



SUBA Area Crime Bulletin

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Crime Statistics

	Aug 05	Aug 06
Robbery	1	3
Burglary	9	2
Theft	7	3
Fraud	3	2
Prostitution	3	4
Illegal Vendors	2	2
QOL	13	7
Vandal / Trespass	1	1

	YTD 05	YTD 06	% Chg
Robbery	21	23	9.5%
Burglary	39	46	17.9%
Theft	48	61	27.1%
Fraud	23	11	-52.2%
Prostitution	10	23	130.0%
Illegal Vendors	21	21	.0%
QOL	65	51	-21.5%
Vandal / Trespass	19	17	-10.5%

① Area 1 ② Area 2 ③ Area 3 ④ Area 4

SDU Highlights

SDU worked with BFI this month to address recycling theft and the associated issue of dumping shopping carts. Recyclers commonly steal shopping carts then use them to collect recyclables throughout the city. After they have obtained as much product as they can carry they make their way to recycling businesses on Commission and Kings St. After their big pay off they routinely dump the carts next to the recycling business or a few feet away. BFI operated as the primary spotter while SDU conducted the arrests. A total of eight individuals were arrested.

The property manager for The Alisal Shopping Center did a great job of getting together with the management of Mi Pueblo to post the entire area with parking enforcement signs. The signs authorize the police department to issue parking citations to busses and vehicles for sale. Riding of bicycles, skateboards, and roller skates is also prohibited. Posting the signs provides law enforcement with yet another reason to contact suspicious individuals and run them off. We can provide your company with guidelines to help post similar signs.

SDU and the Vice Narcotics Unit conducted another prostitution sting that resulted in the arrest of four suspects. All four suspects were ordered to stay away from the street or intersection where they were arrested. If those suspects return to the area they can be arrested on site for a probation violation. There was a great deal of media attention regarding the prostitution problem and a meeting took place in the area to discuss priorities and establish an action plan. Some of the ideas to help fight the problem include strategic fencing to reduce cruising, stricter identification requirements at hotels/motels, enhanced regulation of adult bookstores, and placing the Mobile Command Community Services Vehicle (MCCSV) in the area.

The MCCSV began hitting some SUBA areas this month and with its mere presence began to help deter criminals. Shortly after setting up at the Foods Co parking lot we observed all those loitering leave the area. One fearless individual decided to drink in public a few feet away from the vehicle but the main camera captured and recorded his actions. He was promptly issued a citation and ordered to leave the property. Later in the day the vehicle was parked by Longs on Griffin St. No prostitutes showed up. The MCCSV is a powerful crime deterrent and it will be frequently seen in the SUBA area as more drivers are trained.

This month we suffered three robberies but the great news is that two suspects were captured. One of the suspects may be responsible for two more robberies in other areas of Salinas. A witness at Payless Shoe Store was not able to positively identify the captured suspect as the robber from his store. Based on the Modus Operandi from the crimes we are quite sure that it was in fact the same individual. Another robber who stole a wallet from a customer waiting for his Chinese food at the Alisal Shopping Center was captured a few minutes after he committed the crime. The suspect has a history as a Norteño gang member and received a gang enhancement to his charge. Gang enhancements increase the amount of time that a sentenced individual has to spend incarcerated.

Keep reporting crimes because together we can make our streets safer.

Robbery

This category includes robberies to businesses and to individuals on the property of a business.

Armed Robbery

Payless Shoe Store, 712 E. Alisal St. ③

8/11/06, 10:37AM

A male suspect entered the store and approached the counter with a pair of tennis shoes and socks. He brandished a knife to the clerk and demanded money. The clerk gave the suspect the money from the cash register and he fled with the shoes, socks, and cash. Officers later responded but were unable to locate the suspect. No arrest made.

Armed Robbery

Las Novias Elegantes, 902 E. Market St. ②

8/13/06, 11:51AM

A male suspect entered the store and approached the cash register with a bible. The suspect brandished a knife and demanded the cashier give him the money from the cash register and a nearby purse. The suspect fled the store and was spotted nearby by responding officers. The suspect was identified by the store employee and lodged in jail. The suspect in this crime appeared to be linked to the robbery at Payless Shoe Store on 8/11/06. The Payless employee could not confirm such a link after looking at a photograph of the suspect. The suspect pled not guilty in court and remains in jail with a bail set at \$160,000.

Strong Arm Robbery

Alisal Discount Plaza, 832 E. Alisal St. ③

8/17/06, 1:36PM

The victim was walking through the shopping center when a suspect wearing a red sweatshirt struck him in the back, removed his wallet and fled on foot. The victim gave chase and was assisted by citizens in the area. Officers located Michael Anthony Loredo at a nearby alley after he threw the victim's wallet over a fence into a yard to hide it. The victim positively identified Loredo as being the person who robbed him. Loredo was lodged in jail and later pled guilty. Loredo's charge was reduced from robbery to grand theft but his sentencing will be enhanced as a gang crime.

Burglary

This category includes burglaries and attempted burglaries to businesses and vehicles on the property of a business.

Breaking and Entering

One Stop Auto Care, 324 E. Alisal St. ③

8/7/06, 7:47AM

Suspect(s) broke the lock from the door of a shed and detached and air compressor that was bolted to the floor. The suspect(s) removed the wiring and hoses but left the compressor on the property. The owner stated that no other items were disturbed or missing. No arrest made.

Attempted Breaking and Entering

Yamaha of Salinas, 330 Kings St. ③

8/14/06, 12:26AM

Suspect(s) threw a brick at the front window causing it to shatter but not break. No entry was made into the business and nothing was taken. No arrest made.

Theft

This category includes thefts and attempted thefts to businesses and vehicles on the property of a business.

Mountain Mikes Pizza, 317 E. Alisal St. ①

8/4/06, 4:48PM

A suspect stole the rear license plate of a vehicle.
No arrest made.

Shoplift

Long's Drug Store, 347 E. Alisal St. ①

8/30/06, 9:21AM

A suspect entered the store attempting to return cosmetic items. The store determined that alarm sensors on the products had not been deactivated indicating that the items may not have been purchased yet. The store refused to refund the suspect her money because the receipt that she presented was from the South Main Street store. The female fled and activated a sensor alarm as she left but store security did not give chase. No arrest made

Shoplift

Foods Co, 1030 E. Alisal St. ③

8/31/06, 8:50PM

Store security observed Jesus Hernandez Lugo remove Neosporin and Solarcaine from their package and conceal them on his person. He left the store without paying for the items and was arrested by store security. He admitted to the crime, was found to be on probation, and was lodged in jail. Lugo later pled guilty in court, was fined \$150, and was ordered to stay away from Foods Co for one year.

Fraud

Forgery

Bank of America, 1010 E. Alisal St. ③

8/1/06, 3:40PM

A suspect entered the business and attempted to cash a stolen check. The female provided a false identification but fled prior to police arrival. No arrest made.

Forgery

127 Market, 1000 N. Sanborn Rd. ④

8/24/06, 6:40PM

A suspect entered the business in June of 2006 and cashed a check for a business located in San Jose, CA. The business discovered the check and business information were fake. The suspect fled and has not returned. The business owner explained that the crime had not been reported earlier hoping that the suspect would return. No arrest made.

Prostitution

Griffin St. / Neil St. ①

8/11/06, 5:45PM

Pedro Garcia Sanchez driving a silver Toyota Camry approached a female decoy. Sanchez agreed to a sex act and was directed by the decoy to drive around the corner to close the deal. Sanchez was determined to be an unlicensed driver and was arrested. He did not admit to the crime and was lodged in jail. Sanchez later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from Griffin St. for one year.

Griffin St. / Rianda St. ①

8/11/06, 6:04PM

Alberto Sorano Miranda driving a blue GMC Yukon parked against the curb near the corner of Griffin St. and Rianda St. and begin talking to the decoy. Miranda was directed by the decoy to park to complete the deal. Miranda was arrested and admitted to asking the decoy for sex. He was cited and released. Miranda later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from Rianda St. for three years.

Griffin St. / Neil St. ①

8/11/06, 6:34PM

Pedro Munoz Mejia walked up to the decoy and asked her how much for sex in Spanish. The decoy negotiated a fee for a sex act with the male. The male was directed to a nearby area to complete the deal and was arrested. He later admitted to the crime and was released with a citation. Mejia later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from Griffin St. and Neil St. for three years.

Griffin St. / Neil St. ①

8/11/06, 6:44PM

Inocencio Garcia Jimenez driving a gray Honda Accord stopped near the decoy. Jimenez negotiated a price with the decoy for a sex act. The decoy directed Jimenez to park around the corner to complete the deal and was arrested. He did admit to the crime and was lodged in jail. Jimenez later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from Griffin St. and Neil St. for three years.

Illegal Vendors

No Business License and Improper Land Use

Foods Co, 1030 E. Alisal St. ③

8/12/06, 5:21PM

SDU located a woman with a large amount of fruit in the bed of her truck parked in the parking lot. She was asked if she was selling the fruit. She admitted to selling the fruit without a license, health permit, or a use of land permit. She was arrested and released with a citation.

No Business License

Gins Market, 950 N. Sanborn Rd. ④

8/27/06, 4:15PM

SDU located a male selling hand made necklaces and bracelets without a permit. The suspect admitted to selling the jewelry without a business license. He was arrested and released on a citation.

Quality of Life (QOL) Crimes

Drunk in Public

Super Cakes, 718 E. Alisal St. ③

8/5/06, 2:12AM

An employee reported a drunken male at a payphone in front of the business. When officers arrived, they found Aaron Lopez urinating in public. Lopez was arrested and lodged in jail for being drunk in public. Lopez was ordered to attend 30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings to have his case dismissed.

Aggressive Solicitation

E. Market St / Freeway Off Ramp S ①

8/10/06, 12:23PM

An officer observed Richard Ames holding a cardboard sign standing at the Highway 101 exit at E. Market St. Ames accepted money from occupants of vehicles that came to a stop at the intersection. Ames has been arrested multiple times for aggressive solicitation so on this occasion he was lodged in jail. Ames later pled guilty in court and was released after 3 days in jail.

Drunk in Public

Lamour Shoppe, 323 E. Alisal St. ①

8/10/06, 11:13PM

An employee reported a drunken male that was harassing customers and was refusing to leave. When officers arrived, they found the male standing outside of the business by a dumpster. The suspect was arrested and lodged in jail for being drunk in public. No court information available.

Drunk in Public, Probation Violation

Longs Drug Store #35, 347 E. Alisal St. ①

8/13/06, 10:41PM

Officer Canaday was patrolling the parking lot and noticed a vehicle that was improperly parked and had a signal light activated. The officer saw Raul Quiric Hernandez drunk and asleep in the driver's seat with his penis exposed. The suspect was arrested and lodged in jail for being drunk in public and violation of his probation. Hernandez later pled guilty in court and was ordered to serve 30 days in jail, fined \$400, and ordered to attend 30 AA meetings.

Drunk in Public

Foods Co, 1030 E. Alisal St. ③

8/18/06, 5:03PM

An employee reported a naked man inside the store bathroom. When officers arrived, store security had Troy Gene Schriver in custody and he had his clothing on. The suspect was arrested and lodged in jail for being drunk in public. Schriver later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from Foods Co for one year and attend 30 AA meetings.

Aggressive Solicitation

E. Market St / Freeway Off Ramp S ①

8/26/06, 4:00PM

SDU observed a male holding a cardboard sign standing at the Highway 101 exit at E. Market St.

The suspect accepted money from occupants of vehicles that came to a stop at the intersection. The suspect was cited and released. No court information available.

Aggressive Solicitation

E. Market St / Freeway Off Ramp S ①

8/27/06, 1:17PM

SDU observed a female wearing a white apron as a sign standing at the Highway 101 exit at E. Market St. The suspect accepted money from occupants of vehicles that came to a stop at the intersection. The suspect was cited and released. No court information available.

Vandalism and Trespassing

Graffiti

Mariscos Costa Azul, 658 E. Market St. ②

8/12/06, 1:26PM

A store employee called to report a female writing on the outer wall with a red marker. Officers arrived and took Dora Sosa Guerrero into custody. She was found to be on parole and was lodged in jail. Guerrero later pled guilty in court and was ordered to stay away from the restaurant for one year and fined \$650.

Contact

The SUBA District Unit is a two Police Officer team dedicated to improving the quality of life in the area. We depend on your feedback to serve your needs. Please contact us with any questions or issues that you may have. We can conduct a safety survey of your business, provide crime prevention information, and address any crime issues that you may need assistance with. You can obtain these crime bulletins by mail, e-mail, or fax by contacting one of the officers listed below. Crime bulletins are also available on the Internet by visiting our website at www.salinaspd.com. At the left navigation bar click on Community Services then on SUBA District Unit.

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