



San Francisco Police Department

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PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear Residents and Merchants of Visitation Valley,

There has been an increase in the number of armed and strongarm robberies on our streets and on the MUNI buses in the Visitation Valley District. We in the San Francisco Police Department are committed to public safety and are using innovative measures to capture these felons. As we investigate and move forward, here are some ways you can avoid being a victim:

- **Avoid wearing headphones, i-pods or using your cell phone when walking in the community. It reduces your awareness of your surroundings and thieves target these items to steal.**
- **Keep your wallet and cell phone on your person and do not place them in your bag or purse. Attempt to separate your identification from your wallet. In the event you are a victim, your identification will remain with you as your purse or wallet is taken.**
- **If you are a victim, call the police immediately. Do not wait until you are home to call. Every minute counts to catch the thieves.**
- **Try to remember the suspect's description. Look to see if a vehicle is involved and concentrate in obtaining the license plate of the vehicle.**
- **At night, walk in well lit areas and attempt to travel with other persons.**

For MUNI and public transit riders:

- **Try to sit near the front of the bus. If you are sitting near the rear door, be aware that suspects like to grab a purse or bag and immediately exit the rear door.**
- **If you are sitting in the rear of the bus and a seat becomes available near the front, move to the front seat.**
- **If you are being robbed or assaulted, shout to the bus driver what is happening. Immediately report the incident to the bus driver.**
- **Be aware of suspicious person exiting the bus with you.**

Dial 911 for immediate police assistance or 415-553-8090 from a cell phone

If you have information regarding these recent robberies, you may phone Ingleside Station's Anonymous Tip Line at 415-587-8984

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