



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

June 2015

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

Cambridge has experienced a 10% rise in serious crime this year when compared with the first two quarters of 2014, but when measured against the five-year average for the same time frame, a 6% decline, with 90 fewer crimes than the projected total, was recorded.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first two quarters of this year indicates that, while violent crimes recorded a 4% decrease with five fewer incidents over the first six months of the year, property crimes have edged upward 12% with 128 additional incidents reported when compared with the same time frame in 2014.

The property crimes of Burglary & Larceny are the key indicators and the driving forces behind the upturn in crime numbers. The index crime of Burglary has increased 58% and a 7% upsurge in larceny has been reported. The surge in burglary this year should be tempered by the fact that the 2014 totals for this property crime in Cambridge were at their lowest point in over 50 years.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	5/5 - 6/1	6/2 - 6/29	Change	2014	2015	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	18	27	50%	142	137	-4%	170	-19%
Total Property Crime	236	207	-12%	1053	1181	12%	1238	-5%
Total Part I Crime	254	234	-8%	1195	1318	10%	1408	-6%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first two quarters of 2015 indicates a 12% increase when measured against the 2014 totals and a 5% decline below the five-year average. One of the more significant statistics for the first six months of the year was the 114% increase in the commercial burglary category. This sudden increase in commercial breaks may be part of a regional trend that emerged early in 2015. This trend may be reversing after a 57% decline in commercial burglaries from May to June was recorded. There has been a 16% upswing in larceny from motor vehicles through the end of June, with 31 additional thefts from cars reported year-to-date.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	5/5 - 6/1	6/2 - 6/29	Change	2014	2015	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	47	34	-28%	120	189	58%	175	8%
Commercial Break	14	6	-57%	28	60	114%	32	88%
Housebreak	33	28	-15%	92	129	40%	143	-10%
Larceny	178	156	-12%	877	936	7%	1006	-7%
Larceny (Misc)	3	5	67%	14	28	100%	15	87%
Larceny from Building	32	21	-34%	174	182	5%	185	-2%
Larceny from MV	29	32	10%	200	231	16%	254	-9%
Larceny from Person	16	14	-13%	98	83	-15%	146	-43%
Larceny from Residence	20	19	-5%	81	121	49%	87	39%
Larceny of Bicycle	40	40	0%	119	109	-8%	123	-11%
Larceny of Plate	5	3	-40%	18	13	-28%	17	-24%
Larceny of Services	2	1	-50%	6	6	0%	9	-33%
Shoplifting	31	21	-32%	167	163	-2%	169	-4%
Auto Theft	11	17	55%	56	56	0%	57	-2%
Total Property Crime	236	207	-12%	1053	1181	12%	1238	-5%



Part I Violent Crime

The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first two quarters of 2015 was 170 incidents. Through June 29th of this year, there were 137 violent crimes reported in the City, **33 serious violent crimes under the total forecasted for this period (-19%) and 5 crimes below the same time frame last year (-4%).**

There have been eight additional street robberies reported in Cambridge this year when compared with the same time frame in 2014 to post a 38% increase. There was a dramatic incline from 3 street robberies in May of this year to 11 in June. The majority of these incidents were concentrated around the neighborhoods of Central Square. The five-year average for street robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 40 incidents. Over the first six months of 2015, 29 incidents were reported, which translates to a 28% decline below the projected total. The street robbery total in 2014 was the lowest in Cambridge in 50 years.

The first homicide of 2015 in Cambridge was reported in April. Meanwhile, the crime of rape dropped 13% over the first two quarters of this year when compared with 2014, while aggravated assault fell 9% with domestic assaults on the wane.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	5/5 - 6/1	6/2 - 6/29	Change	2014	2015	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
Rape	2	1	-50%	15	13	-13%	13	0%
Robbery	5	12	140%	35	40	14%	52	-23%
Commercial Robbery	2	1	-50%	14	11	-21%	12	-8%
Street Robbery	3	11	267%	21	29	38%	40	-28%
Aggravated Assault	11	14	27%	91	83	-9%	103	-19%
Total Violent Crime	18	27	50%	142	137	-4%	170	-19%



MURDER

No Patterns

- On April 14th, 2015, Carlos D. Colina was arraigned in Middlesex District Court and was charged with the murder of Jonathan Camilien, 26, of Somerville. This was the initial murder of 2015 in Cambridge. Colina was indicted in Superior Court on June 11th, 2015 on charges of murder and improper disposal of human remains after the dismembered body of a 26-year-old man, Jonathan Camilien of Somerville, was found in Kendall Square in April.
- For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged slightly less than five murders per year. The annual average since 1990 has fallen to approximately two per year. Trend analysis over recent years points to two recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which one family member is brutally killed by another in a homicidal rage, and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in acts of retaliatory street violence.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

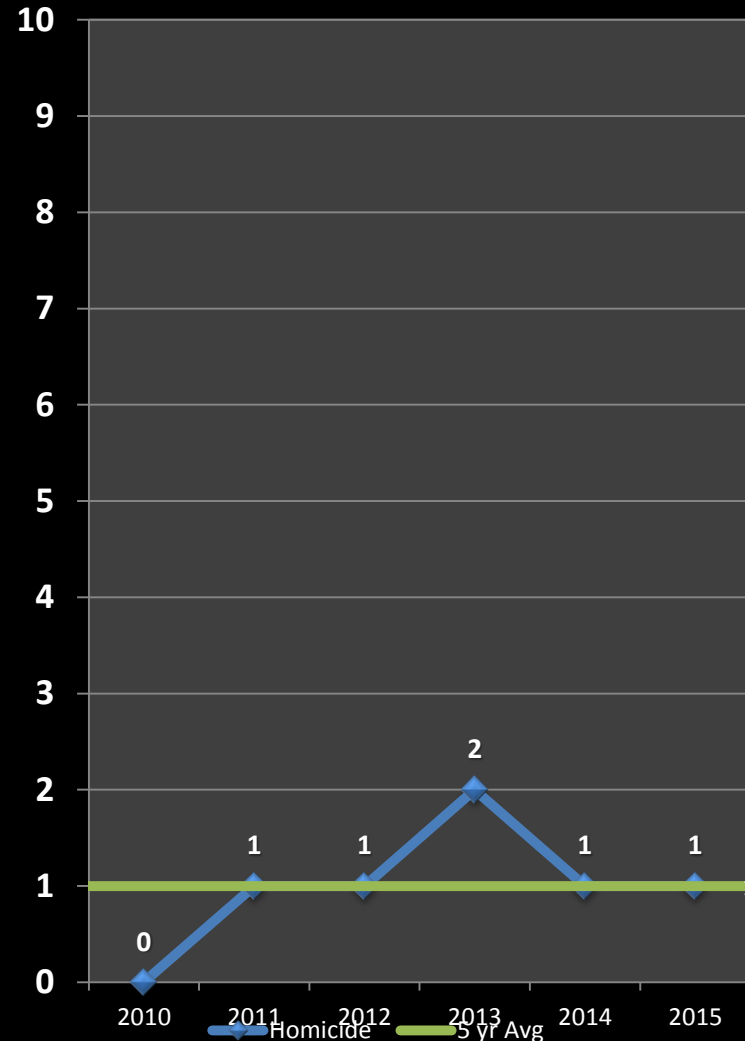
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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2014

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2014

Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave



March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge, was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow St. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.



RAPE

No Patterns

- There were 13 rapes reported in Cambridge during the first two quarters of 2015, two fewer than the 15 incidents that were reported between January and the end of June in 2014. Ten of the incidents this year have been classified as acquaintance rapes, one as a blitz scenario, another sexual assault is being investigated as a contact crime involving a date rape drug, and the final incident is yet to be categorized.
- The following is the final breakdown of the rape classifications in Cambridge for 2014: two stranger-to-stranger rapes, ten involving acquaintances, seven contact situations, and five domestic sexual assaults; a total of 24 incidents.
- The second stranger-to-stranger rape of 2014 was reported in December, resulting in the arrest of Alejandro Done, 46, of Boston, who was charged with assault to rape, kidnapping, and assault and battery.
- The FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2013 reports that the rate of forcible rapes in 2013 was estimated at 25.2 per 100,000 female inhabitants. The 5-year average for Cambridge between 2009 and 2014, a city of 106,000, is 21 rapes per year.

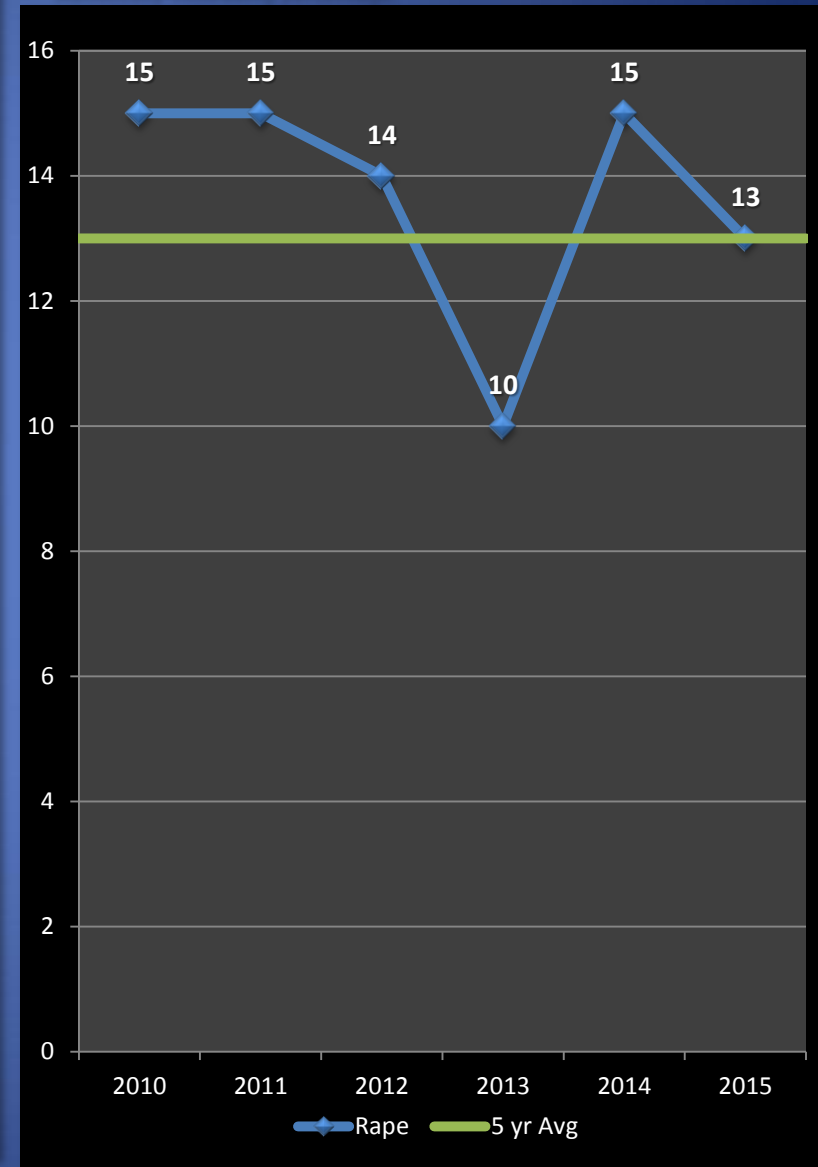
Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks
-50%

Previous Year
13%

5 Year Average
0%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- When comparing the total of aggravated assaults for the first two quarters of 2015 with the same time frame last year, there has been a slight decline of 9% recorded, 8 fewer incidents reported. The total of 83 aggravated assaults was 20 incidents (19%) under the projected five-year average of 103 crimes between January 1st and June 29th of this year.
- Aggravated Assaults jumped from 11 incidents in May up to 14 reported crimes (+27%) in the month of June.

Classification of Top Categories: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15

Type	Number
Domestic	25
Unprovoked	19
Homeless	12
Assault on Police Officers	7
Traffic / Parking Altercation	6
Juvenile / Gang	5

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

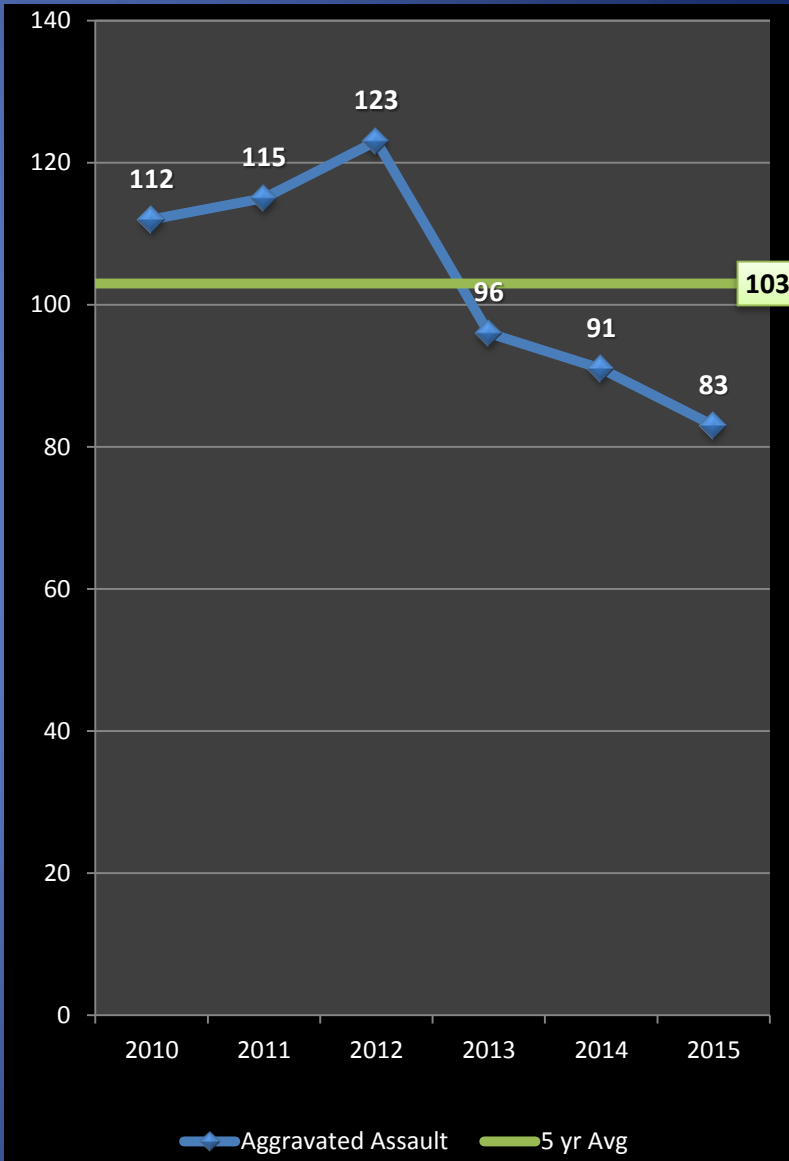
+27%

Previous Year

-9%

5 Year Average

-19%





Aggravated Assault in Cambridge by Category: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15

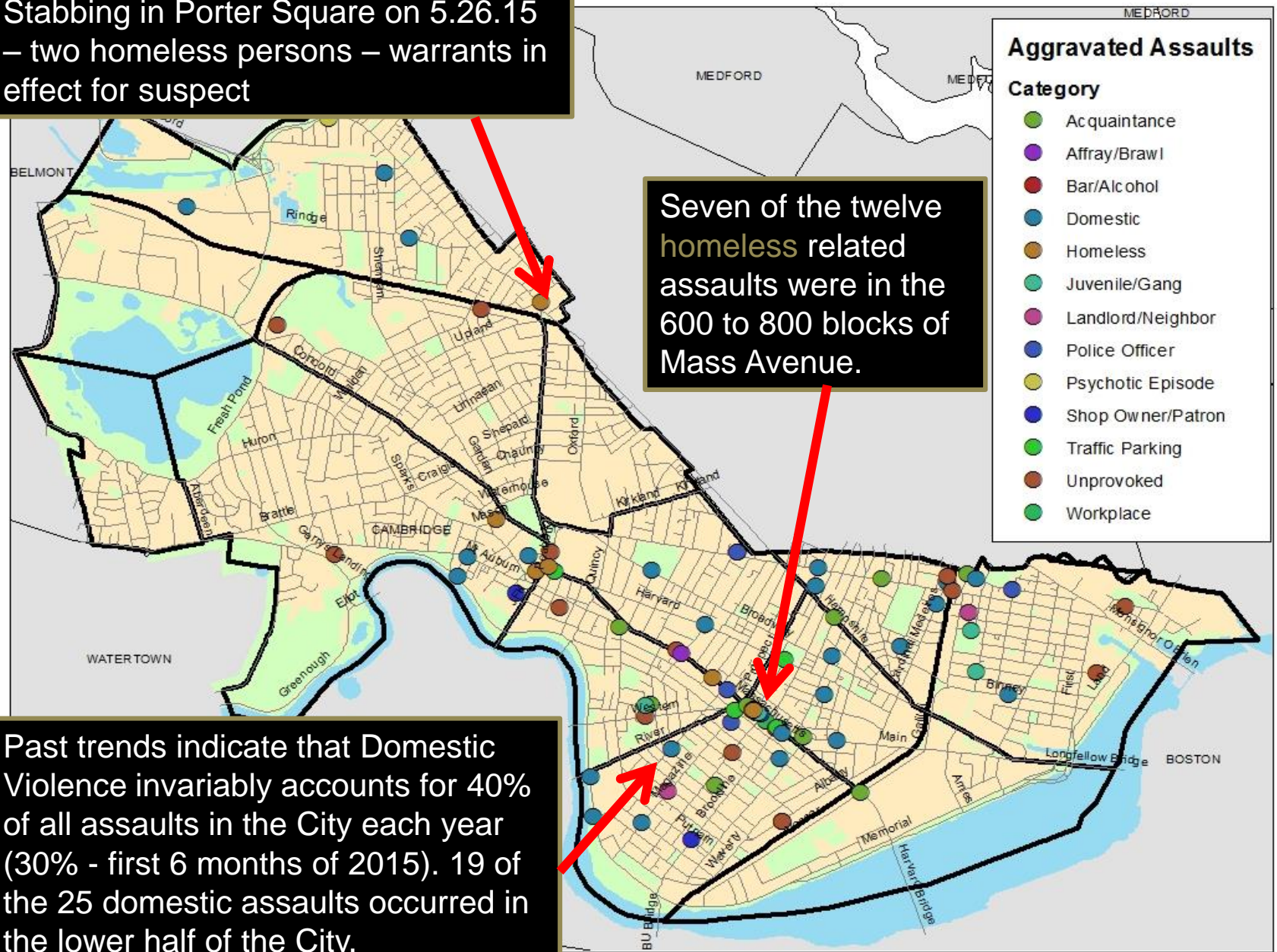
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Stabbing in Porter Square on 5.26.15 – two homeless persons – warrants in effect for suspect

Seven of the twelve homeless related assaults were in the 600 to 800 blocks of Mass Avenue.

Past trends indicate that Domestic Violence invariably accounts for 40% of all assaults in the City each year (30% - first 6 months of 2015). 19 of the 25 domestic assaults occurred in the lower half of the City.





ROBBERY

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+140%

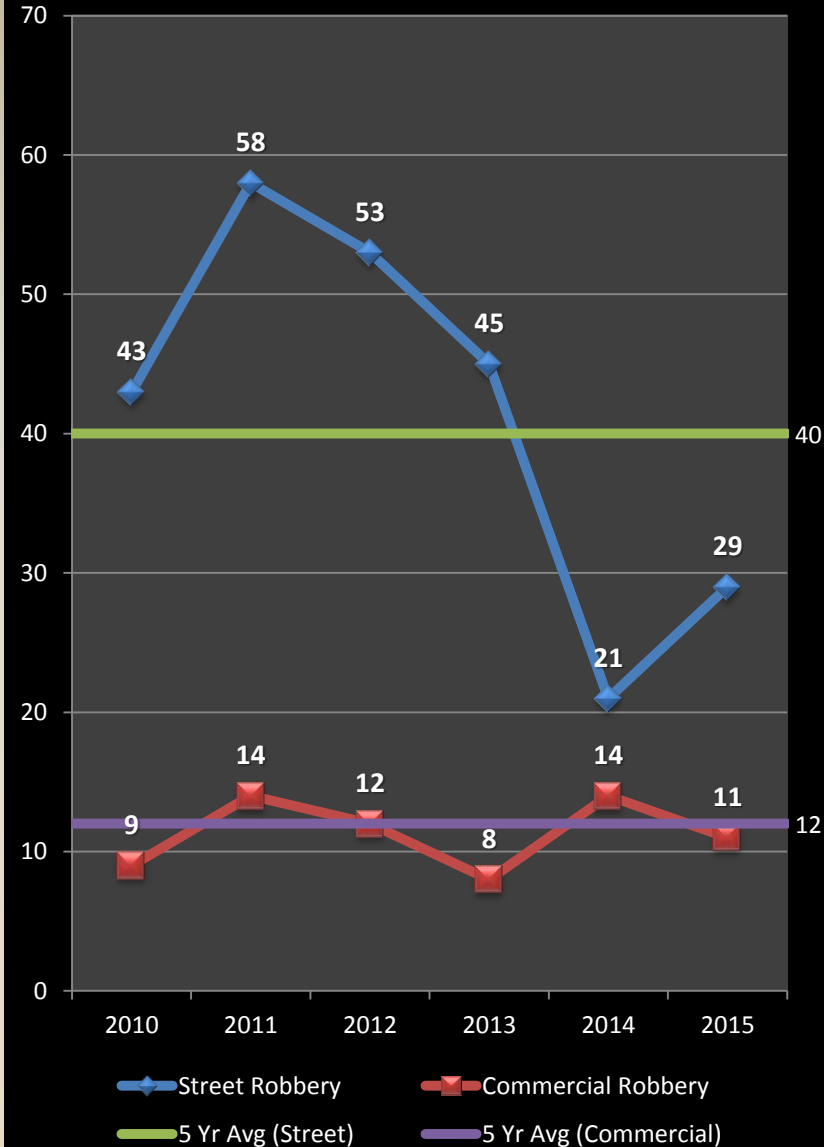
Previous Year

+14%

5 Year Average

-23%

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 52 incidents. From January 1st to June 29th of 2015, 40 robberies were recorded, which indicates a 23% decline below the projected total and a 14% increase when compared with the same time period last year.
- Commercial robbery has declined 21% when compared with the first six months of 2014 with three fewer crimes reported. The robbery on 6/1 at East Cambridge Savings in Porter Square was the first bank heist in Cambridge in 363 days. In the 2nd bank robbery of 2015, Michael Flaherty of South Boston was captured 2 hours after robbing the Citizen's Bank in East Cambridge on June 20th.
- There was a dramatic incline from 3 street robberies in May of this year to 11 in June. The majority of these incidents were concentrated around the neighborhoods of Central Square. There were a variety of different suspect descriptions and modus operandi used in these incidents.
- The five-year average for street robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 40 incidents. Over the first six months of 2015, 29 incidents were reported, which translates to a 28% decline below the projected total. The street robbery total in 2014 was the lowest in Cambridge in 50 years.





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15

The Dunkin Donuts in Porter Square was robbed on 2/16/15 by a white female, 50, who implied that she had a gun – surveillance photo.



Bank Robbery at East Cambridge Savings on 6/1/15. The first bank robbery for City in 363 days.



Richard Perry of Somerville was arrested in Boston on 1/23/15 and charged with the armed robberies of the Quick Mart and the Thistle and Shamrock during the third week in January.



Unarmed robbery at CVS on 3.16.15 – Juvenile suspects named

Shoplifting at Radio Shack in Harvard Square on 1.20.15 that escalated into a robbery

Shoplifting at Carlos & Tess on 5.26.15 that escalated into a robbery - Arrest

Incident involving security at construction site in North Point on 2.21.15

Michael Flaherty arrested for Citizen's Bank robbery on 6.20.15



Kirkland Convenience on 4.9.15 with gun – hit Somerville previous night



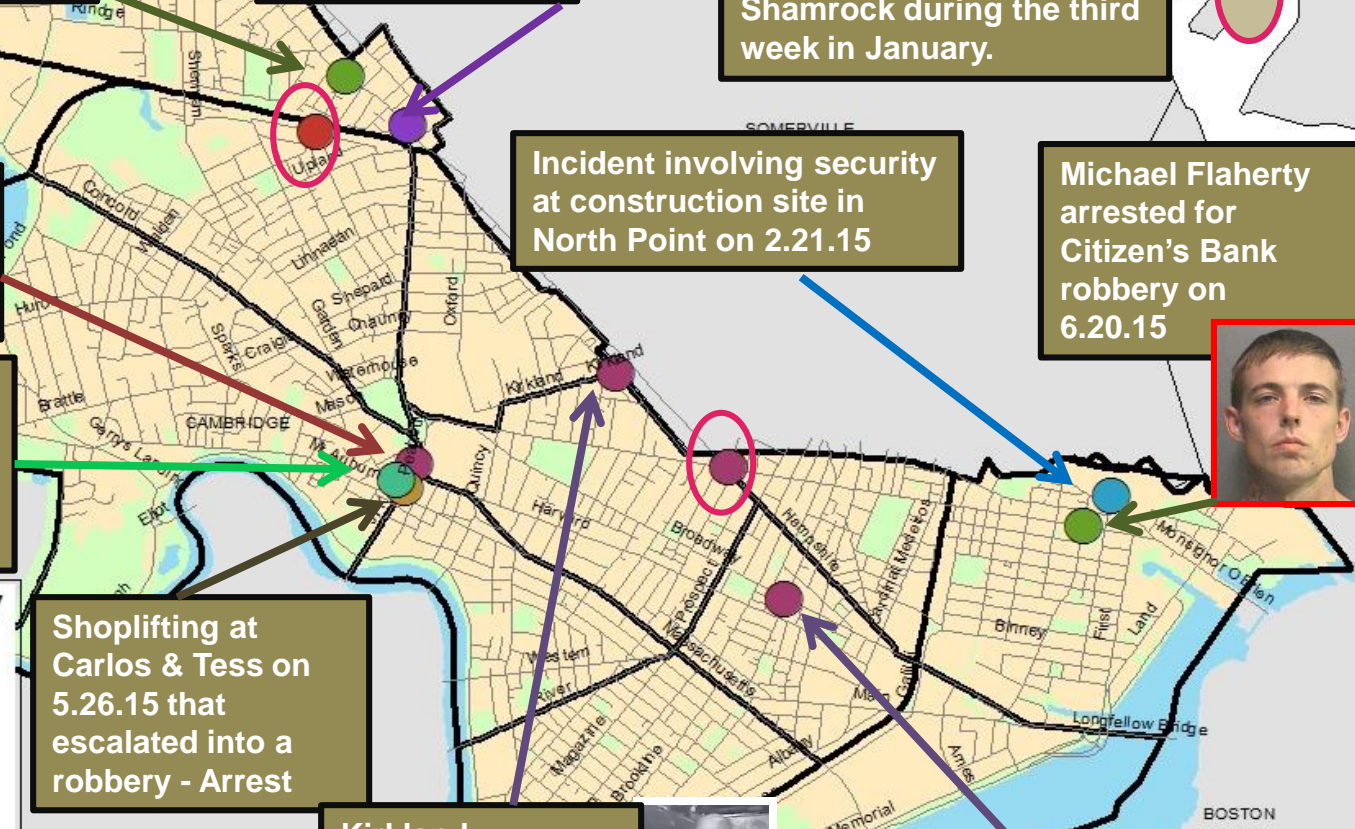
Robbery of Broadway Convenience store on 3/26/15. Arrest of Jason Johnson on 4.16.15



Commercial Robbery

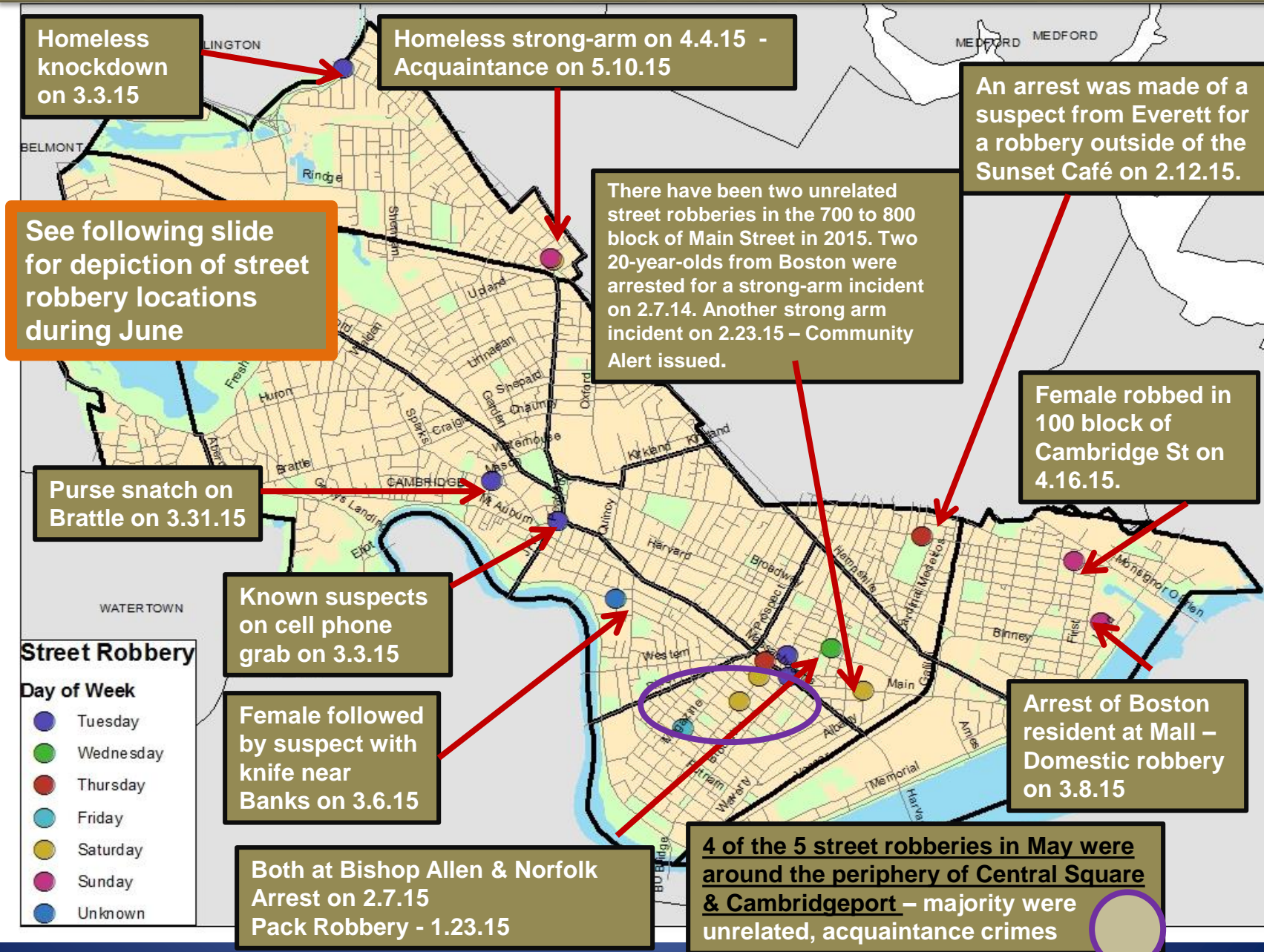
Premise Type

- Bank
- Café
- Condominium
- Construction Site
- Convenience Store
- Electronics/Computers
- Retail Other





Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.15 to 6.1.15

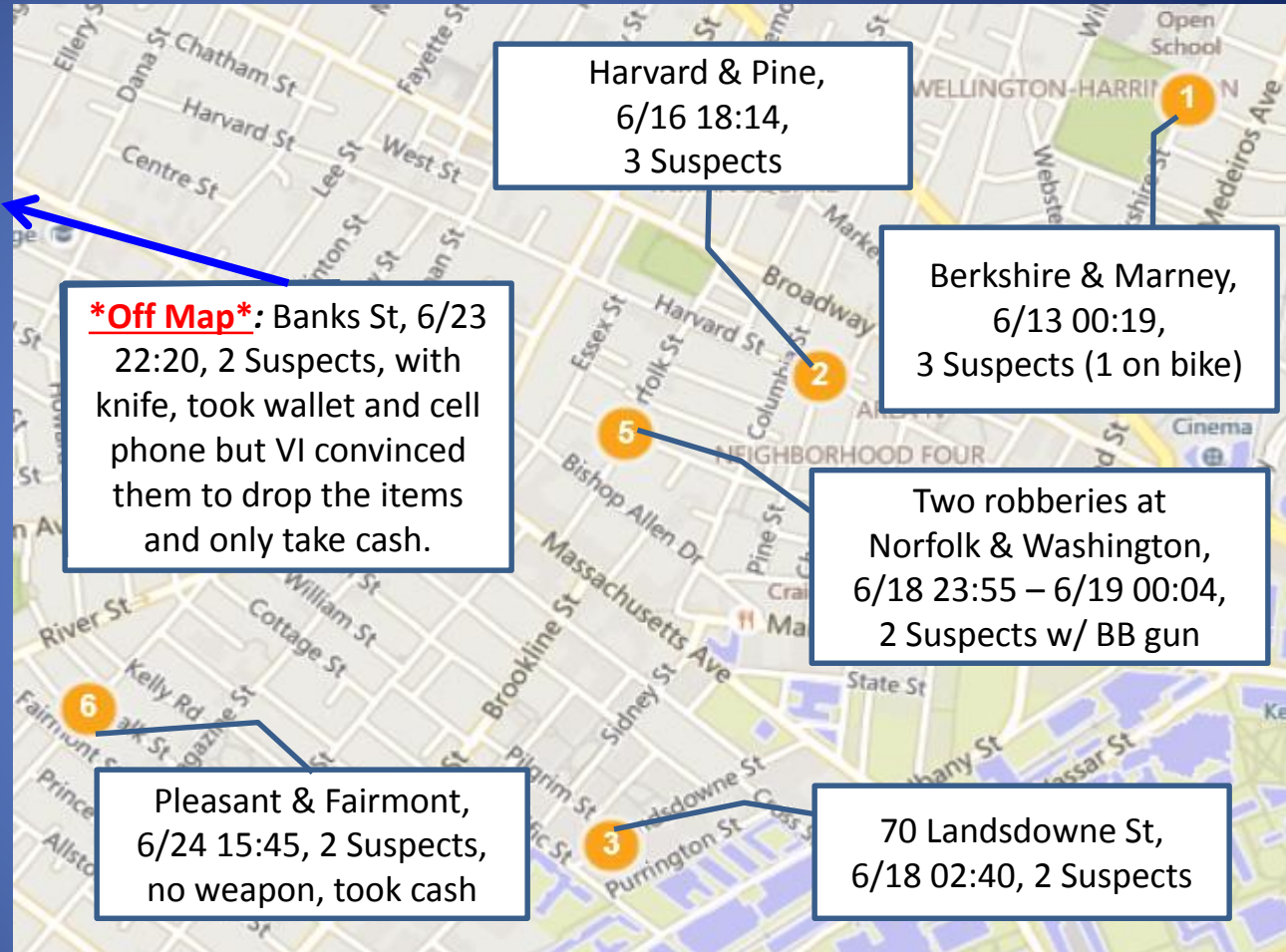




Central Square Neighborhoods – June Street Robbery Series

Since 6/13, there have been 7 street robberies involving multiple male suspects (late teens – early 20s) in lower Cambridge.

- **Best Timeframes:**
 - 15:30 – 18:30
 - 22:00 – 03:00
- Suspects threaten/use violence if victims don't give up wallets & cell phones



There was a dramatic incline from 3 street robberies in May of this year to 11 in June. The majority of these incidents were concentrated around the neighborhoods of Central Square. There were a variety of different suspect descriptions and modus operandi used in these incidents. There have been no additional incidents in this series since 6.24.15. All crimes remain under investigation.



Burglary

Emerging Pattern

- After recording a historic 50-year low watermark in 2014, the property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has incurred a 58% increase when measured against the first six months of 2014. The majority of this rise can be attributed to a surge in commercial breaks from 28 incidents in 2014 to 60 between January and the end of June of 2015.
- The five-year average for overall burglary in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 175 incidents. From January 1st to June 29th of 2015, 189 burglaries were recorded, which translates to an 8% increase above the projected total.
- Commercial break trends identified in 2015 consist of a series of construction site breaks in February, and a clustering of incidents in Porter Square, Huron Village, and Central Squares that have abated since the middle of March. There has been a sharp increase in thefts from offices in Central and Porter Squares during April and May of this year. Commercial burglary declined sharply from May to June, dropping from 14 crimes to 6 breaks in June to record a 57% reduction.
- Weekday and weekend night housebreaks continue to be a persistent problem in Cambridgeport. A complete review of this series can be found in this presentation.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

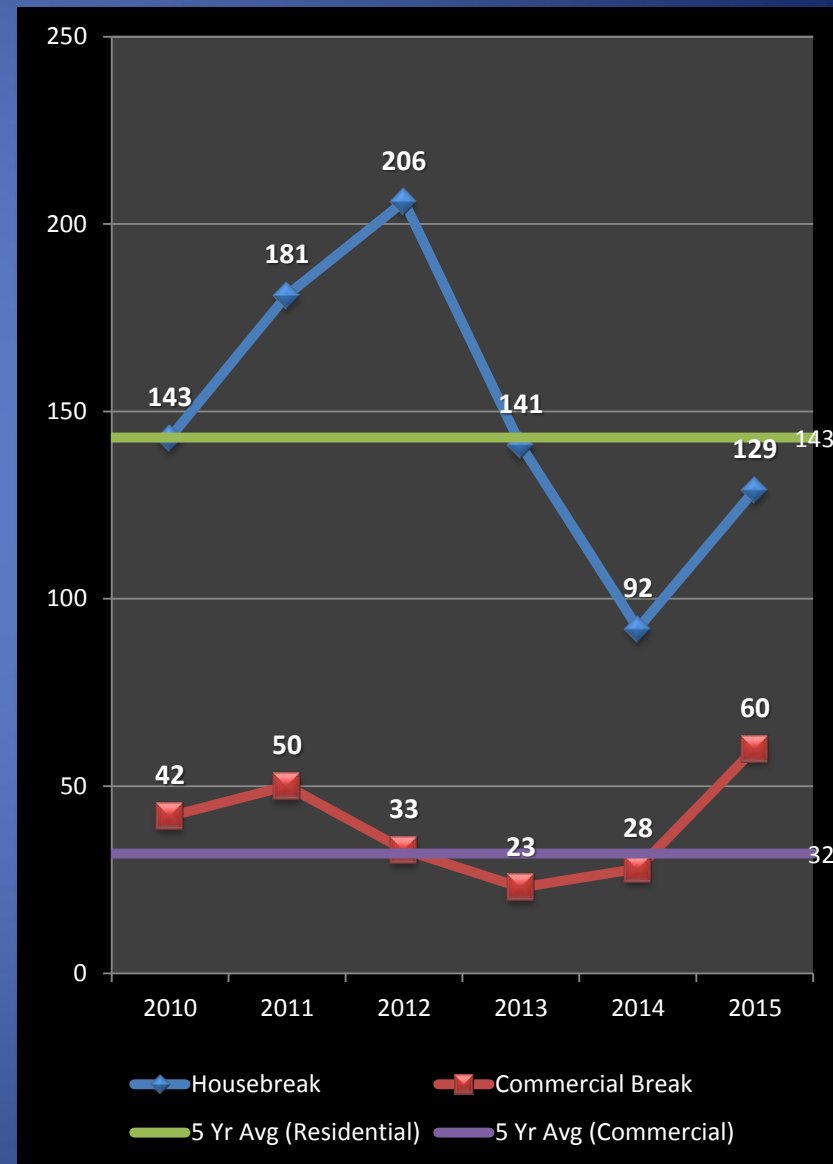
Previous Year

5 Year Average

-28%

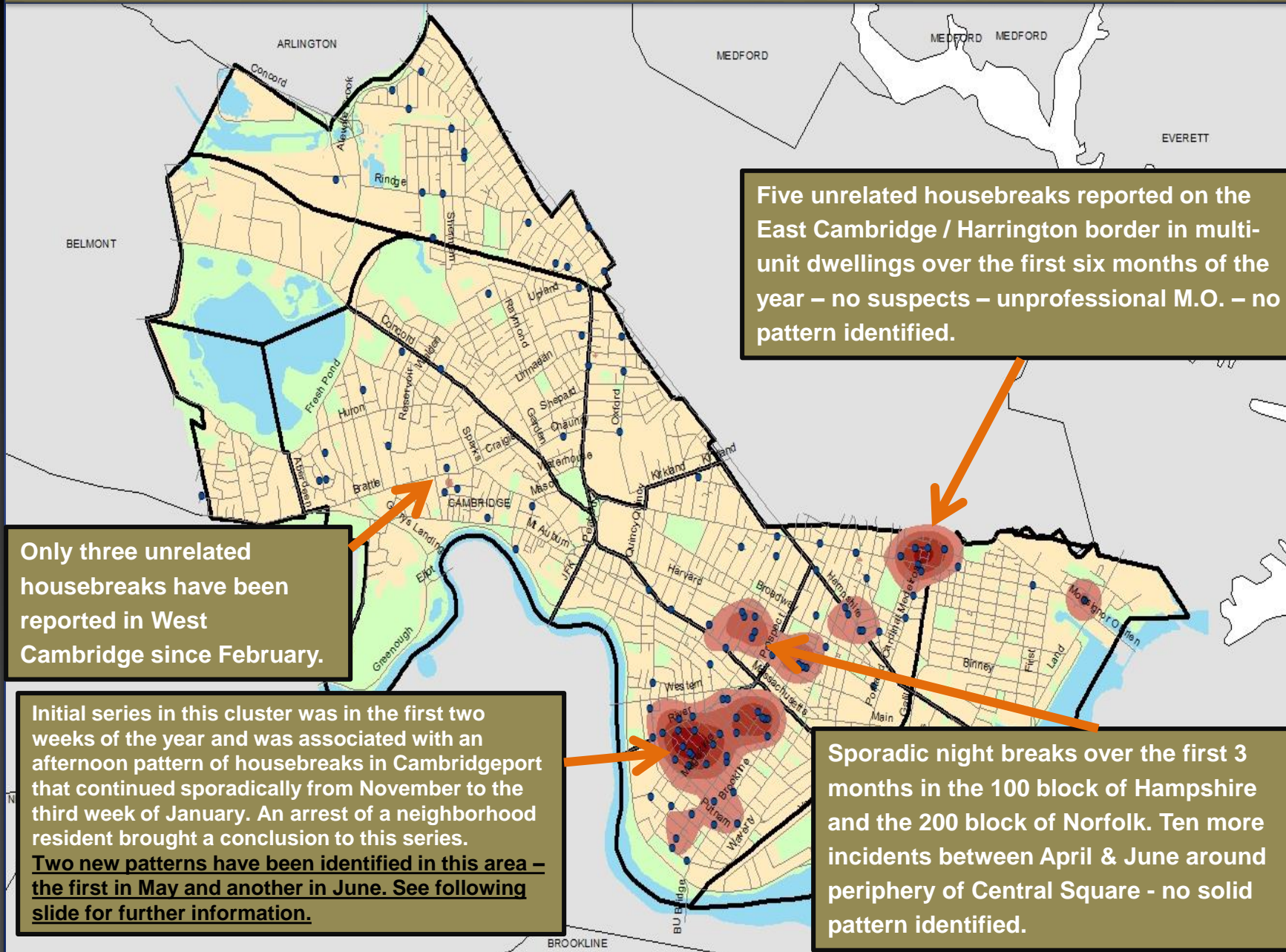
+58%

+8%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15





Cambridgeport Housebreak Pattern - June

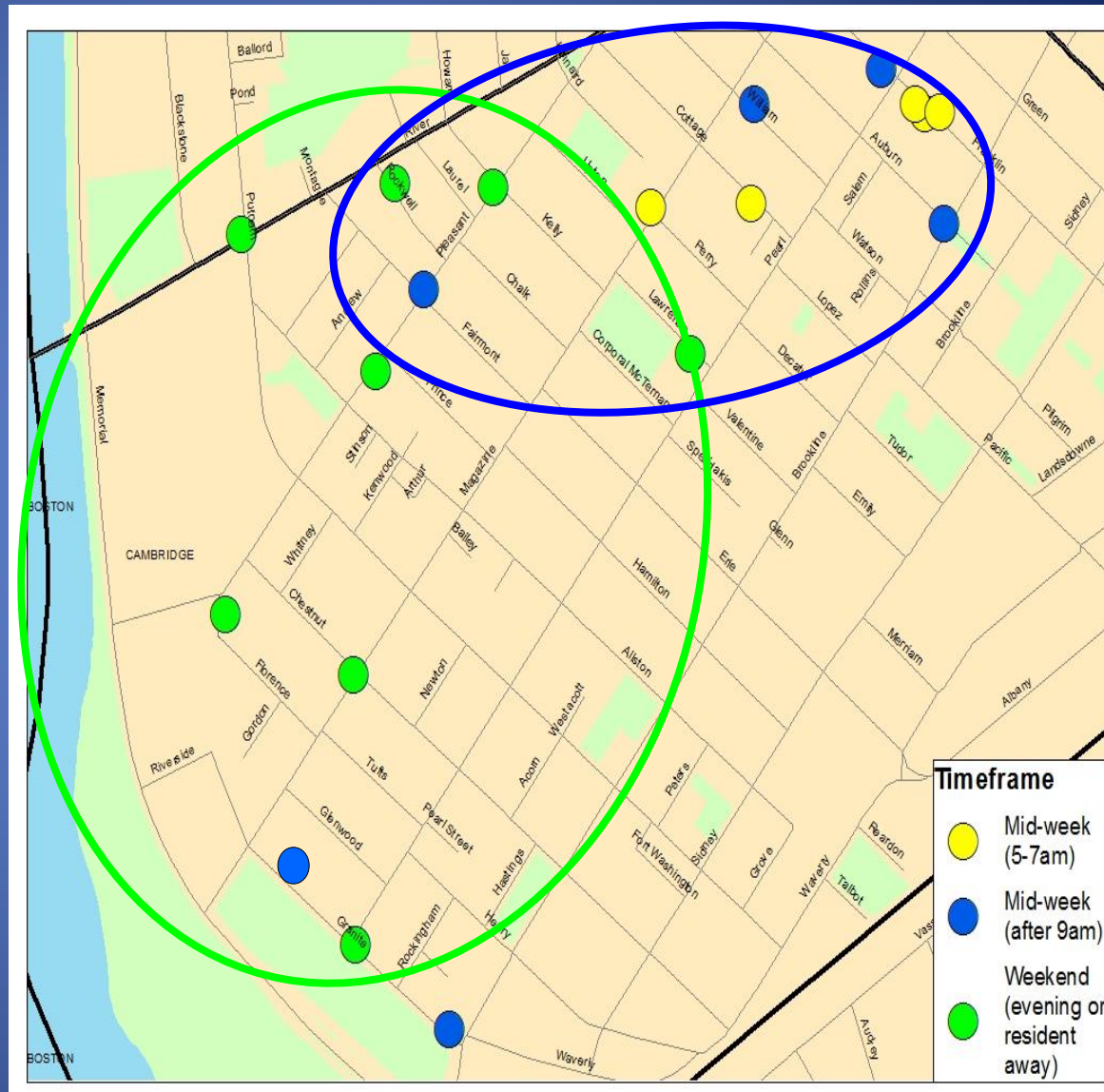
There are possibly two distinct and separate series of breaks that are operational in Cambridgeport at the present time: a weekend series (green circle) & a mid-week pattern (blue circle).

Mid-Week Series:

- 11 incidents, all on Mon, Tues, Wed (5), or Thurs
- 2 possible time frames:
 - 05:30 – 07:00
 - 10:00 – 12:00
- Best suspect description: **middle-aged Male, with goatee/facial hair, possibly glasses**

Weekend Series:

- 8 incidents
- Best time is 21:00 – 23:59 on Fri or Sat nights
- Targeting residences where victim is away for the wknd (6 of 8)
- No suspect descriptions





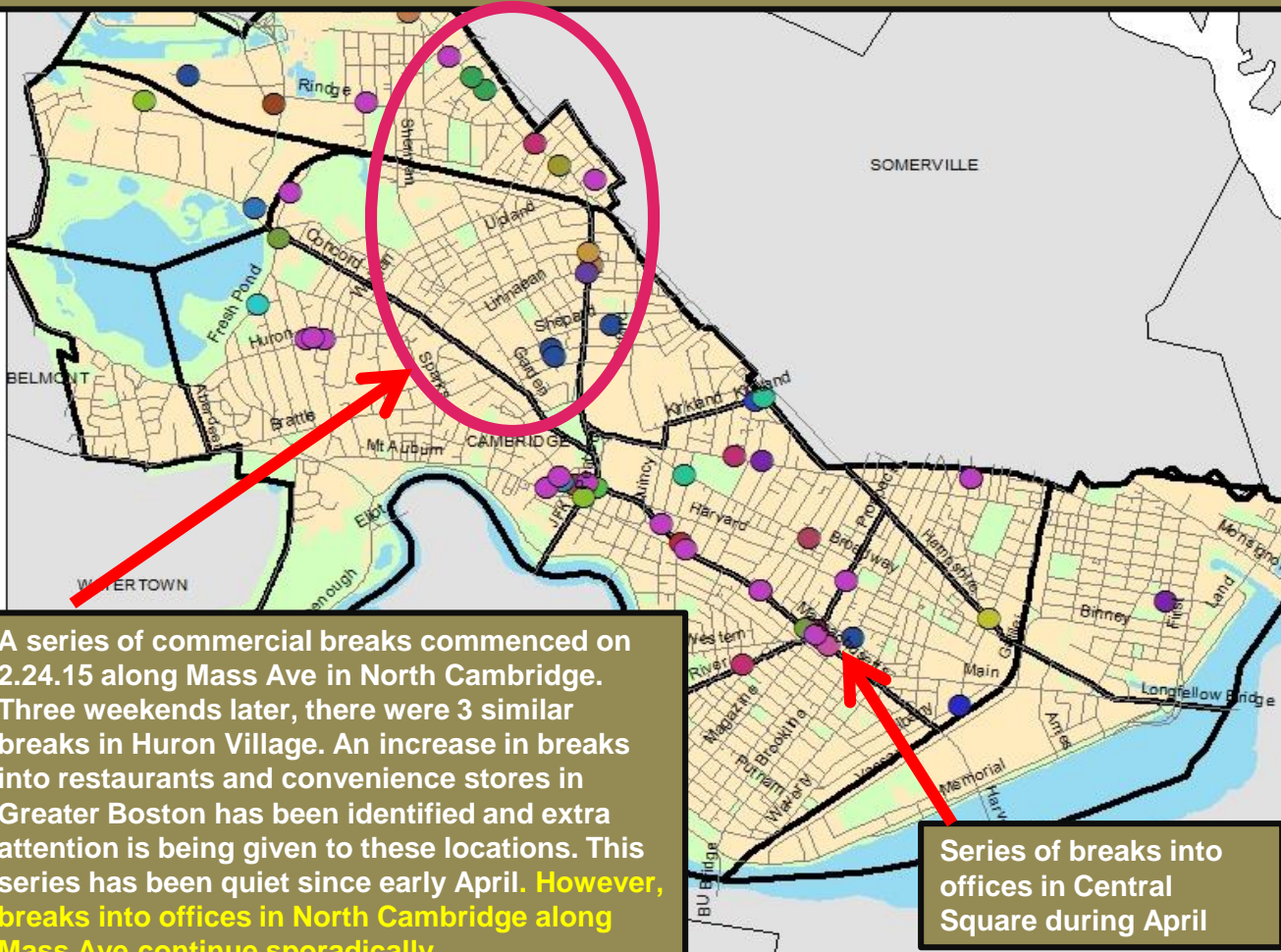
Commercial Burglary by Premise Type: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15

Commercial break trends identified in 2015 consist of a series of construction site breaks in February, and a clustering of incidents in Porter Square, Huron Village, and Central Squares that have abated since the middle of March. A sharp increase in thefts from offices in Central and Porter Squares was seen in April and May. Commercial burglary declined sharply from May to June, dropping from 14 crimes to 6 breaks in June to record a 57% reduction.

Commercial Breaks

Premise Type

- Bank
- Café
- Church
- Cinema
- Clothing
- Commercial Unknown
- Construction Site
- Convenience Store
- Dance Complex
- Daycare
- Drug Store
- Electronics/Computers
- Eyeglass/Optician
- Fast Food
- Gasoline Station
- Hair/Beauty
- Health Club
- Laundromat
- Medical Building
- Office Park
- Office Unknown
- Restaurant/Bar
- Sporting Goods



A series of commercial breaks commenced on 2.24.15 along Mass Ave in North Cambridge. Three weekends later, there were 3 similar breaks in Huron Village. An increase in breaks into restaurants and convenience stores in Greater Boston has been identified and extra attention is being given to these locations. This series has been quiet since early April. **However, breaks into offices in North Cambridge along Mass Ave continue sporadically.**

Series of breaks into offices in Central Square during April



LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Larceny through the first half of 2015 is up 7% (or 59 incidents) when compared with the same time frame in 2014.** However, the total of 936 larcenies reported year-to-date remains 7% below the 5-year weighted average of 1006 incidents.
- **Larcenies from motor vehicles through June have increased by 31 crimes, or 16%, over the number reported during the same time frame in 2014.** Despite this increase, there are currently no patterns anywhere in the city.
- **Larcenies from the person continue their downward momentum. Through the first six months of 2015, this crime type is down 15% when compared with the same time frame last year, and is down 43% below the five-year average.** Central Sq saw the most activity in June with seven incidents, followed by the Harvard Sq area with three.
- **There have been 182 larcenies from buildings reported during the first half of 2015.** This is 5% above the 174 incidents reported in 2014 and 2% below the five-year average of 185. A series of thefts from construction sites across the city earlier this year ended with the arrest of a suspect in Boston. In late March, multiple thefts from rooms were reported at a hotel on Broadway, perpetrated by a subcontractor doing work inside the hotel. A homeless male was arrested in connection with multiple thefts from lockers at a gym in Porter Square in June.
- **Similar to last year, larcenies from residences continue to be on the rise, registering 49% higher through June of 2015 than during the same time frame last year.** Over 56% (68) of the 121 incidents to date have involved package thefts from residences. Riverside saw the most package thefts in June with 3, followed by Mid-Cambridge with 2. Mid-Cambridge has also seen the most year-to-date with 17. Incidents remain sporadic with no temporal patterns identified at this time.
- **Year-to-date, there have been 109 bikes reported stolen in Cambridge, down 8% from the 119 reported through the first half of 2014 and down 11% from the 5-year average.** Bike thefts remained consistent from May to June of this year, with 40 reported in each month. West Cambridge saw the most in June with 7 incidents, followed by East Cambridge, Cambridgeport, and Riverside, each with 5.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

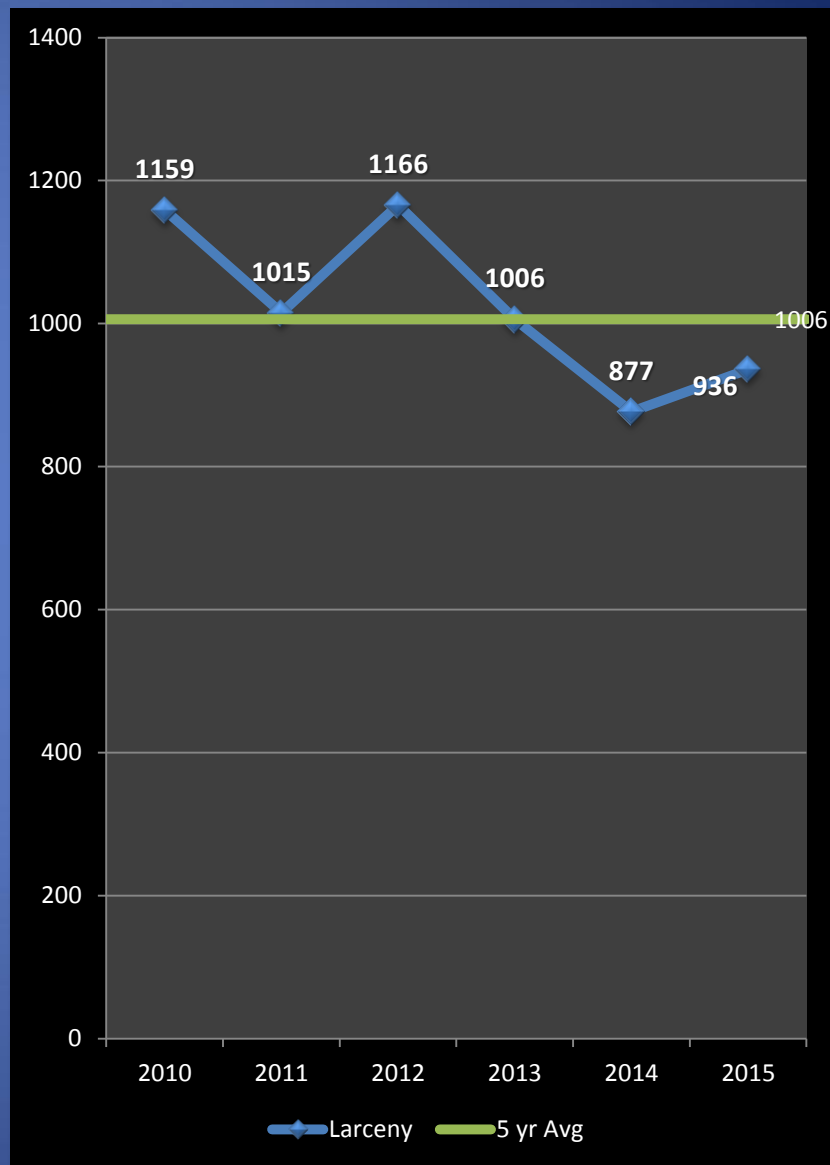
-12%

Previous Year

+7%

5 Year Average

-7%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- Larcenies from motor vehicles climbed from 200 thefts over the first two quarters of 2014 up to 231 incidents through June 29th of this year. The five-year average for larceny from MVs in Cambridge for the first six months of the year is 254 incidents. The 231 LMVs so far in 2015 points to a 9% decline below the projected total.
- During the first three weeks in March, there were 41 thefts from cars across the City. Close to 70% of these incidents were in North Cambridge, Peabody, and Agassiz. Suspects were targeting mostly unlocked cars, with loose change and cell phones stolen. Over the final week of March, directed patrols and the arrest of two suspects from Somerville curtailed this activity. Sporadic activity in North Cambridge resurfaced on weekend nights during June. Extra patrols have been directed to the area.
- During the nine weekends of May & June, there were only 19 scattered and unconnected thefts from cars in the City, a remarkably low total for two warm weather months. At the present time, there are no concentrations, clusters, series, patterns, or trends that are operational for larceny from motor vehicles. The major regional trend identified in 2015 has been the theft of tires from Hondas in the southwest section of Boston.
- Larcenies from MVs declined 16% in 2014 when compared with the same time frame in 2013. There were 101 fewer thefts reported in 2014. This crime has also dropped 25% when measured against the five-year average, with 167 fewer incidents than the projected total of 681 thefts.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

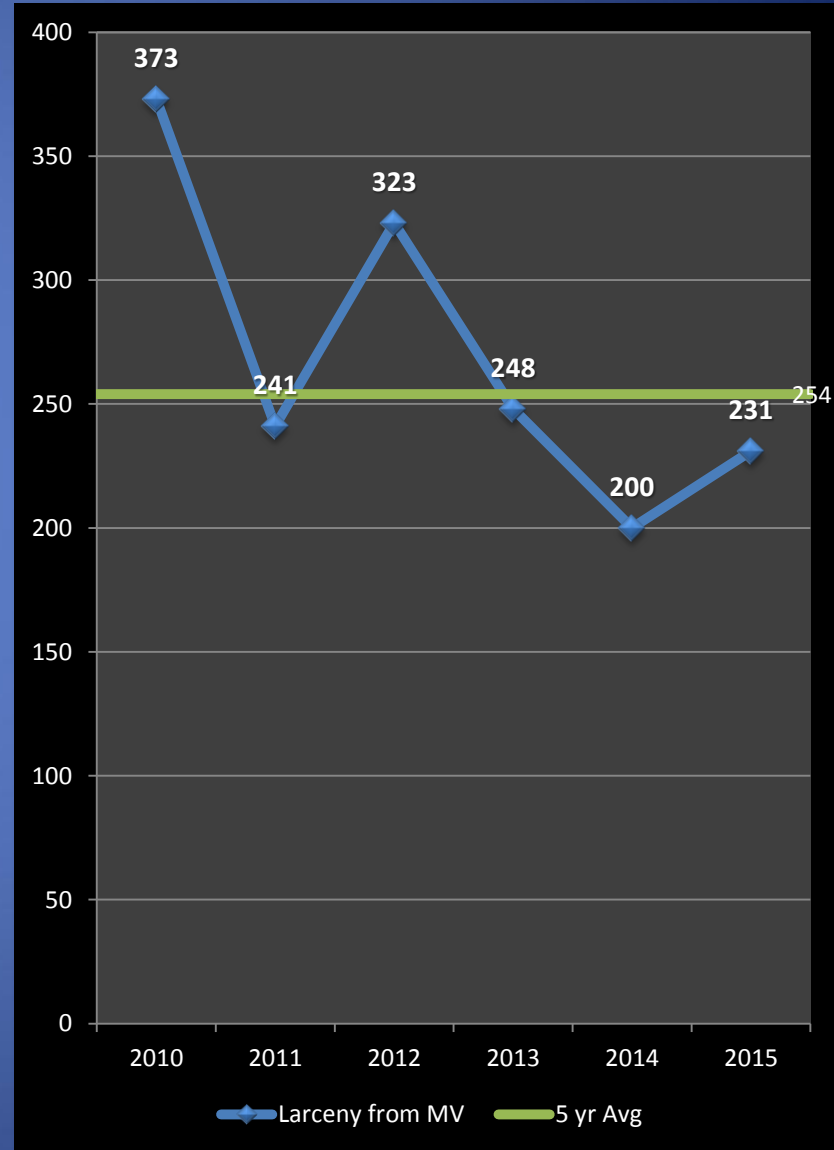
+10%

Previous Year

+16%

5 Year Average

-9%



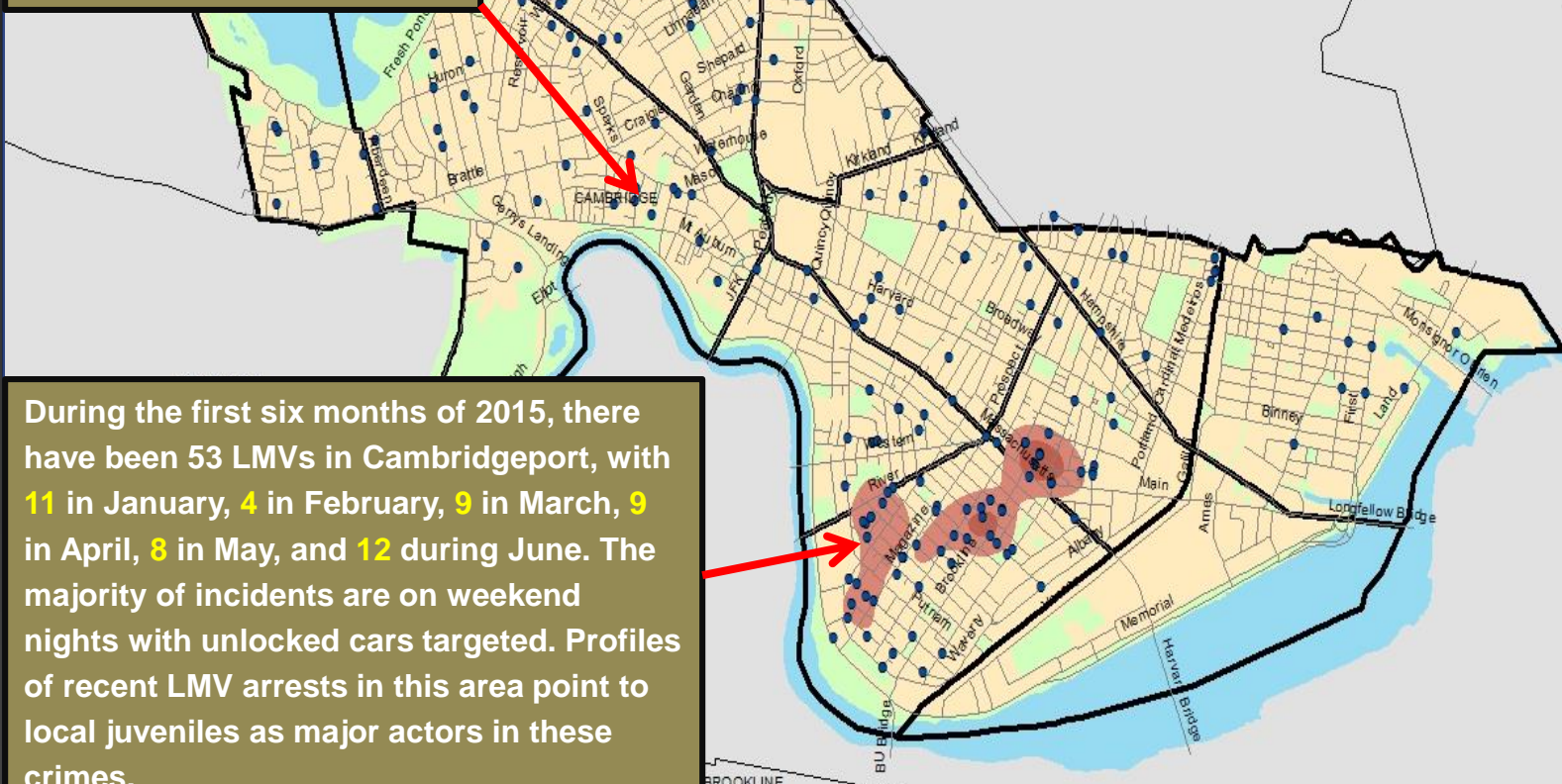


Larceny from MVs: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15

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Over the second weekend of January, there was a string of seven known incidents in West Cambridge. Only sporadic activity has been reported in West Cambridge over the past 4 months until an increase in activity on periphery of Harvard Square was identified in June.

During the first three weeks in March, there were 41 thefts from cars across the City. Close to 70% of these incidents were in North Cambridge, Peabody and Agassiz. Suspects were targeting unlocked cars, with loose change and cell phones stolen. Over the next five weeks, directed patrols and the arrest of a pair of suspects from Somerville have reduced activity. However, sporadic thefts reignited during May and continued during June south of Porter Square on weekend nights.



During the first six months of 2015, there have been 53 LMVs in Cambridgeport, with 11 in January, 4 in February, 9 in March, 9 in April, 8 in May, and 12 during June. The majority of incidents are on weekend nights with unlocked cars targeted. Profiles of recent LMV arrests in this area point to local juveniles as major actors in these crimes.



Larceny from Motor Vehicles

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police are focused on prevention of these crimes by increasing officer visibility in targeted areas.
- Citizens are encouraged to take the proper precautions to protect their vehicles and their belongings by doing everything possible to not make their vehicles easy targets.



Citizen Response Strategy:

- Citizens are asked to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their vehicles, and their belongings from theft:
 - **Make sure all of your car doors are locked when you leave your vehicle.**
 - **Take extra care when out doing your shopping.**
 - If you are **approached by a suspicious person** while you are in your vehicle, **sound your horn to attract attention.**
 - **NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES EXPOSED IN YOUR CAR.**
 - If you must leave packages or valuables in your car, **place them in the trunk or under a blanket to conceal them**
- Visit our website for more tips to keep your vehicles and belongings at www.CambridgePolice.org/SafetyTips



LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- **Larcenies from the person are down 15 incidents through June 29, 2015, when compared with the same time frame in 2014.** The total of 83 incidents reported thus far in 2015 is 63 incidents, or 43%, below the five-year average of 146. Incidents have dropped 13% from May (16) to June (14). Central Square saw the most overall activity in June with 7 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 3.
- Very little pattern activity was seen in 2014, and this trend has continued through the first half of 2015. In past years, much of the larceny from person activity was reported at bars and restaurants in the Squares (known as "dipper" activity). In June, there was only one dipper incident reported citywide; the theft of a purse from a café in Central Square.
- Three thefts were reported from victims that were shopping at the time of the incidents; one at the Galleria Mall, one at a grocery store in Mid-Cambridge, and one at a drug store in Central Square.
- Official totals for 2014 put the final number of larcenies from the person at 220 incidents for the year. This was 35% below the 341 incidents reported in 2013. Part of the explanation for the large reduction in this crime type over the past year may be that a number of the more prolific thieves, particularly ones that tend to target the Harvard Square area, are currently incarcerated.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

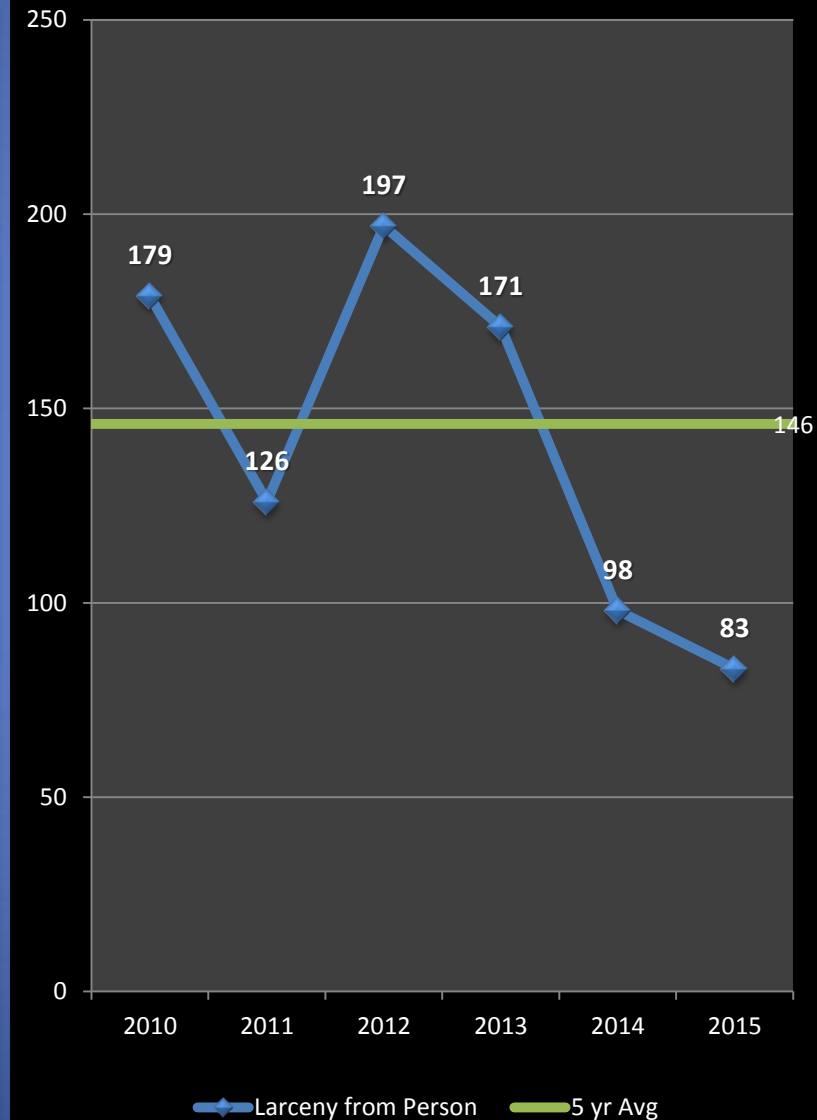
Previous Year

5 Year Average

-13%

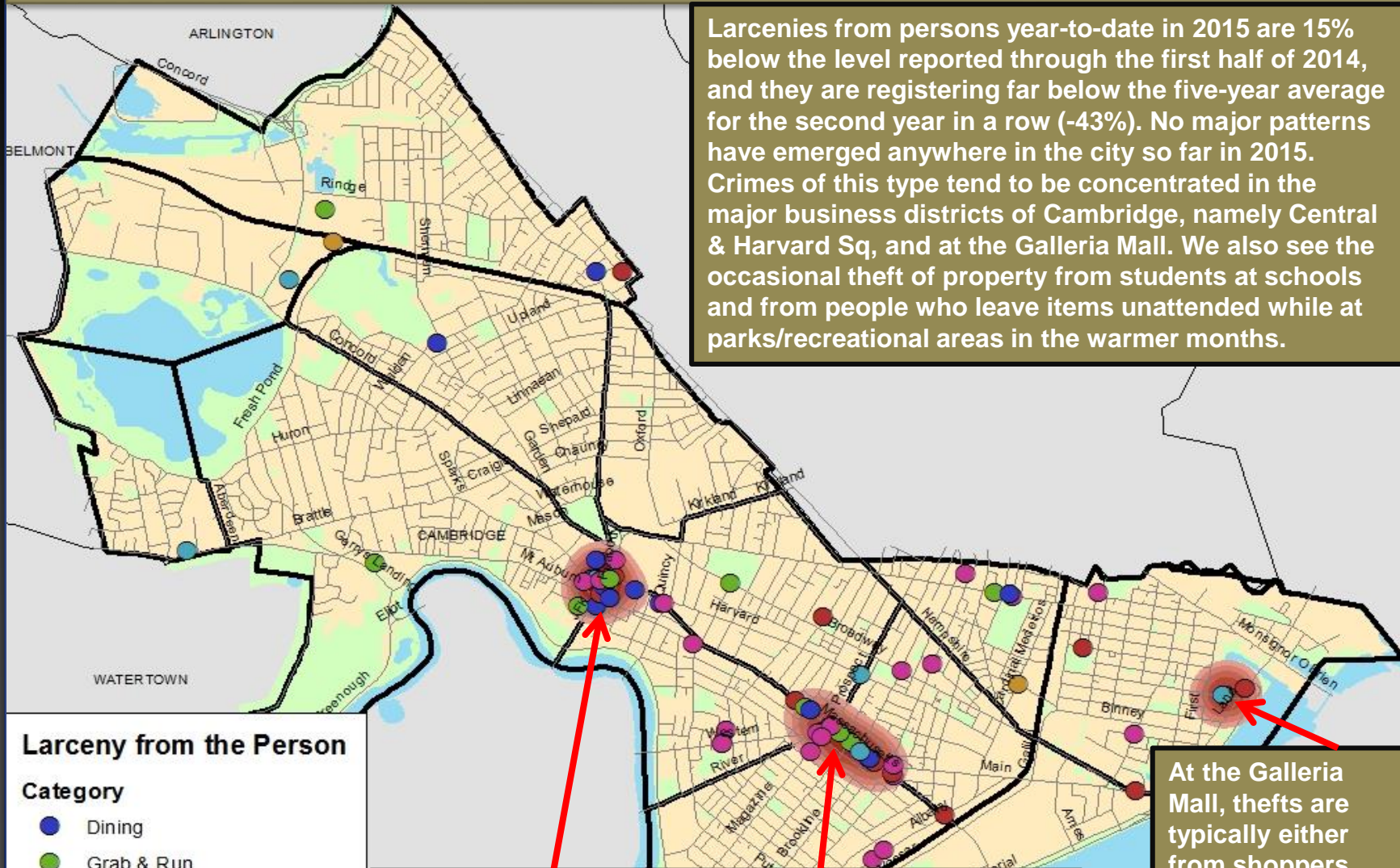
-15%

-43%





Larceny from the Person: 1.1.15 to 6.29.15



Larcenies from persons year-to-date in 2015 are 15% below the level reported through the first half of 2014, and they are registering far below the five-year average for the second year in a row (-43%). No major patterns have emerged anywhere in the city so far in 2015. Crimes of this type tend to be concentrated in the major business districts of Cambridge, namely Central & Harvard Sq, and at the Galleria Mall. We also see the occasional theft of property from students at schools and from people who leave items unattended while at parks/recreational areas in the warmer months.

Larceny from the Person

Category

- Dining
- Grab & Run
- Pocketpicking
- Shopping
- Theater
- Unattended (Other)

In the Squares, incidents range from thefts from patrons at restaurants and cafes (although this crime is much less prevalent in recent years than in the past, particularly in Harvard Sq), to pick pockets out on the sidewalks, to thefts of otherwise unattended items.

At the Galleria Mall, thefts are typically either from shoppers who leave bags unattended or from people who are dining in the Food Court.



LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Through the first half of 2015, there have been 109 bicycles reported stolen citywide in Cambridge. This is 10 incidents below the 119 thefts reported during this time frame in 2014 (-8%) and 14 incidents below the five-year average of 123 (-11%).
- Due to the record-breaking snowy and cold winter this year, our numbers were understandably low prior to May. In fact, likely because of the weather, not a single bike theft was reported in February, and only 4 were reported in March. With the turn of the weather, numbers jumped to 14 thefts in April and skyrocketed to 40 each in May and June. In June, West Cambridge saw the most bike thefts (7 incidents), followed by East Cambridge, Cambridgeport, and Riverside (each with 5). Just over 85% (75) of the 67 bicycles stolen year-to-date in 2015 were locked at the time of the thefts.
- Breakdown by Neighborhood, year-to-date 2015:**

Neighborhood	Total	% Citywide
East Cambridge	18	17%
West Cambridge	17	16%
Cambridgeport	14	13%
Riverside, N. Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge	11 each	10% each

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

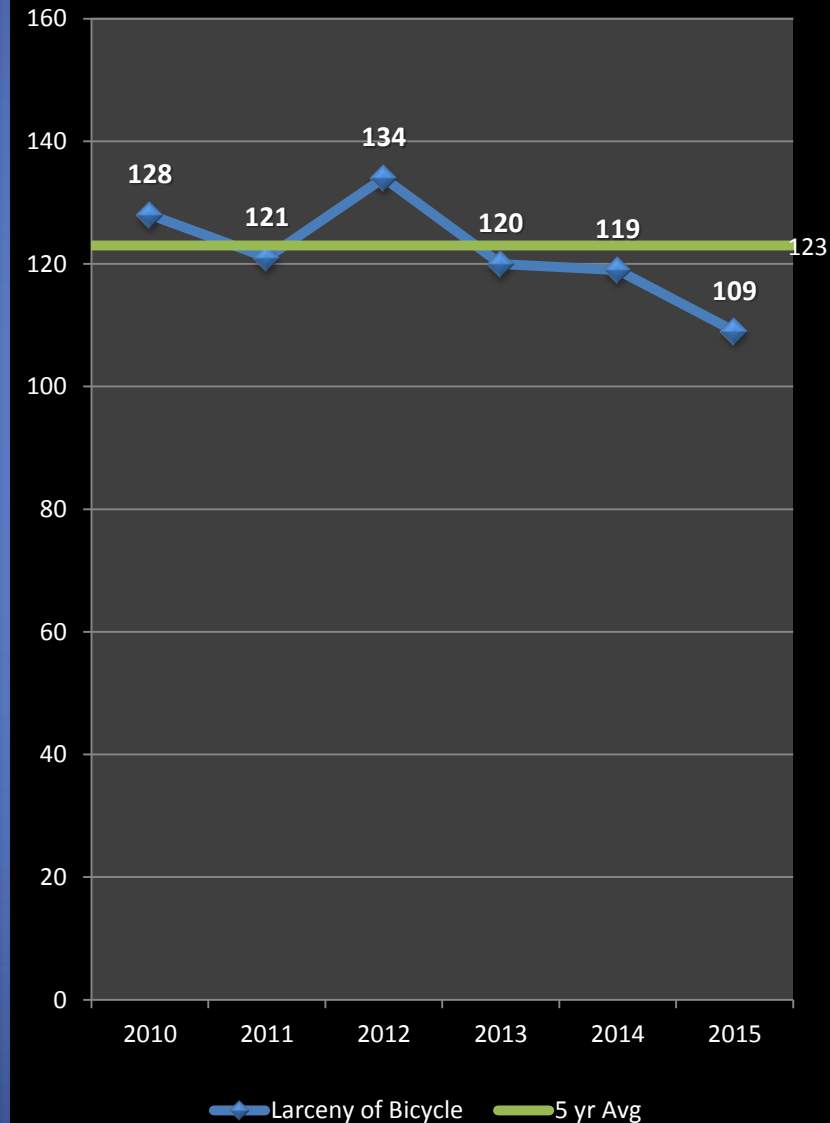
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Previous Year

-8%

5 Year Average

-11%

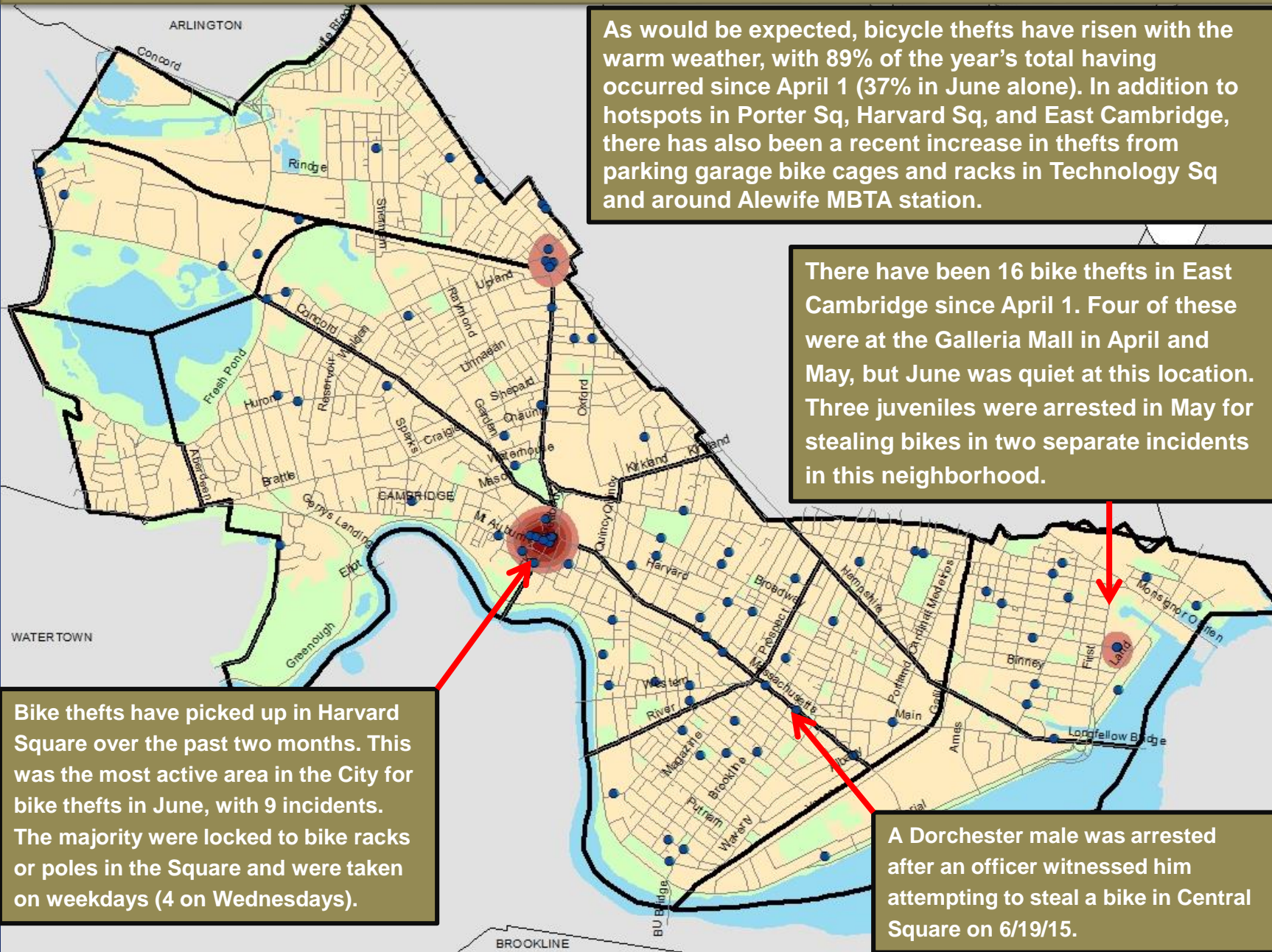




Larceny of Bicycles: 4.1.15 to 6.29.15

Cambridge Police BridgeStat

June 2015



As would be expected, bicycle thefts have risen with the warm weather, with 89% of the year's total having occurred since April 1 (37% in June alone). In addition to hotspots in Porter Sq, Harvard Sq, and East Cambridge, there has also been a recent increase in thefts from parking garage bike cages and racks in Technology Sq and around Alewife MBTA station.

There have been 16 bike thefts in East Cambridge since April 1. Four of these were at the Galleria Mall in April and May, but June was quiet at this location. Three juveniles were arrested in May for stealing bikes in two separate incidents in this neighborhood.

Bike thefts have picked up in Harvard Square over the past two months. This was the most active area in the City for bike thefts in June, with 9 incidents. The majority were locked to bike racks or poles in the Square and were taken on weekdays (4 on Wednesdays).

A Dorchester male was arrested after an officer witnessed him attempting to steal a bike in Central Square on 6/19/15.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts through the first half of the year is 57 incidents. With 56 thefts reported year-to-date, we are 2% below the average and in line with the number reported during this time frame in 2014.
- There were 17 auto thefts reported in the past four weeks, which is up six incidents or 55% from the previous four weeks. With temperatures heating up, we have seen scooter and moped thefts skyrocket as 15 of the 17 auto thefts reported in the past four weeks have involved these types of vehicles. Area 4, Cambridgeport and North Cambridge all experienced 3 of these thefts in the past month. An arrest was made of two juveniles in the Central Square area after they stole a Cambridge residents scooter.
- Since the beginning of the year, the following neighborhoods have reported auto thefts: Cambridgeport (9), Area 4 (8), North Cambridge (7), Inman (7), West Cambridge (6), East Cambridge (4), Peabody (4), Riverside (4), Mid Cambridge (3), Agassiz (3), and Highlands (1). The larger number of auto thefts in West Cambridge is due to an auto rental company reporting vehicles that were rented and not returned in a timely fashion as stolen.
- Of the 56 cars stolen thus far in 2015, 30 (54%) have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

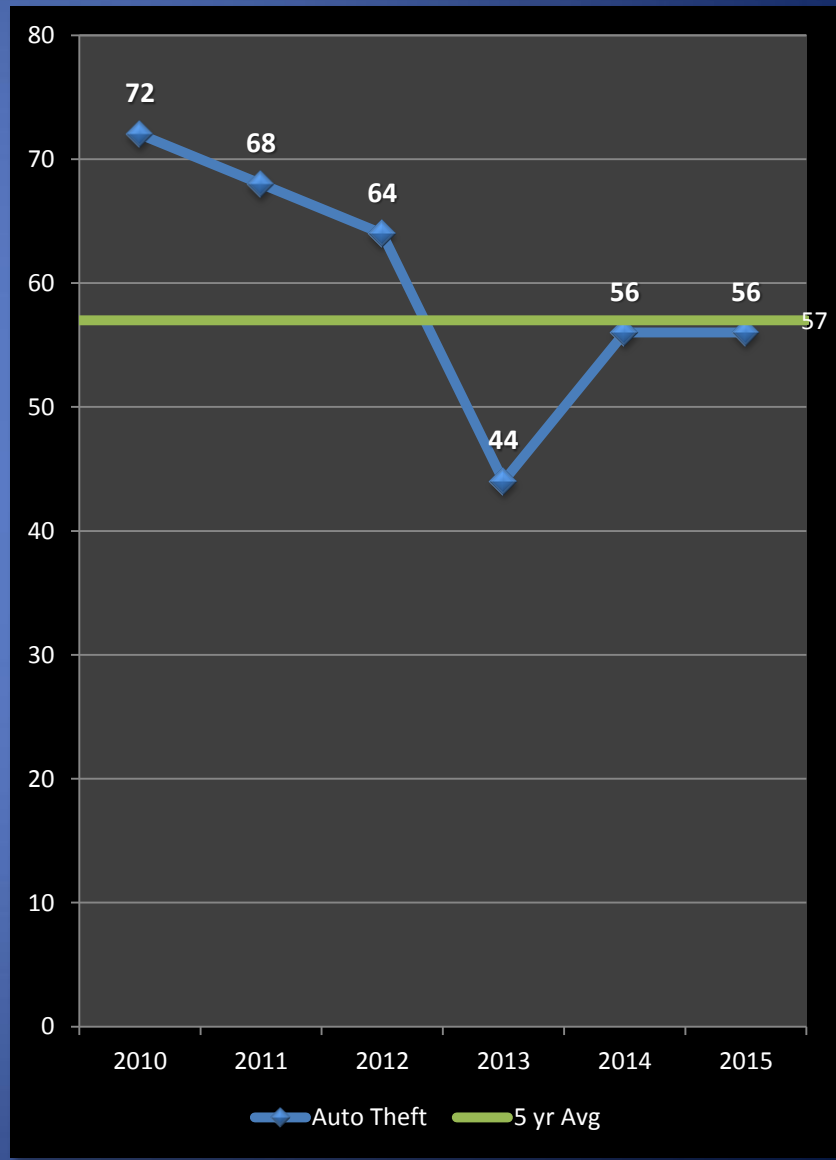
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Previous Year

0%

5 Year Average

-2%

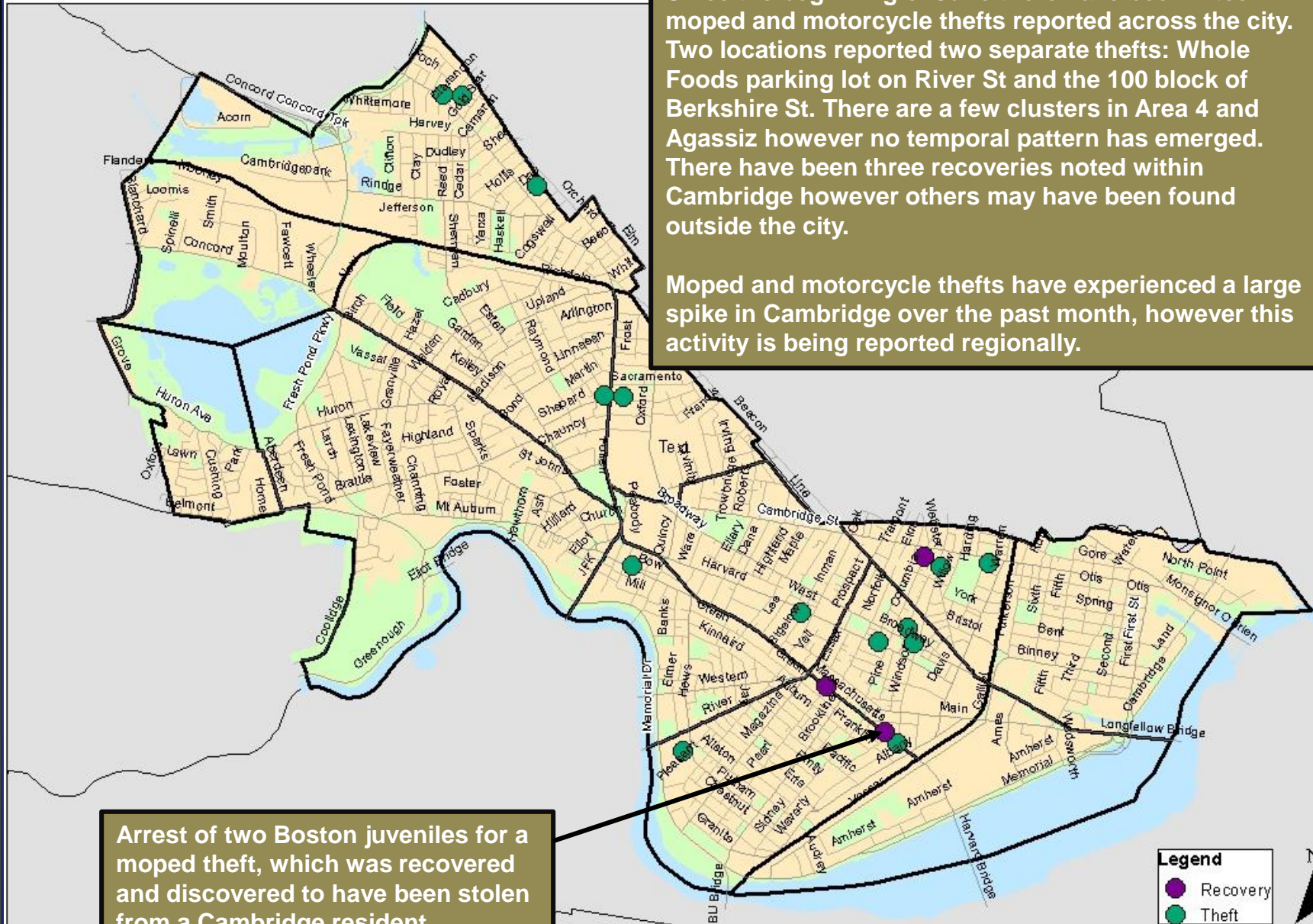




Auto Thefts: 6.1.15 to 6.29.15

Cambridge Police BridgeStat

June 2015



Since the beginning of June there have been fifteen moped and motorcycle thefts reported across the city. Two locations reported two separate thefts: Whole Foods parking lot on River St and the 100 block of Berkshire St. There are a few clusters in Area 4 and Agassiz however no temporal pattern has emerged. There have been three recoveries noted within Cambridge however others may have been found outside the city.

Moped and motorcycle thefts have experienced a large spike in Cambridge over the past month, however this activity is being reported regionally.

Arrest of two Boston juveniles for a moped theft, which was recovered and discovered to have been stolen from a Cambridge resident.

Legend

- Recovery (Purple dot)
- Theft (Green dot)





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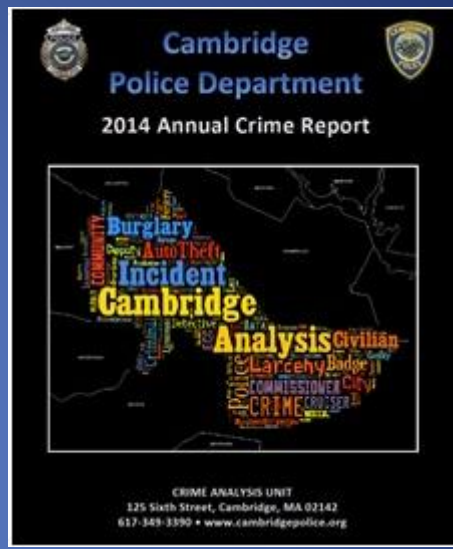
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