not have an account with Comcast and the victim's social security number and information were used to open the fraudulent account.

### 05/02/2014 3:00 PM – 3:20 PM

Victim boarded a crowded #30 MUNI bus heading inbound from Market Street and Stockton Street. When the victim got off the bus at Stockton Street and Washington Street, the victim discovered her wallet had been taken from her handbag by an unknown suspect. No suspects were seen.

### 05/03/2014 2:00 AM

Victim was walking northbound on Columbus Avenue approaching Mason Street. The victim was then struck in the face by an unknown suspect multiple times. The victim fell to the ground from the attack and because the victim's face was covered in blood, he did not see the suspect or suspects involved. After the attacker left, the victim realized his wallet had been taken from his rear pants pocket. The victim was evaluated at the scene for his injuries. No surveillance cameras were found in the area.

### 04/29/2014 11:00 AM – 05/02/2014 12:00 PM

Victim went away for the weekend and secured her garage door on the 1300 block of Pine Street with a padlock. The victim received a call from her building manager stating the garage door lock was missing and the garage door was left unlocked. The victim discovered her bicycle that was locked inside the garage had been taken. No surveillance cameras were found in the area.

### 05/04/2014 8:30 PM – 10:15 PM

Victims parked their rental vehicle in the parking lot on the 2300 block of Stockton Street. The victims stated that when they returned, they discovered the passenger side rear window had been smashed and their bags had been stolen. No surveillance cameras were found in the area.

### 05/06/2014 9:15PM- 9:30PM

Our plainclothes team was conducting an auto burglary abatement operation in the area of Chestnut St and Montgomery St. when they witnessed two unknown suspects enter a locked vehicle. The suspects took several items out of the vehicle and placed them into their own vehicle. Officer unfortunately lost sight of vehicle as it drove away.

### 05/08/2014 11:57PM-11:59PM

Victim was walking at Market and Grant Avenue when the suspect was rambling and talking to himself. As the Victim tried to pass the suspect, the suspect threw a hard object at the victim's buttocks. Victim stated that the pain was really bad however, refused medical attention.

### 05/09/2014 12:30AM-1:17AM

Victim was walking in the area of Drumm and Clay street when he was hit over the head with what he believes to have been a bottle. Three un-

unknown males then attacked the victim by throwing him to the ground and kicking him. During the attack, the suspects were able to take his wallet, wedding ring, credit cards and wrist watch. Victim told officers he smoked crack and drank whiskey all day. An ambulance was summoned for the victim.

**05/11/2014 5:00PM**

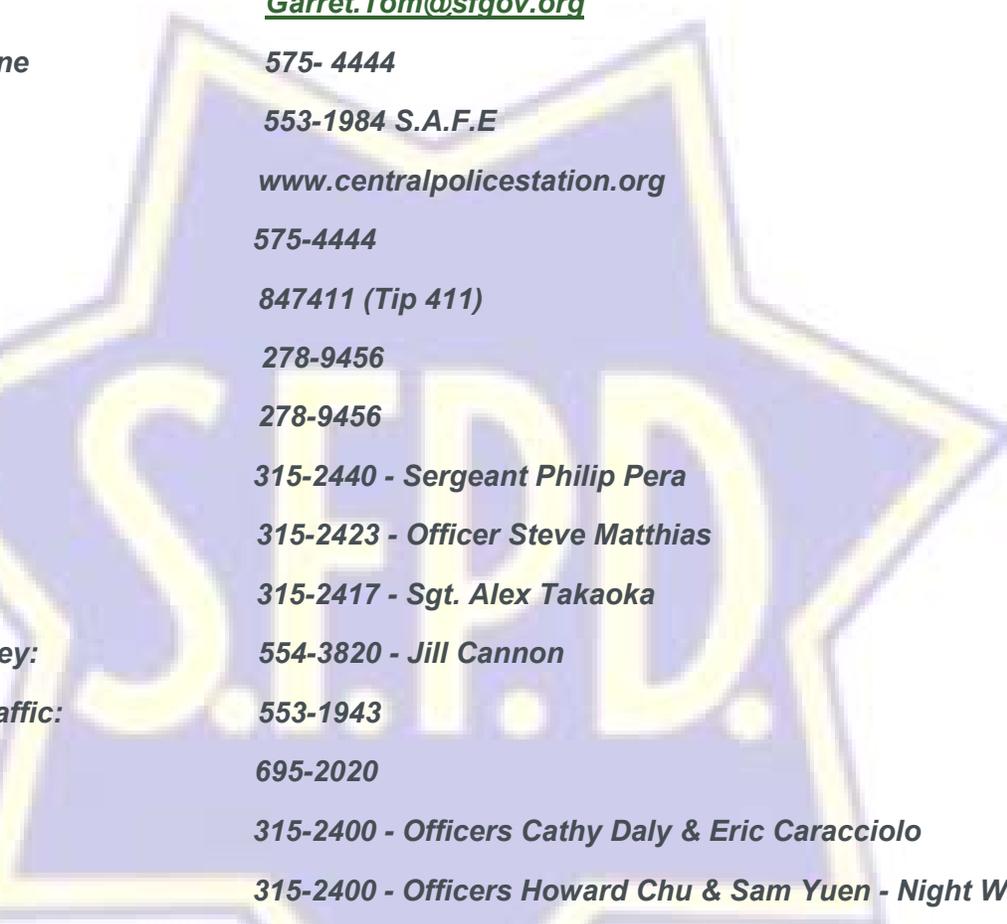
Victim lives on the 100 block of Vallejo Street and told police that someone has unlawfully entered her garage and broke into her vehicle. Officers searched the area for video surveillance but could not locate any in the area.

**05/12/2014 6:00PM**

Suspect forcefully entered an office building on the 600 block of Front Street and ransacked several office spaces. Video surveillance was obtained and the case is currently under investigation. Loss is unknown at this time.



## **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>