



San Francisco  
Police Department

# Northern Station Newsletter

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## Captain Joe Engler's Message

### Residents, Merchants, and Visitors

When problem-solving, a critical initial step is the identification of the nature of the problem.

As the Captain of the Northern Police district of San Francisco, I am constantly looking for answers and approaches that will improve upon the quality of life and the safety of our residents and visitors. In seeking to address an extremely complex homeless problem, I am determined to continue the mission to find sustainable and realistic answers that can be applied by the officers under my command. While embracing a city-wide approach by stakeholders in the Healthy Streets Operation Center, Northern Station is taking ownership of the issues through a tailored, district-specific approach.

Identification of the people is our current mission in the Northern district.

People living in poverty, suffering from mental illness as well as those suffering from drug addiction comprise the majority of our current homeless population. Our greatest challenge as police officers is staying current on the names and the faces of this vulnerable population that travel around our neighborhoods.

Identification of the vulnerable people upon the Northern district streets is our number one priority. Police reports and field identification cards are our vehicles for capturing this information which is critical in determining whether these persons should be taken to a hospital, a shelter, or when breaking the law, to jail.

As citizens, I encourage you to use the 911 and (415) 553-0123 phone numbers whenever you see evidence of a crime afoot. Open-air drug use, possession of stolen property, loitering about playgrounds while intoxicated and around children is worthy of such a call. We realize that the problems described have been prevalent in certain neighborhoods for too long and that you are frustrated. Your local police officers assigned to Northern Station are committed to the struggle and ask that you join us in finding the solutions. Triaging complex problems begin with a call, a police stop and the gathering of information. As police officers, we have no control over the laws on the books or the decisions made in the court room. We can, however, make a good record memorializing the problems through police reports.

Thank you for your help. At Northern Station, we believe that the homeless should never be nameless. Through meaningful contacts with these subjects, we want to assist them in finding a better place.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

-JE



Captain Joseph Engler

## Next Community Meeting:

Tue, May 14th, 2019

6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

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Chief William Scott's  
message

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chief-police](http://sanfranciscopolice.org/chief-police)



**Check it out!**



**Sgt. Carrasco from Northern Station's Investigation team was recently awarded for his hard work by the San Francisco Council, Lions Club.**

# Community



Fun times had by all at the Easter Egg Hunt at Ella Hill Hutch

**WALK MS. TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.**

**Walk MS San Francisco**  
Walk MS brings together a community of passionate people for one powerful cause: to end MS forever. And with every step we take and every dollar we raise... we're that much closer.

**Together we are stronger than MS.**

**PLEASE JOIN THE FRISCO FOOT SOLDIERS or SFPD WALKING THE BEAT TEAMS!!**  
Contact Kiki Demafelis at [kkayc1@hotmail.com](mailto:kkayc1@hotmail.com) or Sgt. Ray Padmore at [Raymond.Padmore@sfgov.org](mailto:Raymond.Padmore@sfgov.org) for details.

**EVENT DETAILS:**  
Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 8 to 11:30am  
Location: Embarcadero in the Justin Herman Plaza  
Time: Registration opens at 8:00am; Walk starts at 9:00am  
Raise \$100 and carry a Walk MS 2019 T-Shirt!!

**MS. REGISTER TODAY!**  
[WALKMS.ORG](http://WALKMS.ORG) | 1-855-372-1331

Join the team for a great cause. Register at [walkms.org](http://walkms.org)



Safety with Respect



## **INCIDENT RECAPS**

**On 4/8/19 at about 0207 hours, officers responded to a call of a large fight in the area of Polk/Bush. Upon arrival, officers met with a CHP officer who had one person detained. After obtaining statements from victims and witnesses, it was determined that this person detained was in fact a victim and not a subject. According to the victim, the first subject approached him outside the Playland Bar, pointed a gun in his direction, and in self-defense, the victim punched the subject. The victim stated that he saw two of his friends involved in a physical altercation with the other two subjects (two victims left the scene prior to officer arrival). It was later determined that all victims had property stolen from them by the subjects. When officers had arrived on scene, one subject was already being treated by the medics. After more witnesses approached officers, suspect description of the other subjects were provided to them. During one interview, a witness recognized the second subject and pointed her out to officers, at which point officers observed the subject as she approached the third subject. Officers then intercepted both subjects and placed them under arrest. During the investigation, it was determined that all subjects were affiliated with a gang. GTF was then notified and responded to the scene to take over the investigation. A silver Colt 38, Detective Spec 38 Special, firearm was seized from the third subject (serial# 8949RD). The following day, GTF sergeants sent out a city wide crime alert for the fourth subject wanted in connection with the robbery. The fourth subject was then located and arrested in the Mission district.**

**On 4/12/19 at about 2128 hours, officers responded to a service call of a person with a gun in the area of Pacific/Gough. Upon arrival, officers located the subject who was bleeding from his head, and summoned paramedics to treat the subject's injuries. Officers spoke with witnesses and victims who stated that they have been having an ongoing dispute with the subject regarding theft at their work-site. On this date, the victim had approached the subject to discuss the ongoing theft issues, at which point the subject became irate and a verbal altercation ensued. Victim stated that the subject had left the scene, however, the subject returned a short while later with a pistol in his waistband. Fearing for his life, the victim grabbed a nearby construction tool to use in self-defense. The victim called for help from coworkers, and then hit the subject in the head fearing that the subject was going to shoot him. The victim and witnesses then removed the handgun from the subject's waistband and called police. Officers then seized the black Colt, 1911 Combat Commander, 45 ACP pistol. The subject was then cited on scene for the violation.**

### Upcoming Events

April 20th & 21st Cherry Blossom Festival @Japantown

April 21st- Union Street Easter Parade & Spring Festival

April 28th- Walk MS @ Embarcadero in Justin Herman Plaza



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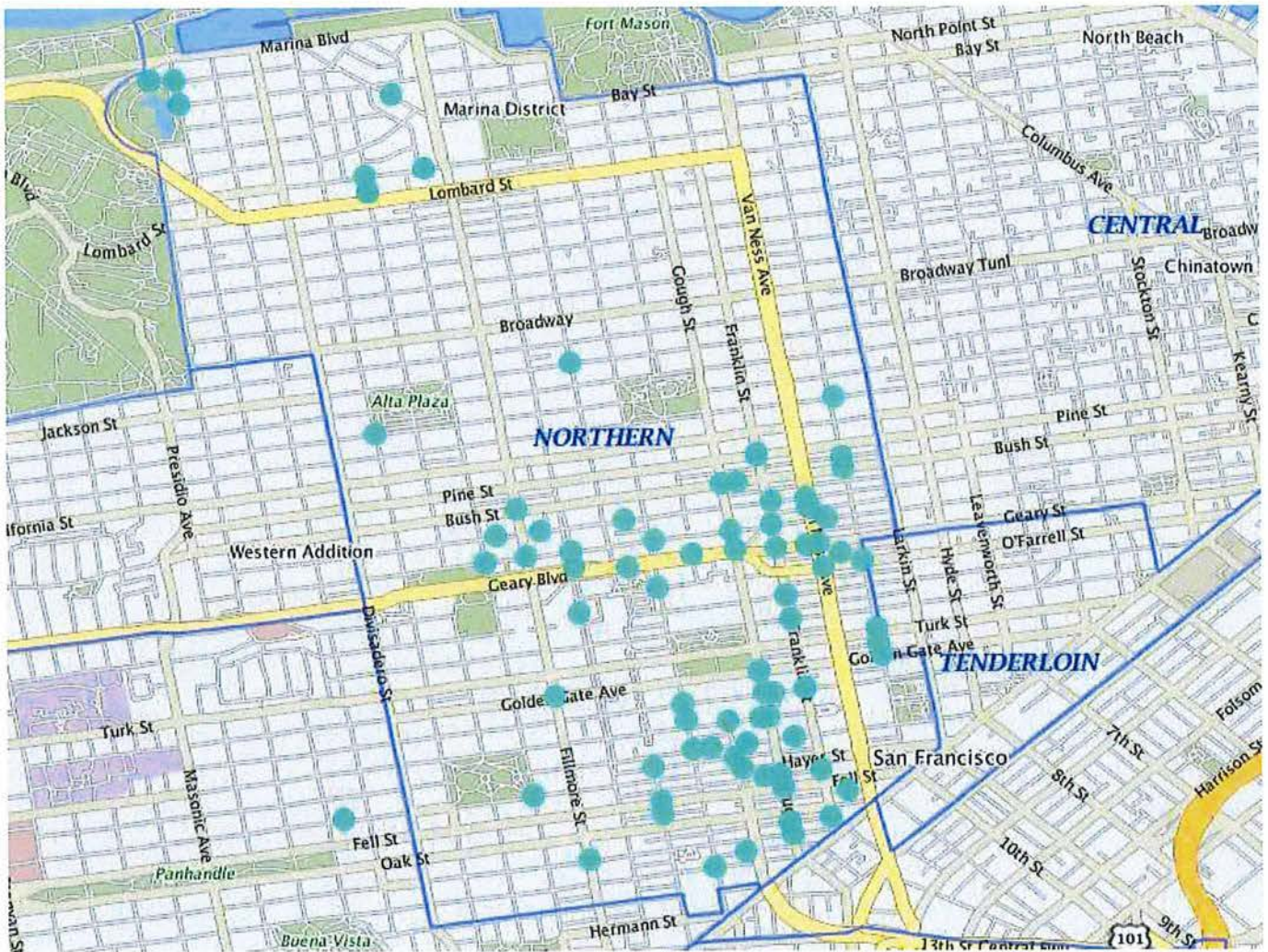
**Auto Burglaries:**

**Dates: 04/08/19 to 04/14/19**

**This Week: 95**

**Year to Date 2019 : 1387**

**Year to Date 2018 : 1541**



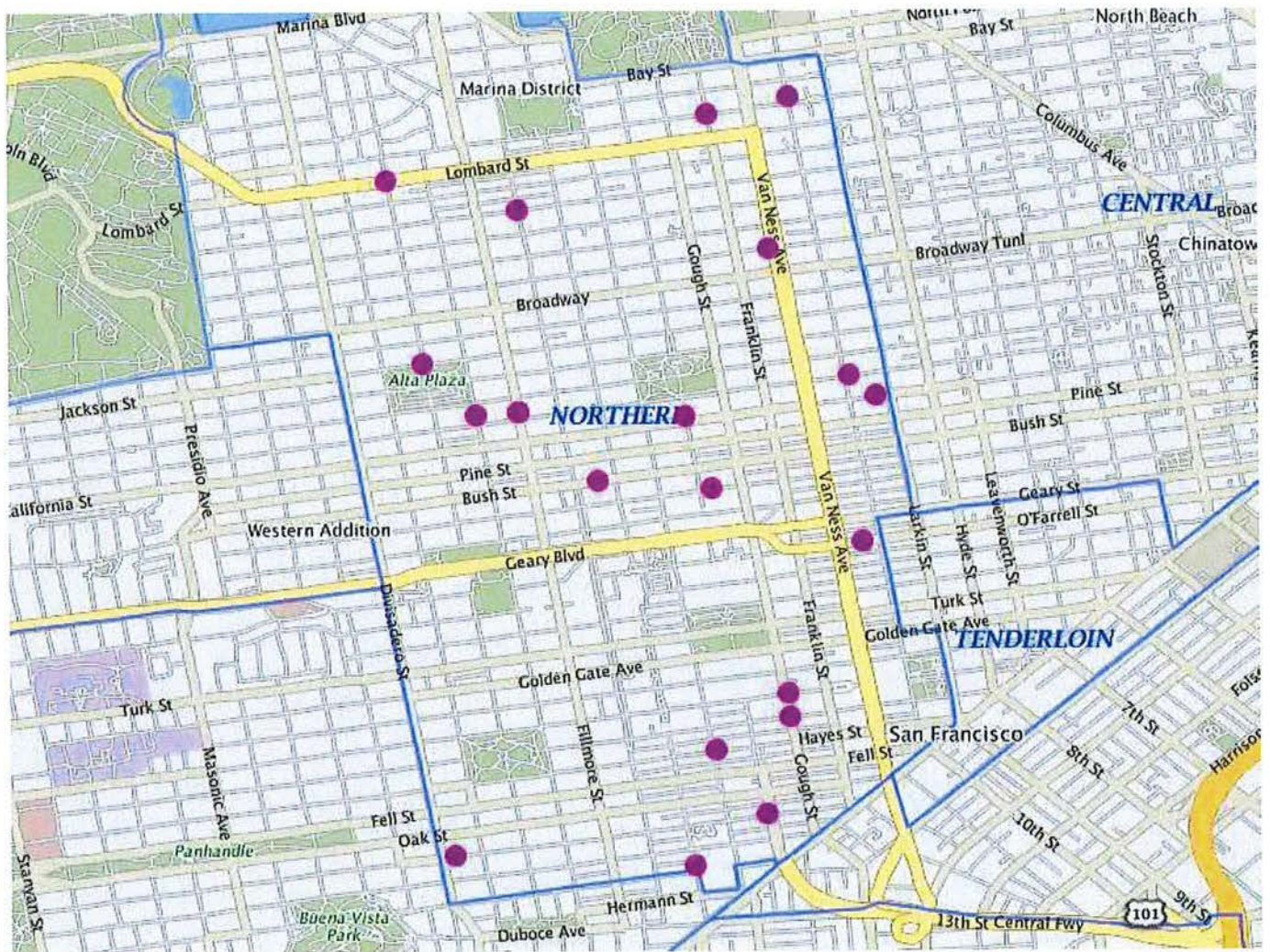
**Burglary:**

**Dates: 04/08/19 to 04/14/19**

**This Week: 21**

**Year to Date 2019: 259**

**Year to Date 2018: 253**



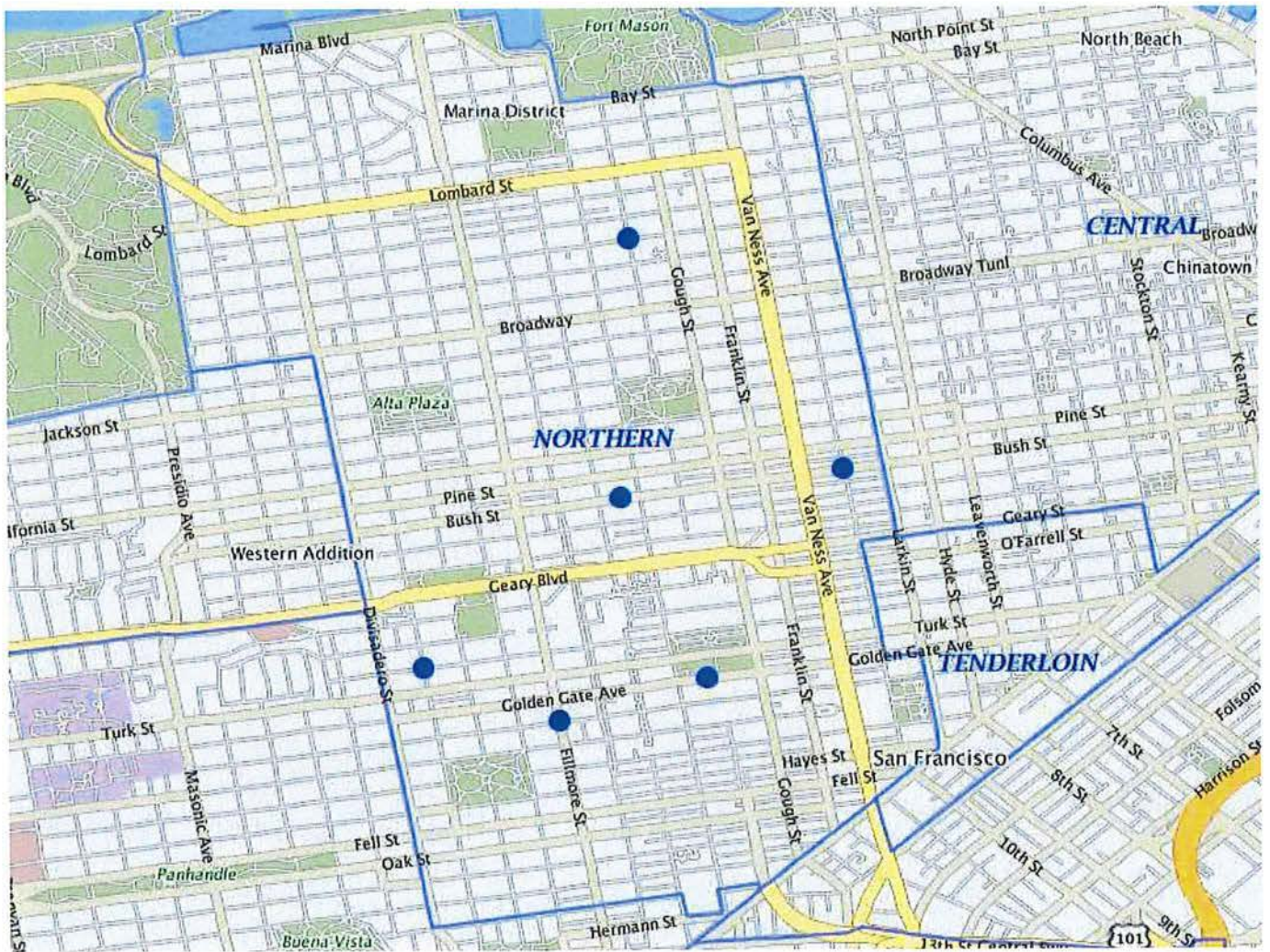
**Robbery:**

**Dates: 04/08/19 to**

**04/14/19 This Week: 7**

**Year to Date 2019: 94**

**Year to Date 2018: 99**





# Safety-San Francisco



## Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road. In the smartphone age, distracted driving is the most dangerous when drivers are using their cell phone behind the wheel.

Whether it is talking, emailing, texting, plugging in directions, using an app or scrolling through social media feeds, using a cell phone is not only dangerous, but also illegal.

In 2017, 3,166 people were killed in distracted driving related crashes across the country, or nearly 10 percent of all traffic deaths.

Using a phone to dial, talk or text triples the risk of a driver getting into a crash. Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

Other serious driver distractions such as eating, grooming, reaching for objects on the floor, changing clothes or talking with passengers are just as dangerous. The safest thing drivers can do is put down the phone, focus on the road and just drive.








### Distracted Driving Prevention

- ✓ Never Text and Drive
- ✓ Silence your phone before you drive
- ✓ Pull over to safe parking spot to make a call
- ✓ Don't text or call someone you know is driving



## Cell Phone Law

-  Holding a phone while driving is illegal. Any electronic device must be used in a hands-free manner, such as speaker or voice commands. The law applies when at a stop sign or signal.
-  To use a phone while driving, it must be mounted on the dashboard, windshield (seven-inch square in lower right corner or five-inch square in lower left corner), or center console.
-  When the phone is mounted, drivers can swipe or tap the screen once to activate or deactivate a feature. It is illegal to swipe multiple times, enter information or text.
-  A first offense ticket is \$162, with additional offenses costing even more.
-  You may use your phone while holding it for true emergencies, like calling 911.

For additional driver safety tips and resources, visit [gosafelyca.org](http://gosafelyca.org).

Be part of the solution by resisting the urge to talk or text while driving and "Go Safely, California."

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**YOUR FEEDBACK**  
will help US serve YOU better!  
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**The SFPD wants to hear from YOU.**

We are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. Our mission is to provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.

We welcome your comments. Let us know how we're doing, what we could be doing better and your thoughts on how your police department can work more closely with the community we proudly serve.

Visit us at <http://sanfranciscopolice.org/feedback>. Your feedback will help SFPD better serve our City. Comments will be reviewed by our Community Engagement Unit and forwarded to the relevant unit, department office or neighborhood station for review and follow up, if appropriate.

(If this is an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergencies, call 415-553-0123. You may also visit <http://sanfranciscopolice.org/police-commendation-complaint> for more information on providing input on SFPD policies and practices.)



## Career Opportunities



### Join The S.F.P.D. – San Francisco's Finest

*The San Francisco Police Department welcomes dedicated men and women to join us in serving our City. I encourage you to apply to become one of San Francisco's finest.*

The City and County of San Francisco invites you to join a highly respected police department and serve the citizens of one of the most beautiful cities in the country. San Francisco Police Officers perform a wide variety of duties to promote public safety and security, prevent crime and enforce the law. Police officers perform a number of essential functions. For example, they patrol districts to prevent and detect crime; respond to calls for assistance; conduct criminal investigations; interact with the community to build cooperation and support; pursue and arrest suspects; enforce traffic and parking laws; write reports and maintain records; work with superiors, peers, and others as a team; prepare for and participate in planned events; prepare for court and give testimony; and fulfill other administrative duties when required. This is much more than a job; it is an opportunity to build a career of which you can be proud.

### Applying is Easy!

1. Apply with the City and County of San Francisco at [www.jobaps.com/sf](http://www.jobaps.com/sf) (Entry Level (Q-2) Police Officer)
2. Go to [www.nationaltestingnetwork.com](http://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com), choose law enforcement, and register to take the San Francisco exam (\$45). Financial assistance is available.
3. Choose an available exam date that's convenient for you.
4. Schedule your exam.
5. You will receive an email confirming your exam date, time and location.

## Have Questions? Contact the San Francisco Police Department Recruitment Unit

1245 3rd Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94158  
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**EMERGENCY:** 911  
**Non-Emergency:** 415-553-0123  
**Cell Phone 911:** 911

Northern Station: 415-614-3400

Captain Joe Engler:

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Patrol Lieutenant: 415-614-3400

Human Trafficking: 415-643-6233

SF SAFE: 415-553-1984

Website: <http://sanfranciscopolice.org/northern-station>

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Text to 847411

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**Crime Statistics Disclaimer:**

Crime statistical data is accurate at the time the data is forwarded for publication. It is anticipated that weekly crime statistics will trend slightly higher, as victims of crime often delay the reporting of crime using online reporting and walk-in station counter reports after the date of the actual incident.



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