

The Public Spirit

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A COMPARISON OF YEARLY PRECINCT AND SECTOR D REPORTS

	1983	1982
Total Robberies in Precinct	84	114 (27% decrease)
Sector D in Dec. 83 (Lispenard to Houston)	20	21
Total Burglaries in Pct.	140	147
Sector D in Dec. 83	25 (12 residential)	32 (17 residential)

CRIME STATS

STREET ROBBERY: A white female had her purse and cash removed from her at gunpoint in front of 46 Walker St. on Dec. 11, Sunday night, at 8:30 p.m. by two male Hispanics, 20-25 years old, one was 5'4", 120 lbs., the other was 5'6" tall, 150 lbs.

SUBWAY ROBBERY: At 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Friday Dec. 10, 2 Black males, about 20 years old, both about 5'9" and weighing 150 and 130 respectively, pushed a 61 year old man at knife-point into the ladies room lobby and took \$130 from him. This occurred in the BMT at Canal St.

In the IND Canal St. Station at 11:05 p.m. on the night of Wednesday, Nov. 30, one male Hispanic, 5'6", 20 years old, 160 lbs., took \$55. at gunpoint.

Also, at 2:45 in the morning Thursday, Dec. 8, 2 male Blacks, age 20, 5'9" 175 and 150 lbs., stole at gunpoint \$8.00 from a white male.

On the night of Dec. 2, a resident of Greenwich St. was forced to give up property at gunpoint by 2 men. Police were alerted and local officers caught 2 men fitting the description going into the Canal and Varick St. IND entrance (near the overpass). The 2 men fit the description and were found to be carrying a loaded hand gun. They were positively identified by the victim as the robbers. The 2 men were aged 15 and 18, and were from Brooklyn.

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A chain snatcher, Black, took a chain from a white male, 20, at 11:30 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 30, at the corner of Canal St. and Broadway. **BUSINESS ROBBERY:** DeRomas Dedicatessan was robbed for the second time in 2 months at 7:45 p.m. on the evening of Friday, Dec. 23, by what looked like the same robbers. Four male Hispanics, aged 20-25 years old, with guns, herded patrons and clerks into the rear, taking cash, and including two leather jackets. They ordered the victims to remain in the back while they got away.

BLOCK WATCHERS REPORT

CAR THIEVES THWARTED

Two car thieves were apprehended Friday night, Jan. 6 after having been seen breaking and entering a car at 34 Greene St., by Greene Street Block Association member Jed Stiles and founder Terry Sullivan. Pursuing the pair, Sullivan alerted a police patrol car at Broome and Wooster. The perpetrators were arrested in front of Oh Ho SO. The two men were 18 years old, one Hispanic and one Black, 5'11", and one was carrying a 14" long pocket knife.

LOCAL DRUG TRAFFIC

Terry Sullivan of the Greene St. Block Association is alerting residents of suspected local drug traffic. He notes that sightings of people shooting-up in cars and trucks is not an uncommon occurrence. Terry recently reported to the 1st precinct his observation of a man shooting-up in his van, an office engine red truck with chrome-plated pipes, which carried a gold-lettered sign on the tailgate saying "Lil Red Truck (N.A.) XB46PW".

Linda Bastian's mobianly reported on man shooting-up in his old yellow car parked on the corner of Wooster and Canal several months ago. It pulled away from the curb and headed for the Holland Tunnel. The district indicated that they would refer the plate (N.J. 1352-COUNB) to the Tunnel Police.

STOLEN ART RETRIEVED

Word through the grapevine comes to us that a local artist's work was recently stolen as she was in the process of moving. Friends of hers reported the missing pieces were being offered for sale at a Canal Street flea market corner. The artist allegedly chose not to press charges but to buy the work back.

Detective Lapatina of the 1st precinct suggests that this is one route to retrieving your work quickly. Had she pressed charges, he notes, she first would have had to report them stolen, which she apparently had not done, and then the art work may have been kept for evidence, until the proper channels had been followed, and the work was released by the D.A. Police might not even have been able to make an arrest considering nothing was reported missing. The artist would have to prove the pieces were hers, and if the seller had been able to produce a "bill of sale" the case would even be more difficult to prosecute. Lapatina suggests that when anyone acquires a work of art, the sales receipt be kept in case the piece is robbed and proof of ownership is required.

CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY

If you want advice about protecting your person or your property, call Detective Mike Lapatina at 333-0693. He will visit your home or your business and advise you about security.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The purpose of the Community Council is to promote understanding and cooperation between the community and the Precinct. January's meeting will be held January 30 at 7:30 at 143 Thompson St., St. Anthony's Gym. Community members are invited.