

Mission Police Station Newsletter

December 2017



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Commanding Officer



Happy Holidays to All,

I have been walking around the district recently and one can feel the excitement and buzz in the air as we welcome in the Holiday Season. Holiday decorations abound in the Streets, in merchants stores, and residents homes. There is a nice feeling all around our district. With that said, there are a lot more people walking around in the area. My officers are aware of this and we have made it our goal to be as visible as possible.

There has been a lot of excitement at the Station too. My Lieutenant has reenacted the "Buy Bust Program," this is a program in which undercover officers purchase narcotics from the narcotics dealers on the street. It's amazing how quickly the dealers find out that we are in full enforcement mode and vanish once they see a few of their co- dealers being arrested.

With the Holiday spirit around there are more vehicles and pedestrians out and about. We want to reduce the risk of accidents. My officers have been concentrating on intersections where vehicles fail to yield to pedestrians. We have been citing numerous vehicles who fail to yield within crosswalks. The word will get out, and the vehicles will begin to comply by slowing down and yielding to pedestrians

Mission Station will continue to bite away on the issues at hand throughout the District.

From the Mission Station Family to your Families, we wish the Happiest and Safe Holidays to all and a Happy New Year.

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Recent Incident's:

Incident: Structure Fire

Time: 11/24/2017

Officers were near the intersection of 24th St and Shotwell St taking a suspect into custody who was breaking windows with a metal pole. Upon overcoming the suspect's active resistance, the officers noted flames and smoke from a nearby building. The officers called for the fire department and began evacuating buildings. Officers evacuated five buildings as the fire spread to adjacent apartment buildings, rescuing four people, a pet dog, and a pet cat. SFPD ran a second alarm and extinguished the fire. Officers provided traffic control and a safe staging area for approximately 24 displaced residents until Red Cross arrival.

UNDER INVESTIGATION

Incident: Human Trafficking – Commercial Sex Acts; Pimping; Pandering

Time: 11/04/2017

Location: Shotwell St / 18th St
Summary: On Saturday, November 04, 2017 Officers contacted the victim working the "track" in the Mission District, an area plagued with prostitution and related crimes. The victim attempted to evade the officers but upon detention began to cry and told the officers her ex-boyfriend was forcing her to work as a prostitute. Officers listened on speaker phone while the victim pled with the ex-boyfriend to not work the street, to no avail. Officers Griffin #1502 located the suspect/ex-boyfriend near 17th and Shotwell St, waiting in his car.

During an interview, the victim said her ex-boyfriend had previously pimped her and taken about 80% of the "earnings". The victim said she was coerced to being a prostitute due to threats of violence from ex-boyfriend. The suspect was booked for human trafficking, pimping, and pandering.

ARREST MADE

Incident: Aggravated Assault w/ Knife

Time: 11/24/2017

Officers were dispatched to the FoodsCo at 1800 Folsom St for a report of an assault with a knife. When the officers arrived on the scene, the FoodsCo security guards had detained the suspect at taser point. The officers handcuffed the suspect.

The security guards told the officers they had witnessed the suspect yelling at the victim, saying "I'm going to beat his bitch ass right now!" The guards then saw the suspect attempt to stab the victim several times unsuccessfully when they intervened.

The Victim said he was sitting out front of FoodsCo with his wife when the suspect rode up on his bike and asked the victim to watch his bike while he shopped. The victim stated that he did not know him and would not watch his bicycle. The victim stated that the suspect then attacked him. After being detained, the suspect stated "If I go to jail I'm going to get you." The suspect also stated to the victim's wife "If I go to jail, bitch-ass, I'm going to cut you."

The suspect was booked for aggravated assault and criminal threats without further incident.

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Recent Incident's:

Incident: Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, w/ Injury; Driving, Reckless, w/ Injury; Traffic Collision, Hit and Run, Injury

Time: 11/18/2017

Injury: Victim 1: compound left leg fracture; broken right ankle; Victim 2: numerous lacerations and contusions all over his body

At 2054 hours all Mission units responded to the area of 15th St and Julian St for a report of a truck haven driven down the sidewalk with numerous injuries. The officers at the scene located a homeless encampment which had been driven through with the three injured victims. Numerous medical personnel responded to the scene and transported them to SFGH.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect had become angry with victim1, whom she used to have a dating relationship with. The suspect took the truck's keys from an acquaintance, who had them dangling from his pocket. The suspect then drove the truck away. The suspect then came back to the scene with the truck, driving an estimated 40-50 mph. The witnesses said the suspect steered onto the sidewalk with a purpose, ran over the victims, hit two parked cars, and came to rest against a parking meter. The suspect then left the scene. Mission officers later located the suspect, who was positively identified by witnesses. The officers also noticed the suspect was extremely intoxicated. The suspect later blew a .32 % BAC on the PAS.

The suspect was booked for three counts of attempted murder and aggravated assault, DUI with injury, hit and run with injury, vandalism, felony DV, and reckless driving with injuries.

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Definitions:

Human Trafficking: The illegal practice of procuring or trading in human beings for the purpose of prostitution, forced labor, or other forms of exploitation. Also called trafficking in persons.

Prostitute: A woman or man who engages in sexual intercourse for money; whore; harlot. A person who willingly uses his or her talent or ability in a base and unworthy way, usually for money.

Pimp: A person, especially a man, who solicits customers for a prostitute or a brothel, usually in return for a share of the earnings; pander; procurer. A despicable person.

Pandering: A person who furnishes clients for a prostitute or supplies persons for illicit sexual intercourse; procurer; pimp. A person who caters to or profits from the weakness or vices of others. A go-between in amorous intrigues.

Aggravated Assault: *Law.* Characterized by some feature defined by law that enhances the crime, as the intention of the criminal or the special vulnerability of the criminal or the special vulnerability of the victim: *aggravated assault: aggravated rape.*

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Meet Mission Station's Officer David Sands. Officer Sands was born and raised in San Francisco, growing up in the Sunset District. Officer Sands began his career with the San Francisco Police Department in 2006, where he left his job as a restaurant chef, pursuing a career in law enforcement. Officer Sands has now been with the San Francisco Police Department for over 11 years and has worked some of the most challenging districts; Southern, Northern and the Mission, where he has been assigned since 2008. During that time, Officer Sands has served as a patrolman, foot-beat officer, plainclothes officer, gang car officer and is currently one of Mission Station's Homeless Outreach Officers. When Officer Sands is not working, he enjoys doing archery and trains in Jiu-Jitsu.

Officer Sands' shift in the Mission District always begins before sunrise. While ordinary people are just waking up, Officers Sands is out working vigorously to address many of the homeless related issues in the Mission District. Additionally, Officer Sands diligence has assisted local victims of theft. During Officer Sands homeless outreach efforts, he has come across numerous stolen bicycles, which he identified using the serial numbers and later had returned to the proper owners.

Officer Sands and his team continue to work hard to address the homeless issues in the Mission District.

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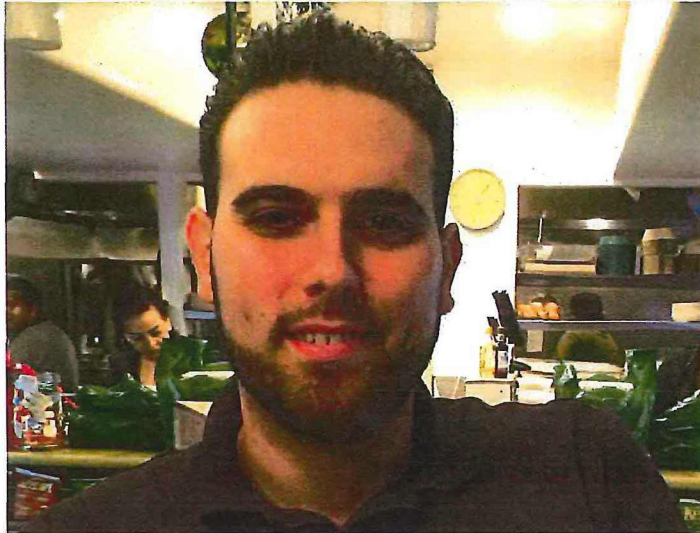
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Meet Christopher Totah. The 28 year, who is known by neighbors as Chris, opened Zaytoon Mediterranean at 1136 Valencia St. seven years ago and has been running the business ever since. Chris was born and raised in San Francisco and felt the Mission District was a good place for him to start a business. When talking about the Mission and what he likes, he said, "I like the people, the food, and the atmosphere... you got people from all over the world coming to the Mission. I enjoy the 22nd Street farmers market, it's a nice event that brings the community together." When Chris is not running his business, he spends time with his family and his fiancé, who together are planning a wedding for next summer.

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Noise Complaints?

*If your experiencing a noise issue please call the non-emergency line at (415)553-0123.
If you have a reoccurring noise issue please contact Permit/Code Enforcement Officer Medina at (415)558-5400.

*As always, if you are experiencing an emergency call 911.

Planning an party?

*For use of any Park in the Mission District please contact San Francisco Recreation and Parks.

*To obtain a One Day ABC License, please print out an ABC Form 221 from the ABC Website.
The form must be completed and brought to Mission Station, 630 Valencia @ 17th Street.
Mission Station will sign the form, and then it must be taken to the ABC Office for approval.

*PLEASE ensure that if you are renting a venue that the establishment be licensed as an event space. If you are unsure of the venue's status please contact Mission Station directly at (415)558-5400. Unfortunately if the location is not permitted to host assemblies, they will be shut down during the event!



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Upcoming Events and/or Street Closures:

Mission Station's Annual Toy Giveaway



December 16, 2017
Starts at 9am
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