



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

December 2017

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit

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Part I Total Crime

The preliminary end-of-the-year figures for 2017 indicate a significant decline of 11% recorded, with 297 fewer serious crimes in Cambridge reported to the FBI, when compared with the final numbers reported for last year. When measured against the five-year average, a sizeable 19% drop in the crime index has been registered. This downturn in criminal activity comes on the heels of the 2016 crime statistics, which were at their lowest level since 1960. Over the past seven years, there has been a consistent trend of dwindling crime numbers in Cambridge.

Further analysis of crime totals so far in 2017 reveals that the property crimes of burglary & larceny continue to be the key indicators and the driving force behind the overall descending decline of serious crime. **The index crime of Burglary has fallen 18% and a 13% slice into the total of Larcenies has been reported.** Housebreaks (-22%), larceny from motor vehicles (-22%), and larcenies from residences (-30%) are the categories of incident types fueling the declining crime numbers.

When measuring the serious crime totals of December of 2017 versus the previous month of November, a 24% decrease has been revealed, with major declines for the categories of larcenies from buildings, motor vehicles and persons accounting for the majority of this substantial plunge in Part One (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Auto theft) incidents.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	11/6 - 12/3	12/4 - 12/31	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	29	19	-34%	278	297	7%	305	-3%
Total Property Crime	167	130	-22%	2349	2033	-13%	2570	-21%
Total Part I Crime	196	149	-24%	2627	2330	-11%	2875	-19%



Part I Property Crime

The preliminary end-of-the-year figures for 2017 of property crime totals indicates a 13% decrease when measured against the 2016 totals and a 21% reversal below the five-year average. The 82 fewer larcenies from motor vehicles and 81 lesser larcenies from residences through December 31st of this year are two of the major crime categories influencing the drop in property crimes.

Larcenies from residences, which include package thefts, continue to spiral down while recording a 30% decline with no major patterns identified in 2017. When comparing the property crime totals for November versus December of 2017, major decreases in larceny from motor vehicles (-52%) and larceny from person (-56%) were noted.

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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	11/6 - 12/3	12/4 - 12/31	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	20	15	-25%	308	254	-18%	362	-30%
Commercial Break	2	0	-100%	45	49	9%	66	-26%
Housebreak	18	15	-17%	263	205	-22%	296	-31%
Larceny	142	111	-22%	1931	1686	-13%	2089	-19%
Larceny (Misc)	4	2	-50%	32	42	31%	38	11%
Larceny from Building	30	14	-53%	297	278	-6%	345	-19%
Larceny from MV	29	14	-52%	371	289	-22%	462	-37%
Larceny from Person	16	7	-56%	221	155	-30%	236	-34%
Larceny from Residence	23	22	-4%	270	189	-30%	252	-25%
Larceny of Bicycle	14	10	-29%	375	304	-19%	362	-16%
Larceny of Plate	2	3	50%	22	28	27%	25	12%
Larceny of Services	2	0	-100%	17	31	82%	17	82%
Shoplifting	22	39	77%	326	370	13%	351	5%
Auto Theft	5	4	-20%	110	93	-15%	119	-22%
Total Property Crime	167	130	-22%	2349	2033	-13%	2570	-21%



Part I Violent Crime

The preliminary end-of-the-year figures for 2017 indicate a 7% ascent for violent crimes in Cambridge with 19 additional incidents reported. The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for 52 weeks of the year was 305 incidents. Through December 31st this year, there were 297 violent crimes registered in the City, **which indicates a 3% drop below the 2017 forecast. The 27% increase in Robbery drove the moderate rise in violent crime this year.**

There was a valid increase in commercial robberies in Cambridge in 2017. This crime type has shot up from 23 in 2016 to 38 incidents this year (+65%). **However, a notable slowdown in activity was observed in the final quarter of the year with only six scattered and unrelated crimes counted.**

After registering a substantial rise in October, street robberies fell 42% in November and 45% in December when compared with the final two months of 2016. There were no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies identified in Cambridge in 2017.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	11/6 - 12/3	12/4 - 12/31	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%	2	2	0%	2	0%
Rape	4	1	-75%	34	18	-47%	32	-44%
Robbery	15	8	-47%	81	103	27%	88	17%
Commercial Robbery	4	2	-50%	23	38	65%	24	58%
Street Robbery	11	6	-45%	58	65	12%	64	2%
Aggravated Assault	9	10	11%	161	174	8%	183	-5%
Total Violent Crime	29	19	-34%	278	297	7%	305	-3%



MURDER

No Patterns

- There were two murders reported in Cambridge in 2017.
 - The Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Massachusetts State Police and Cambridge Police were investigating a fatal shooting that occurred on the night of November 16th in the area of Tremont Street and Hampshire Street at approximately 7:30 p.m. One victim, Malachi Mims, 28, of Cambridge, was taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead. This was the second murder of 2017 in Cambridge. On December 31st, a Cambridge 17-year-old was arrested in Boston and charged in connection to the shooting death.
 - The first murder of 2017 in Cambridge occurred on the morning of October 14th when Ednilson DaCosta, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle on Windsor Street at Evereteze Way in Cambridge. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Shortly after, a second fatal shooting occurred in Somerville. Kevin Raymond, 20, of Somerville, was shot in a parking lot. On November 3rd, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett was arrested for Raymond's murder. The murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.
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- There were two murders reported in Cambridge in 2016. Both of the 2016 murder cases remain under investigation.
 - On June 25th of 2016, the Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Officers discovered the victim, Anthony Clay, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.
 - On the night of March 22nd Armando Hernandez Jr., 30, of Belmont was killed by gunfire on Mt. Auburn St. just before 10 PM. Area residents said they heard 10 or 11 gunshots. A second victim was hospitalized with a leg wound.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

0%

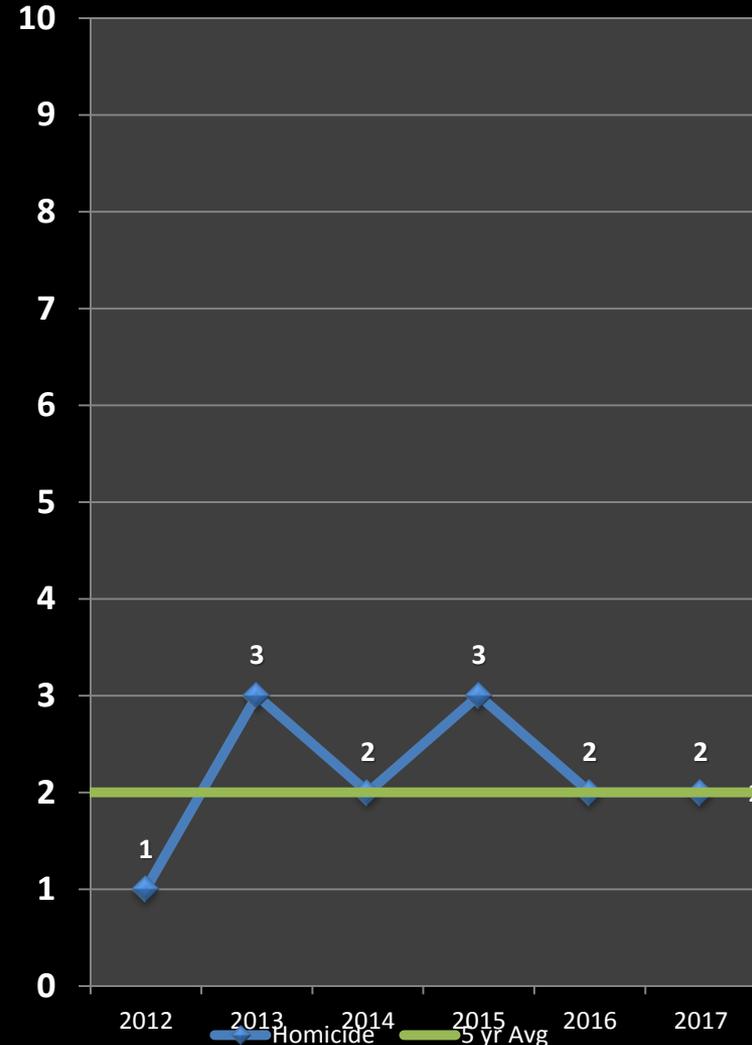
Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

0%

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Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

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.

Cambridge Murder Statistics, 1990-2016

- 58 people murdered in 53 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 39 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (27 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 17 of the 53 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 24 of the 32 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, and one of the two murders in 2014. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

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.



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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.

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March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

On June 25th of 2016, Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Arriving officers discovered the victim, **Anthony Clay**, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This case remains under investigation.



RAPE

No Patterns

- Preliminary counts indicate that there were 18 rapes reported in Cambridge through December 31st of 2017, which is 16 incidents (-47%) below the final total recorded for 2016.
- After recording zero rapes during the month of January for the first time since 2006, there were two rapes registered in the City of Cambridge in February and two in March of 2017. A contact incident was then reported in May and an acquaintance scenario was reported in June. The two rapes reported in July were categorized as acquaintance and domestic incidents. The rape recorded in August was categorized as an acquaintance crime. Both rapes committed in September were classified as contact scenarios. There were no rapes reported in Cambridge in October of 2017. After recording just seven rapes in seven months, five sexual assaults were reported in November, and one was reported in December.
- Nine of the rapes this year have been classified as acquaintance, five as domestic, and four were counted as contact scenarios.
- Overview on Rape Statistics for the United States released by the FBI on September 30th 2017: There were an estimated 95,730 rapes (legacy definition) reported to law enforcement in 2016. This estimate was 4.9% higher than the 2015 estimate. The rate of cities in the 100,000 to 250,000 population range in 2016 was 34.1 incidents.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

-75%

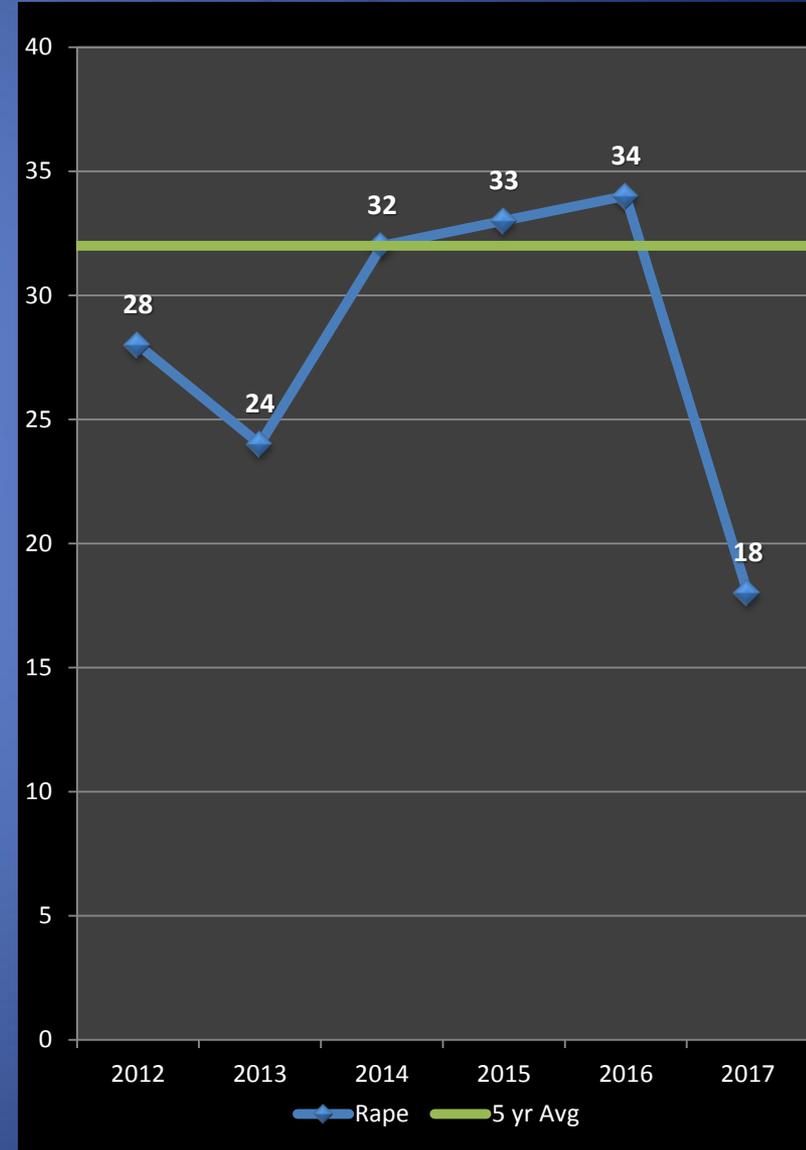
Previous Year

-47%

5-Year Average

-44%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+11%

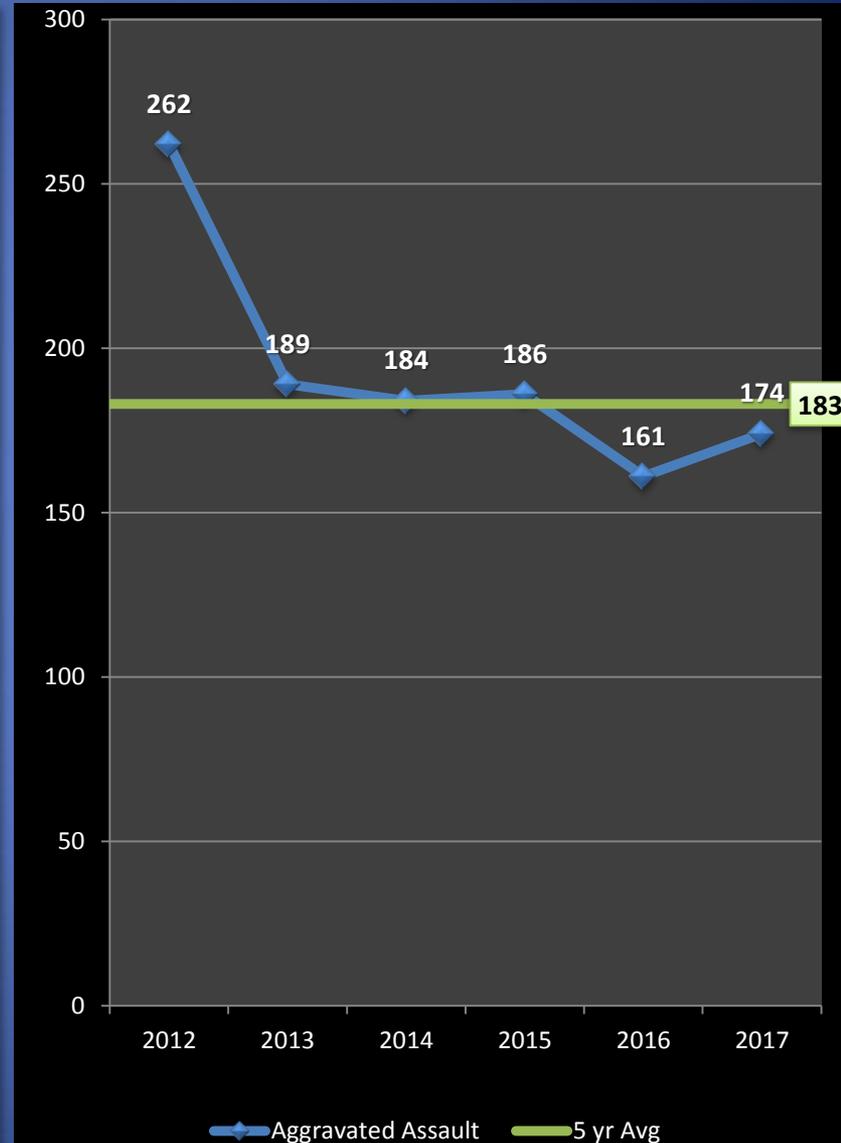
Previous Year

+8%

5-Year Average

-5%

- When comparing the total of aggravated assaults for 2017 with 2016, there was a moderate increase of 8% in this violent crime category with 13 additional incidents counted. The total of 174 aggravated assaults was nine crimes (-5%) below the projected five-year average of 183 assaults through December 31st.
- The 174 aggravated assaults over the 12 months of 2017 were comprised of the following classifications: 21 fights among acquaintances; 42 domestic situations; 11 juvenile assaults; 22 unprovoked scenarios; 17 bar brawls; 5 psychotic episode; 17 homeless scenarios; 6 confrontations between shop owners and patrons; 4 workplace assault, 19 traffic and parking situations, 10 assaults on police officers.
- On an annual basis, past trends indicate that invariably 30 to 40 percent of aggravated assaults are domestic-related. That statistic has declined in 2017 with 42 or (24%) of the 174 assaults classified as domestic in nature.
- Commissioner Branville Bard announced that all of the suspects wanted in three separate shootings around Central Square between September 5th and 10th of this year were identified and taken into custody. The final arrest associated with these incidents was of Antoine Brown of Boston, who was arrested on October 26th and charged with Armed Assault with Intent to Murder and other firearm-related charges.

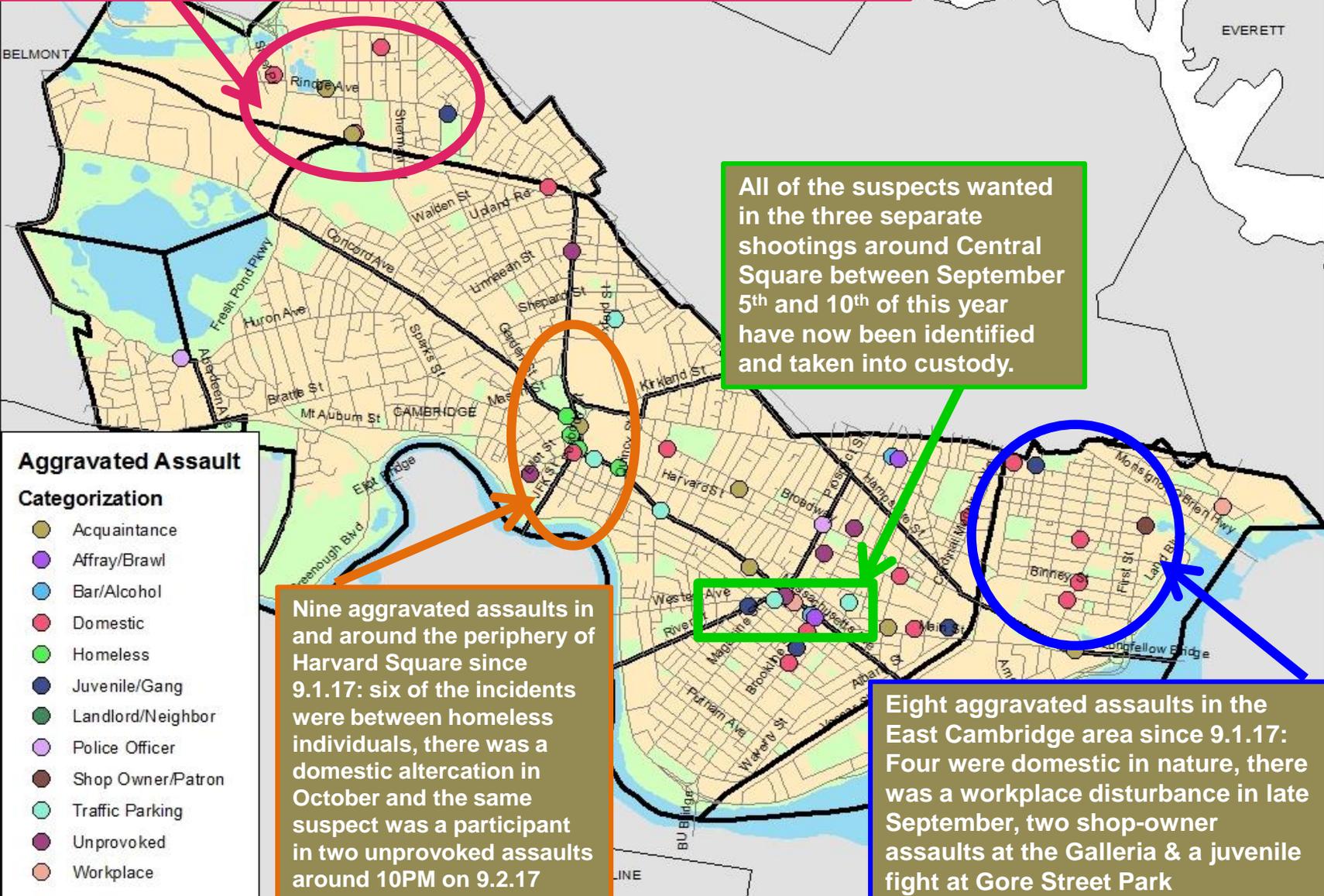




Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 9.1.17 – 12.31.17

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Seven assaults in North Cambridge since 9.1.17: four domestic, two fights between acquaintances, and a juvenile altercation at a middle school



All of the suspects wanted in the three separate shootings around Central Square between September 5th and 10th of this year have now been identified and taken into custody.

- Aggravated Assault Categorization**
- Acquaintance
 - Affray/Brawl
 - Bar/Alcohol
 - Domestic
 - Homeless
 - Juvenile/Gang
 - Landlord/Neighbor
 - Police Officer
 - Shop Owner/Patron
 - Traffic Parking
 - Unprovoked
 - Workplace

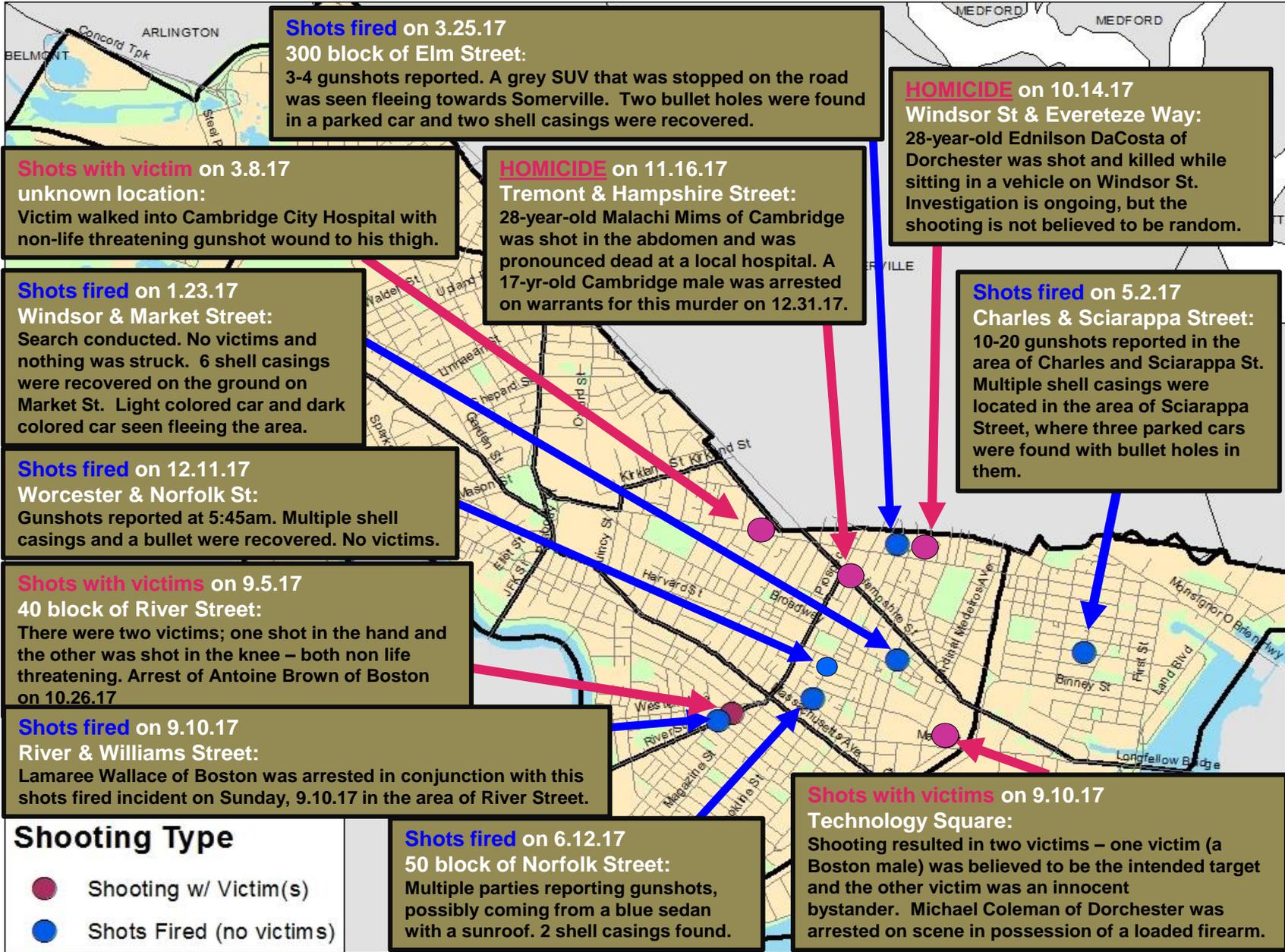
Nine aggravated assaults in and around the periphery of Harvard Square since 9.1.17: six of the incidents were between homeless individuals, there was a domestic altercation in October and the same suspect was a participant in two unprovoked assaults around 10PM on 9.2.17

Eight aggravated assaults in the East Cambridge area since 9.1.17: Four were domestic in nature, there was a workplace disturbance in late September, two shop-owner assaults at the Galleria & a juvenile fight at Gore Street Park



Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: Through December 31, 2017

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ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the year is 88 incidents. Between January and December 31st of 2017, 103 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 17% increase above the projected total and a 27% surge over the 2016 total for this time frame.
- Street robberies climbed upward 12%, seven additional incidents above the 2016 total. There were no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies identified in Cambridge in 2017. There were seven street robberies reported in the East Cambridge area between the last week of June and the end of the year. Three were associated with incidents around the Galleria. These crimes included an arrest of a Plymouth resident for a predatory incident on Fifth Street and the arrest of a Boston resident on December 1st for robbing a disabled person.
- There was a significant increase in commercial robberies in Cambridge in 2017 from 23 in 2016 to 38 incidents this year (+65%).
- One aspect of the commercial robbery escalation trend has been a surge in bank robberies throughout Eastern Massachusetts since Thanksgiving of 2016. Eleven of the 38 commercial robberies in Cambridge in 2017 were bank heists: two in Harvard Square, one in Kendall Square, four in Central, two in Porter Square, and two in Alewife.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

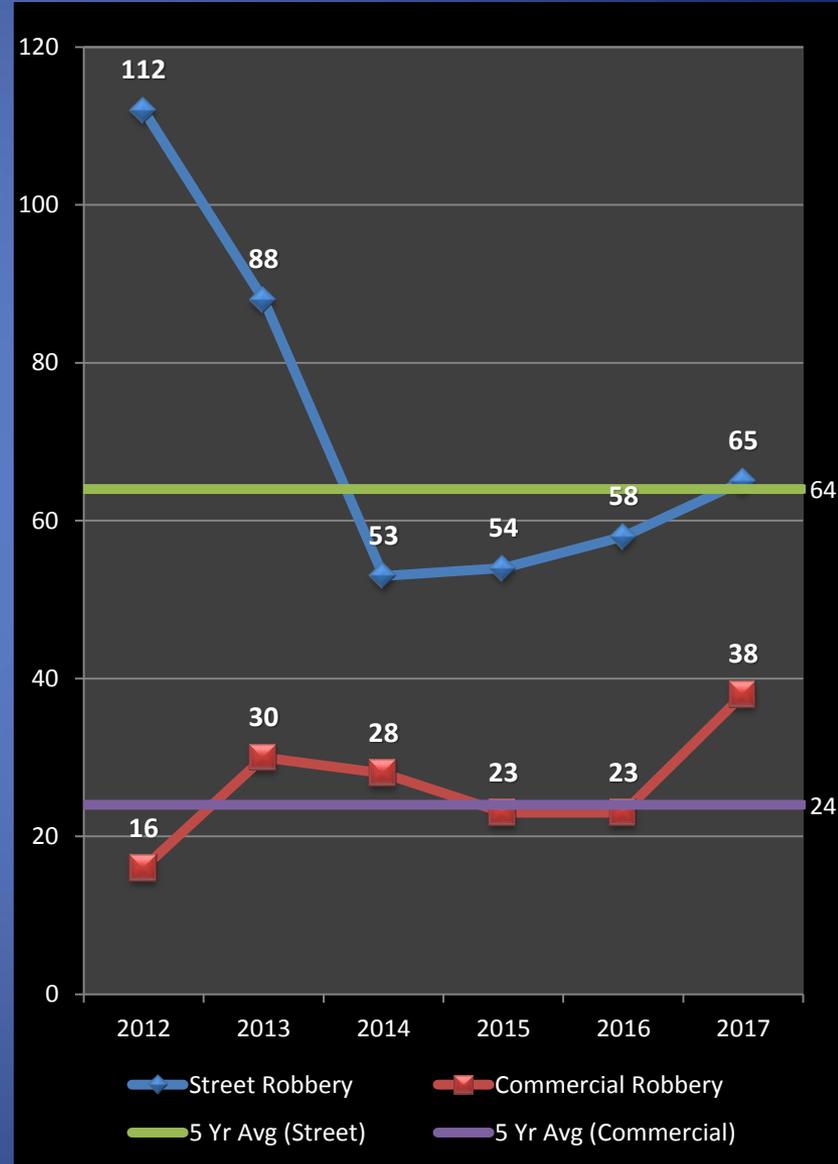
-47%

Previous Year

+27%

5-Year Average

+17%





Geographic Breakdown of Bank Robberies: 2017

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Bank robbery in Porter Sq on 2.1.17 at 9:50AM - suspect handed a note to the teller – Arrest



Bank robbery in Harvard Square on 1.11.17 at 3:40PM - where suspect (see photo) handed a note to the teller & a note –passer on 11.7.17 at 9:30AM.



Banks on Alewife Brook Pky on 3.8.17 & 7.12.17 - where suspect handed note to teller

Bank robbery in Central Square on 1.5.17 at 9:30AM – Arrest

Bank robbery in Kendall Square on 3.31.17 at 4:00PM - where suspect handed note to teller - Arrest

Bank robbery in Central Square on 5.26.17 at 10AM - where suspect handed note to teller - Arrest

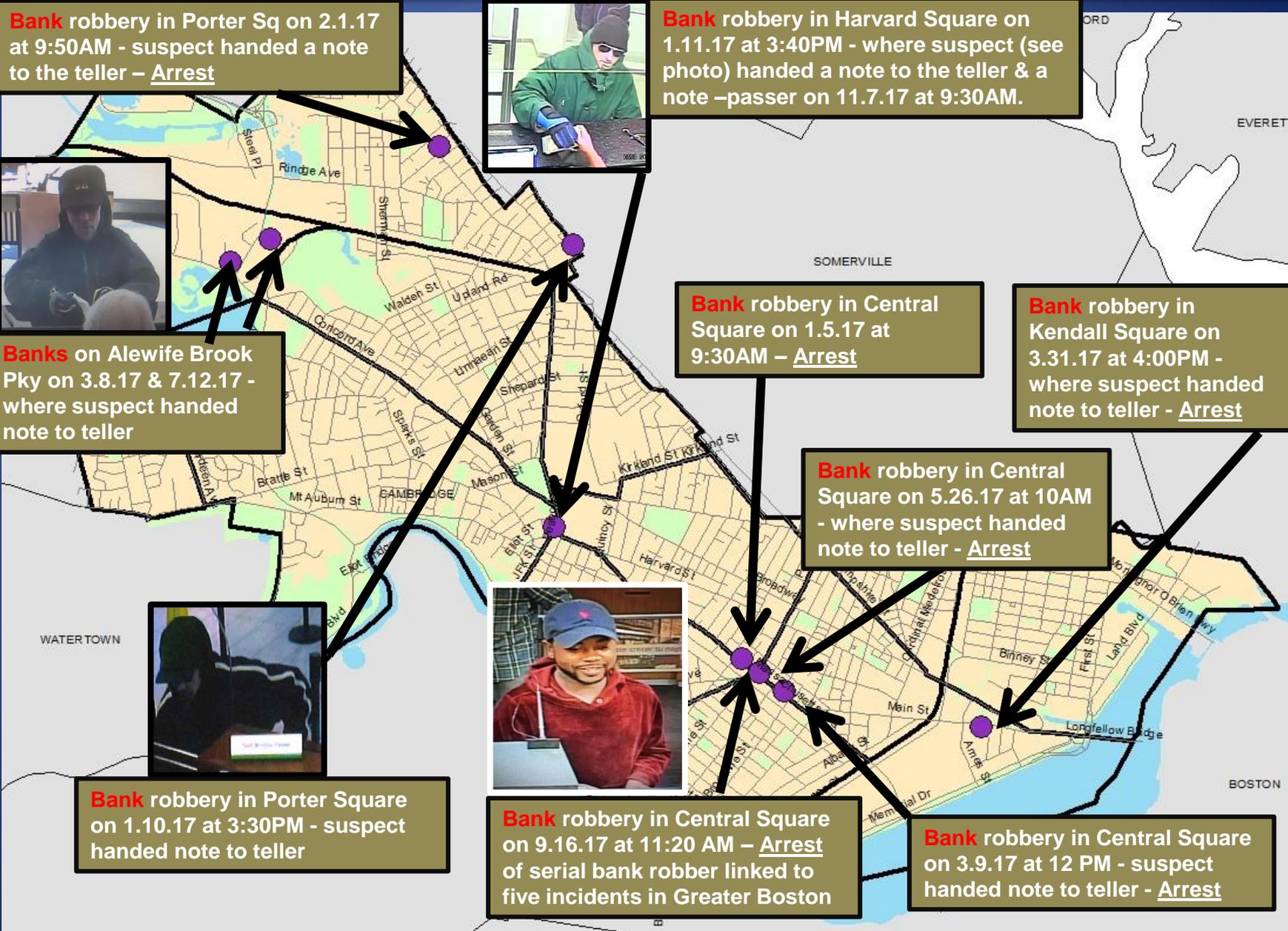


Bank robbery in Porter Square on 1.10.17 at 3:30PM - suspect handed note to teller



Bank robbery in Central Square on 9.16.17 at 11:20 AM – Arrest of serial bank robber linked to five incidents in Greater Boston

Bank robbery in Central Square on 3.9.17 at 12 PM - suspect handed note to teller - Arrest

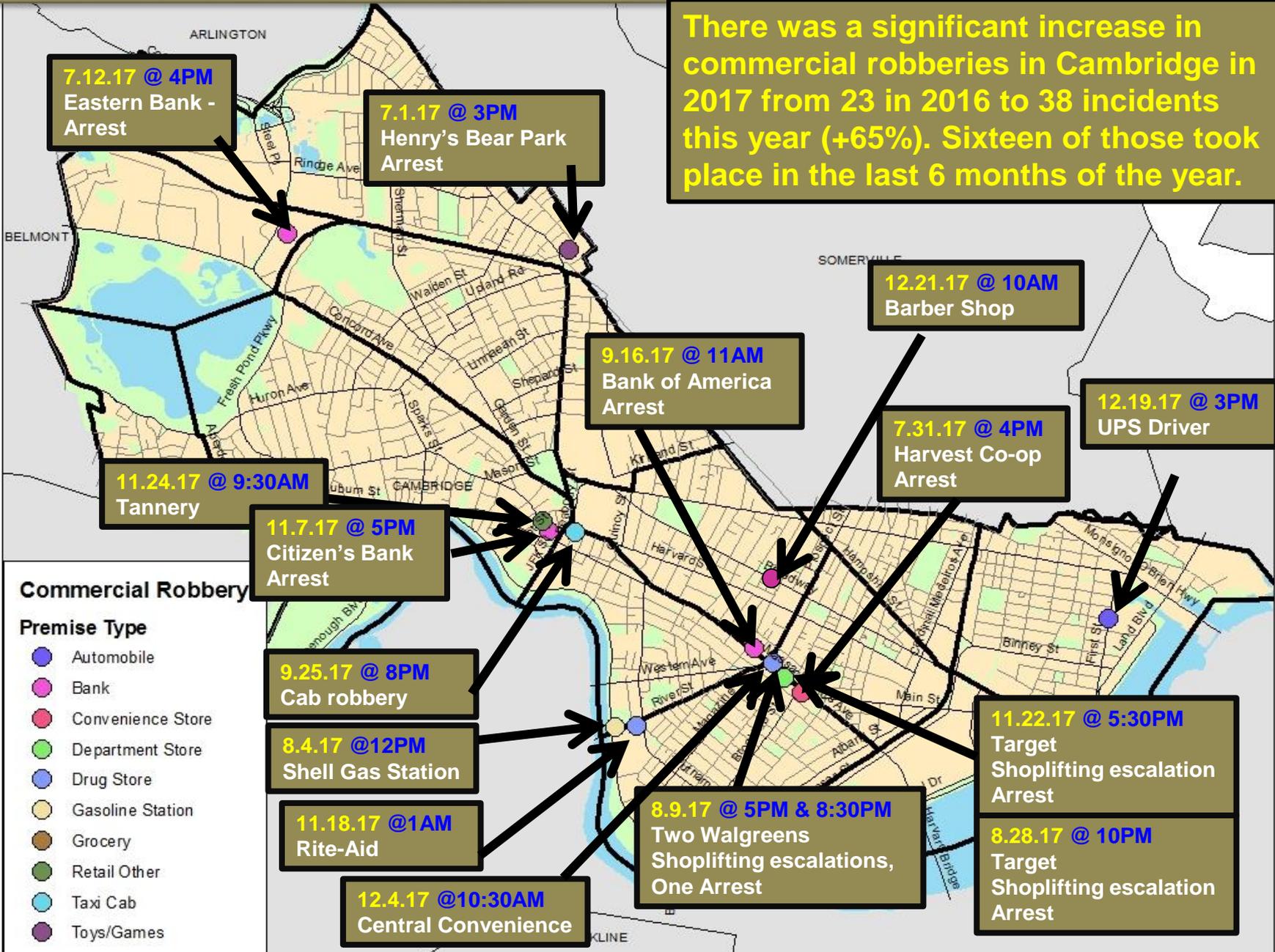




Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robbery: 7.1.17 – 12.31.17

There was a significant increase in commercial robberies in Cambridge in 2017 from 23 in 2016 to 38 incidents this year (+65%). Sixteen of those took place in the last 6 months of the year.

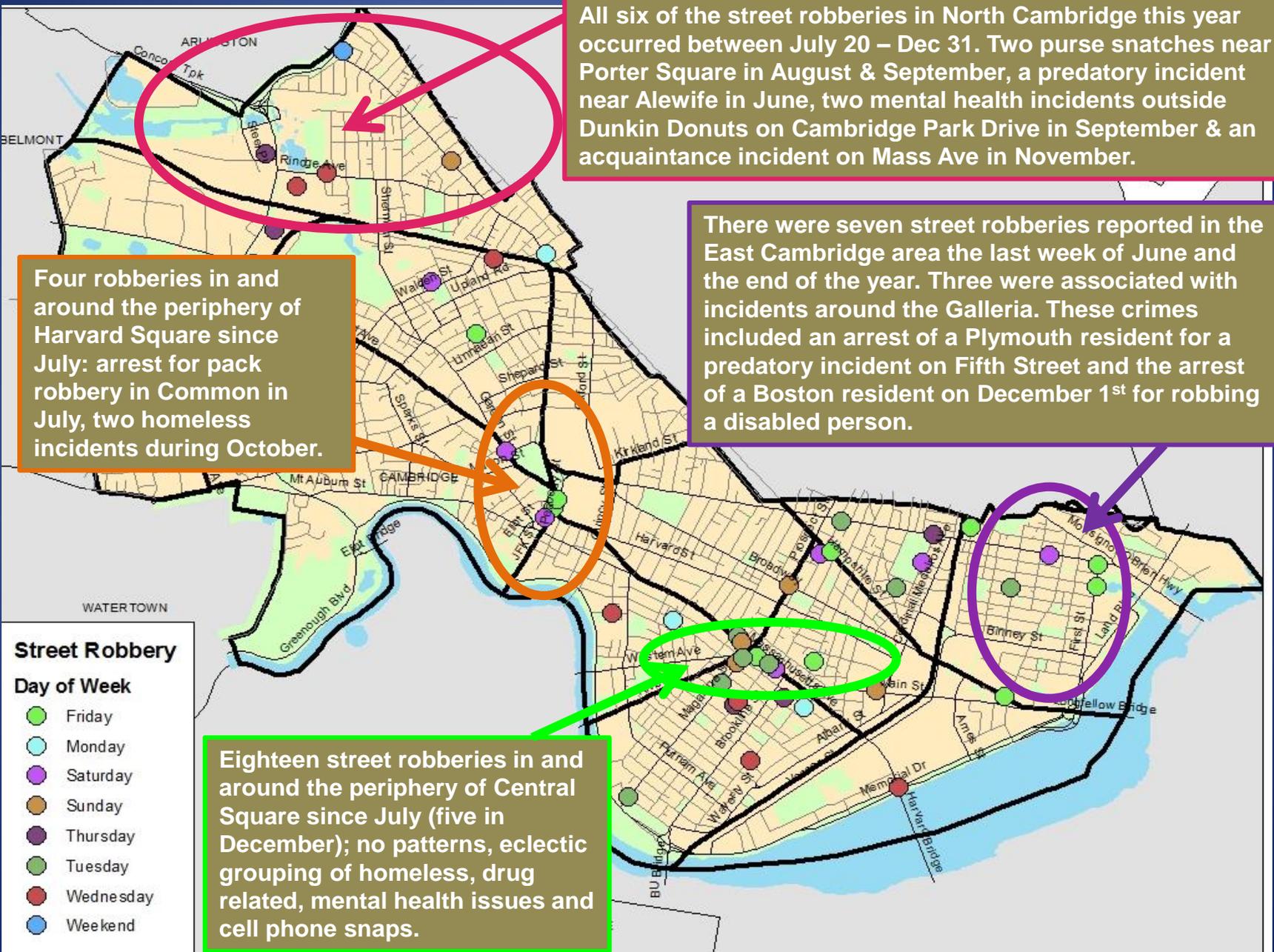
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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robbery: 7.1.17 – 12.31.17

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Burglary

No Pattern

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial, recorded a major decline of 30% in 2017 when compared to the five-year average, with 108 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 362 breaks. The burglary count has also fallen a substantial 18% when measured with last year's total through December 31st, with 54 fewer burglaries reported.
- There were three housebreak patterns identified in the neighborhoods of Central Square in 2017. An unusually large number of housebreaks were reported in January of 2017 with a pattern identified then eradicated. During the last ten days of March, a new pattern was identified and an alert for a series of nighttime housebreaks in Riverside and Mid-Cambridge was issued on April 4th, 2017. On April 13th, an arrest was made of a known offender who was a resident of the neighborhood. An alert for a new series of late night breaks in and around Central Square was issued during the last week of August. On October 1st a warrant was issued for the apprehension of the suspect involved in this series.
- The 5-year average for commercial burglary in Cambridge for the year is 66 incidents. Through December 31st of 2017, 49 commercial burglaries were recorded, which translates to a 26% decline below the forecasted 5-year average and 4 incidents (+9%) above the 2016 total for the same time period (which was an historic low for this crime category).

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

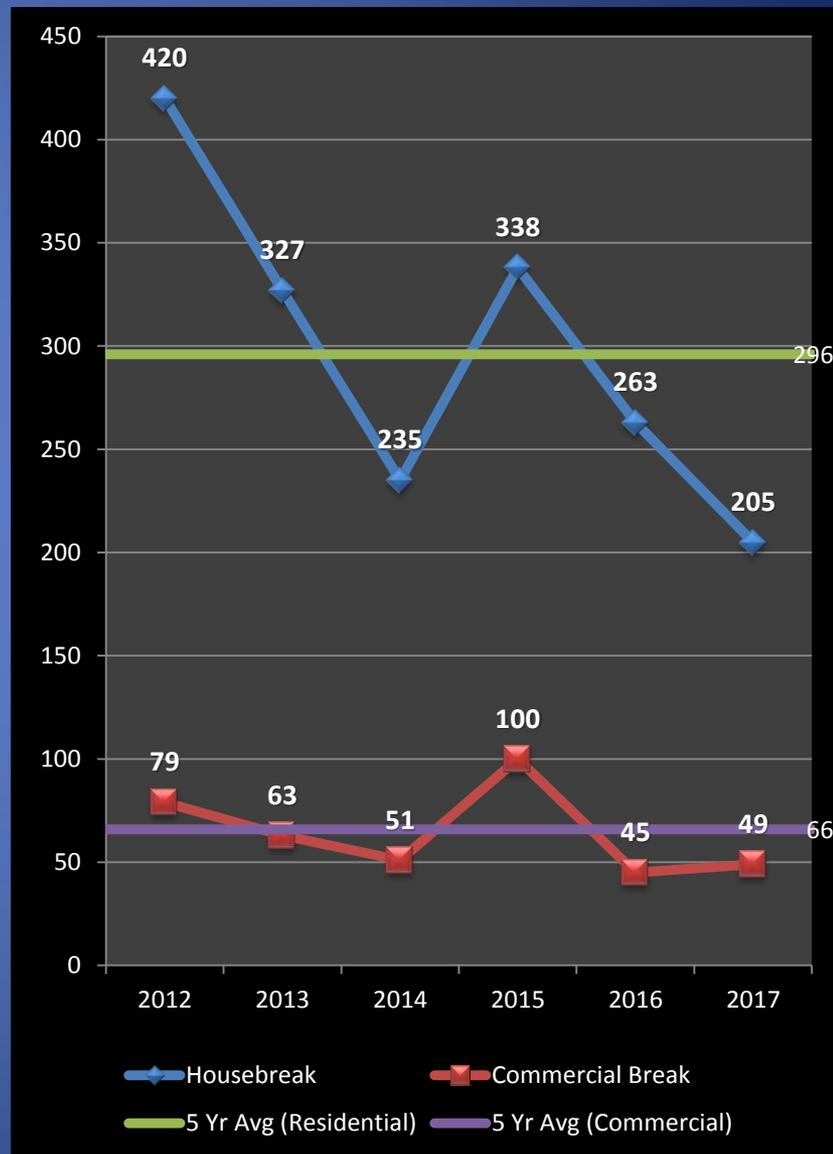
Previous Year

5-Year Average

-25%

-18%

-30%

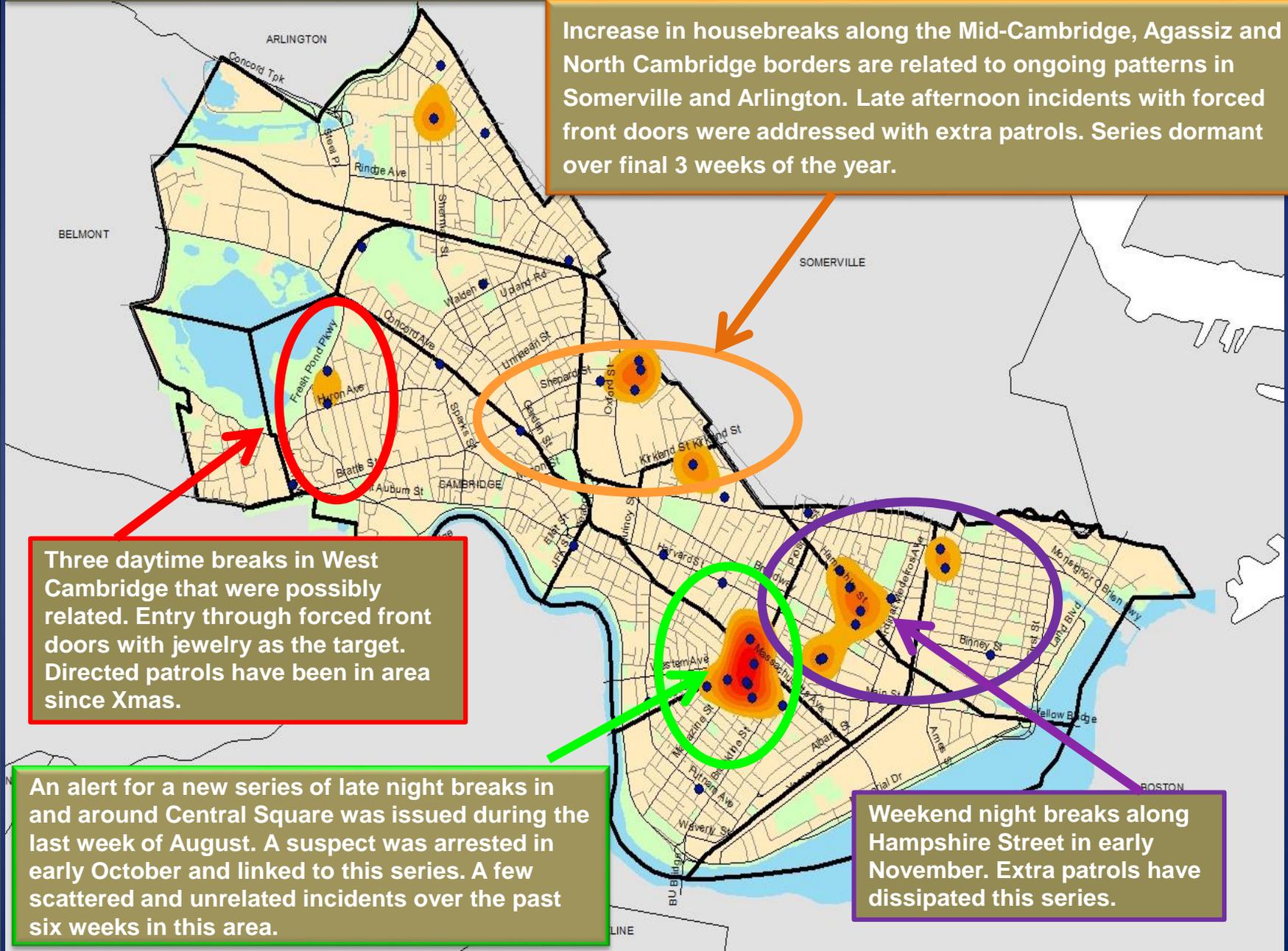




Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 7.1.17 – 12.31.17

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Increase in housebreaks along the Mid-Cambridge, Agassiz and North Cambridge borders are related to ongoing patterns in Somerville and Arlington. Late afternoon incidents with forced front doors were addressed with extra patrols. Series dormant over final 3 weeks of the year.



Three daytime breaks in West Cambridge that were possibly related. Entry through forced front doors with jewelry as the target. Directed patrols have been in area since Xmas.

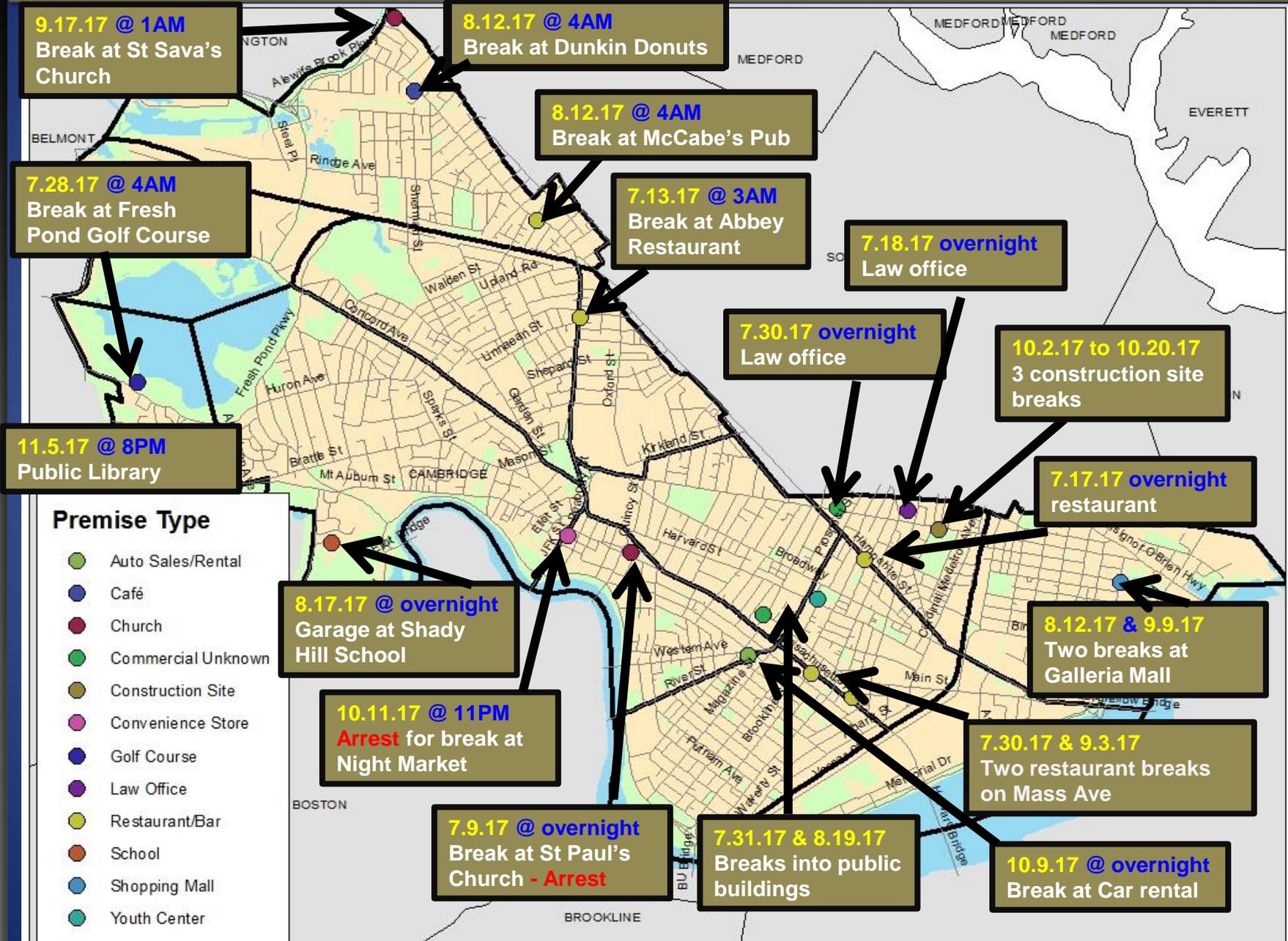
An alert for a new series of late night breaks in and around Central Square was issued during the last week of August. A suspect was arrested in early October and linked to this series. A few scattered and unrelated incidents over the past six weeks in this area.

Weekend night breaks along Hampshire Street in early November. Extra patrols have dissipated this series.



Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 7.1.17 – 12.31.17

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LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Preliminary numbers indicate that the 2017 overall larceny total** is down 13% when compared with 2016. The total of 1,686 larcenies reported this year is also 19% below the 5-year weighted average of 2,089 incidents through the end of the year.
- **Larcenies from MVs plunged 22% in 2017** when compared with the total reported in 2016. The last month saw a substantial drop of 52% from November to December, with 15 fewer incidents reported in December.
- **Larcenies from the person fluctuated month to month throughout 2017, with December reporting 7 incidents, 9 fewer than the previous month.** With the ups and downs this year, this crime type preliminarily registered a 30% drop for the year when compared with 2016. The most active area of the city this year was (and typically is) Harvard Square with 54 incidents, followed by Central Square with 35.
- **There were 278 larcenies from buildings reported through the end of 2017.** This represents a 6% drop (19 incidents) below the 297 incidents reported in 2016 and a 19% decrease below the 5-year average of 345. No major patterns or trends of this crime type emerged in 2017.
- **Larcenies from residences rounded out the year with a noticeable 30% drop (-81 incidents) when compared with 2016.** Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies represented 57% of thefts from residences year-to-date (107 of the 189). This is down from 2016, when there were 140 reported package thefts.
- **Preliminary totals show that there were 304 bikes reported stolen in 2017,** down 71 (-19%) from the 375 thefts reported in 2016 and down 58 (-16%) from the 5-year average of 362.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

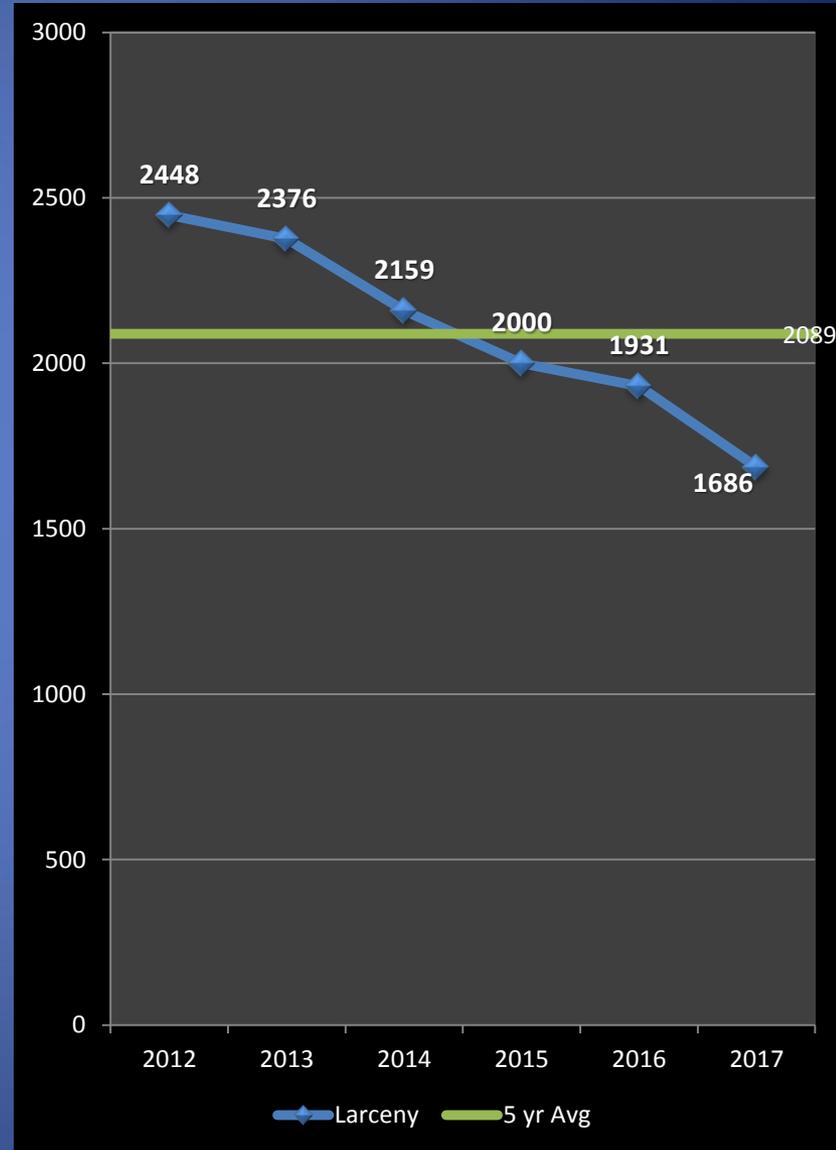
-22%

Previous Year

-13%

5-Year Average

-19%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- Patterns in West and North Cambridge fueled a 105% increase in larcenies from motor vehicles from September to October. Arrests in early November reversed the trend and propelled a 28% decrease (-11 incidents) in this crime type when compared with the previous month. This descent was further magnified in December, with an additional reduction of 15 incidents (-52%). **Preliminary 2017 totals put the final 2017 LMV count at 289 incidents, 22% below the 2016 total.**
- **This property crime also plummeted by 37% when measured against the 5-year average**, with 173 fewer incidents than the projected total of 462 thefts from cars.
- Part of the overall decrease can be traced to the total of 13 larcenies from motor vehicles in January, a non-snowstorm-effected month, which was a stunningly low number for this crime type. December's low total of 14 thefts was also noteworthy.
- Priority patrols, which were established in early October to combat an increase in larceny from motor vehicle activity in North & West Cambridge, have been effective in curtailing this series. Arrests in the neighboring town of Belmont, which was also experiencing an uptick in late night thefts from cars, brought an end to this pattern. **In December, only 3 car thefts were reported in North Cambridge and 0 in West Cambridge.**
- Twelve of the 29 breaks into cars in East Cambridge in 2017 were committed in a three-week window from late March to the middle of April. There was another series of late night larcenies form motor vehicles in mid- August between Spring and Charles Streets. This pattern has dissipated and only five thefts have been reported in this neighborhood over the past 2 months.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

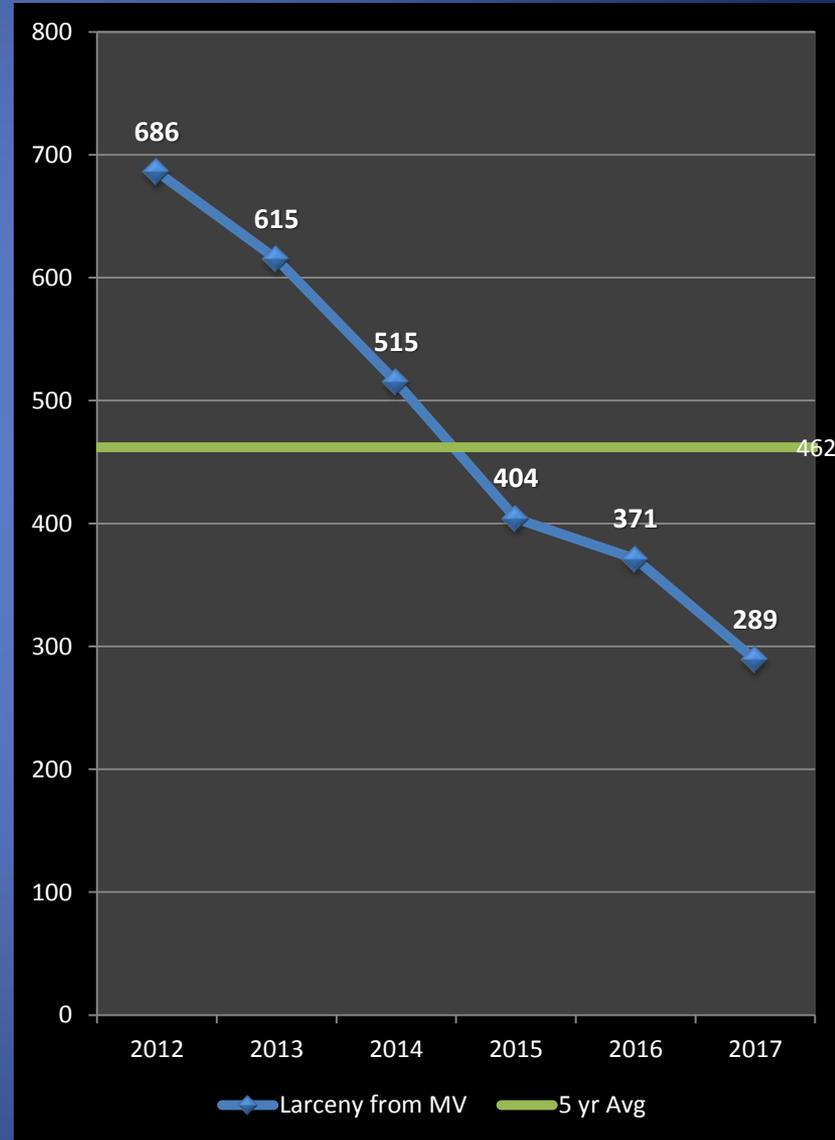
-52%

Previous Year

-22%

5-Year Average

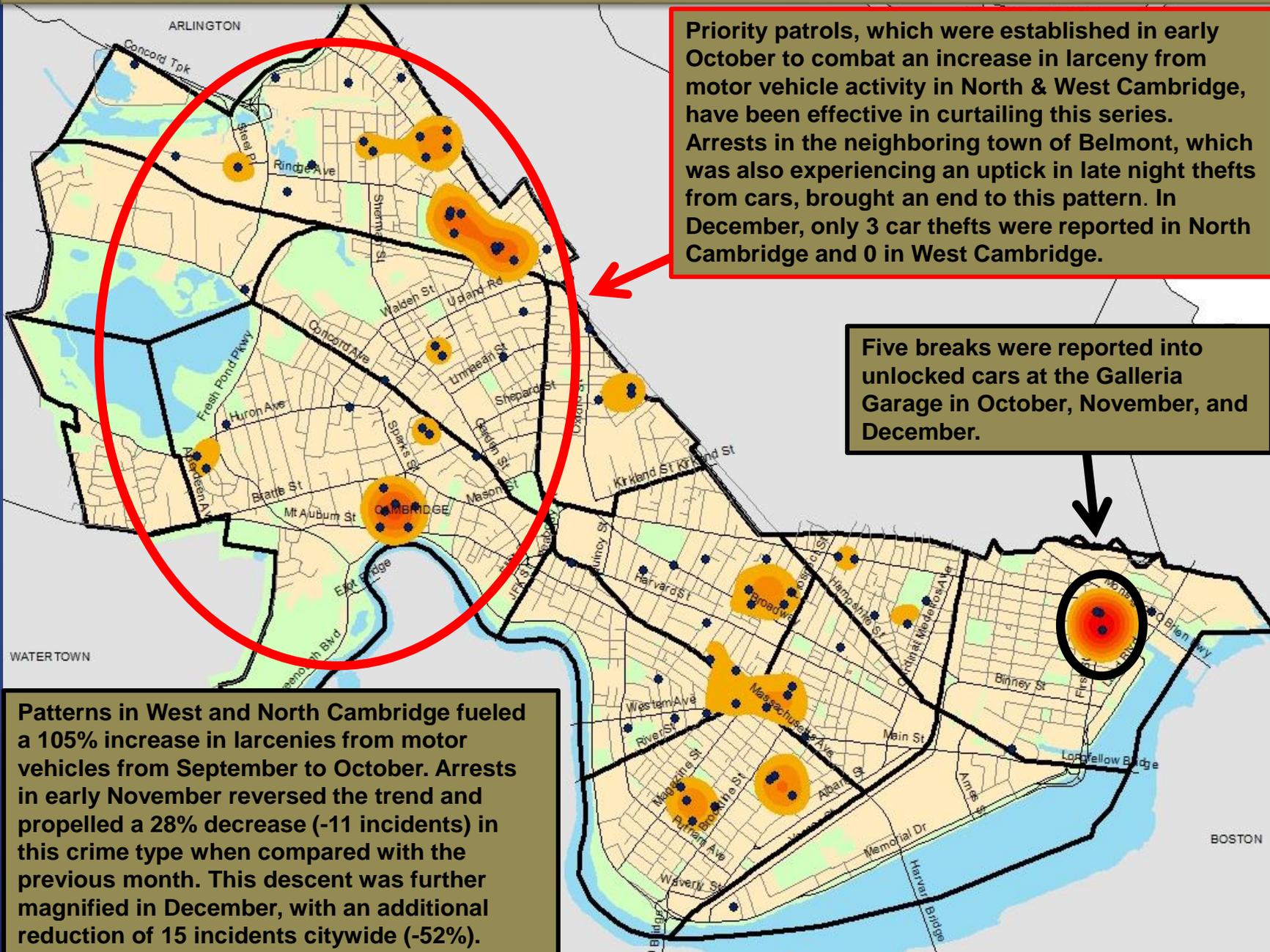
-37%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 10.1.17 – 1.1.18

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Five breaks were reported into unlocked cars at the Galleria Garage in October, November, and December.

Patterns in West and North Cambridge fueled a 105% increase in larcenies from motor vehicles from September to October. Arrests in early November reversed the trend and propelled a 28% decrease (-11 incidents) in this crime type when compared with the previous month. This descent was further magnified in December, with an additional reduction of 15 incidents citywide (-52%).



LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- Larcenies from the person were on the rise during 2016 after two years of very little activity and few patterns. Meanwhile, activity in 2017 was at first a mix of highs and lows, with every other month seeing a spike in activity. Ultimately the year ended with a massive low, seeing a 30% reduction from the number reported in 2016. Overall, larceny from the person also plummeted when compared to the five-year average (-34%).
- December saw the second lowest monthly total of larcenies from the person this year with 7, while March saw the lowest with 5.
- Harvard Square saw the most activity in 2017, with 54 or 35% reported in this tourist/student hotspot. The Central Square area experienced the next largest with 35, followed by the East Cambridge/Galleria area with 25. The Galleria area only saw one larceny from the person in November and two in December, which is pretty remarkable considering it is a target rich environment during the holiday season.
- The majority of incidents have involved thefts from patrons while dining, pickpocketing incidents, or the theft of unattended items that victims left behind.
- The most likely times for larcenies from a person to take place citywide in 2017 was from 1pm – 4pm every day, 5pm – 7pm on Sundays and Mondays, and 5pm – 11pm on Saturdays.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

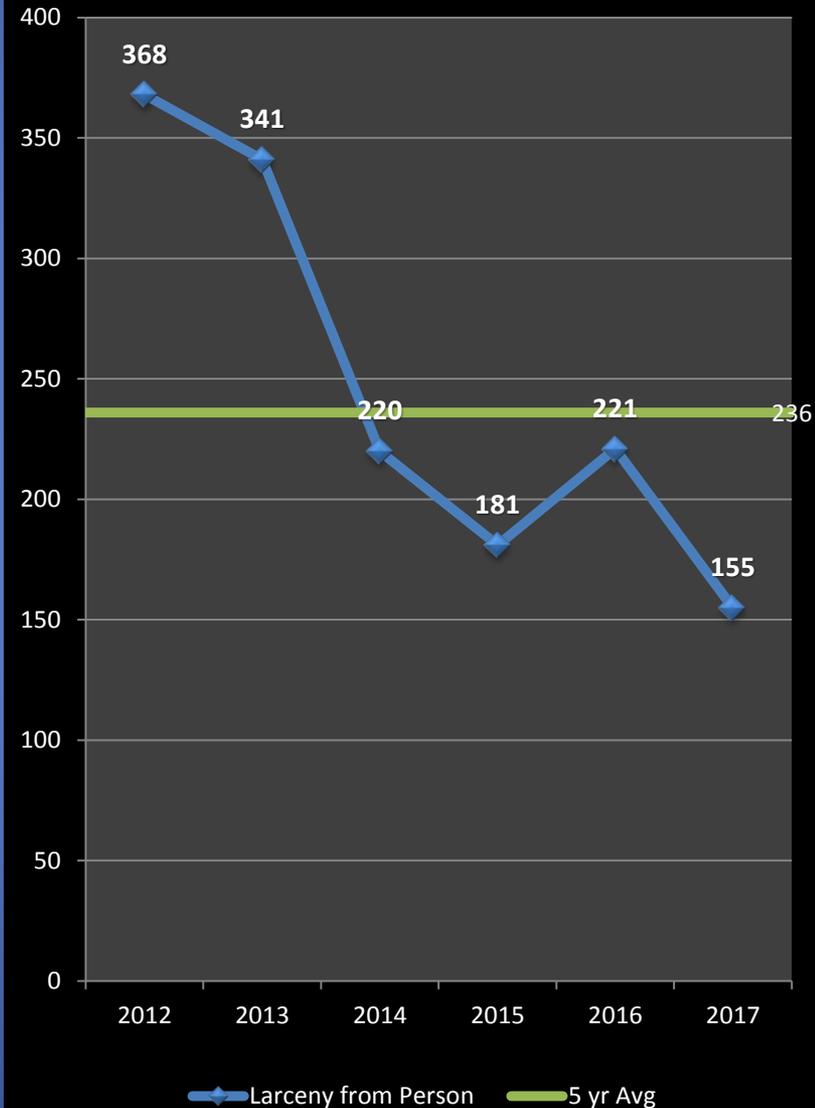
-56%

Previous Year

-30%

5-Year Average

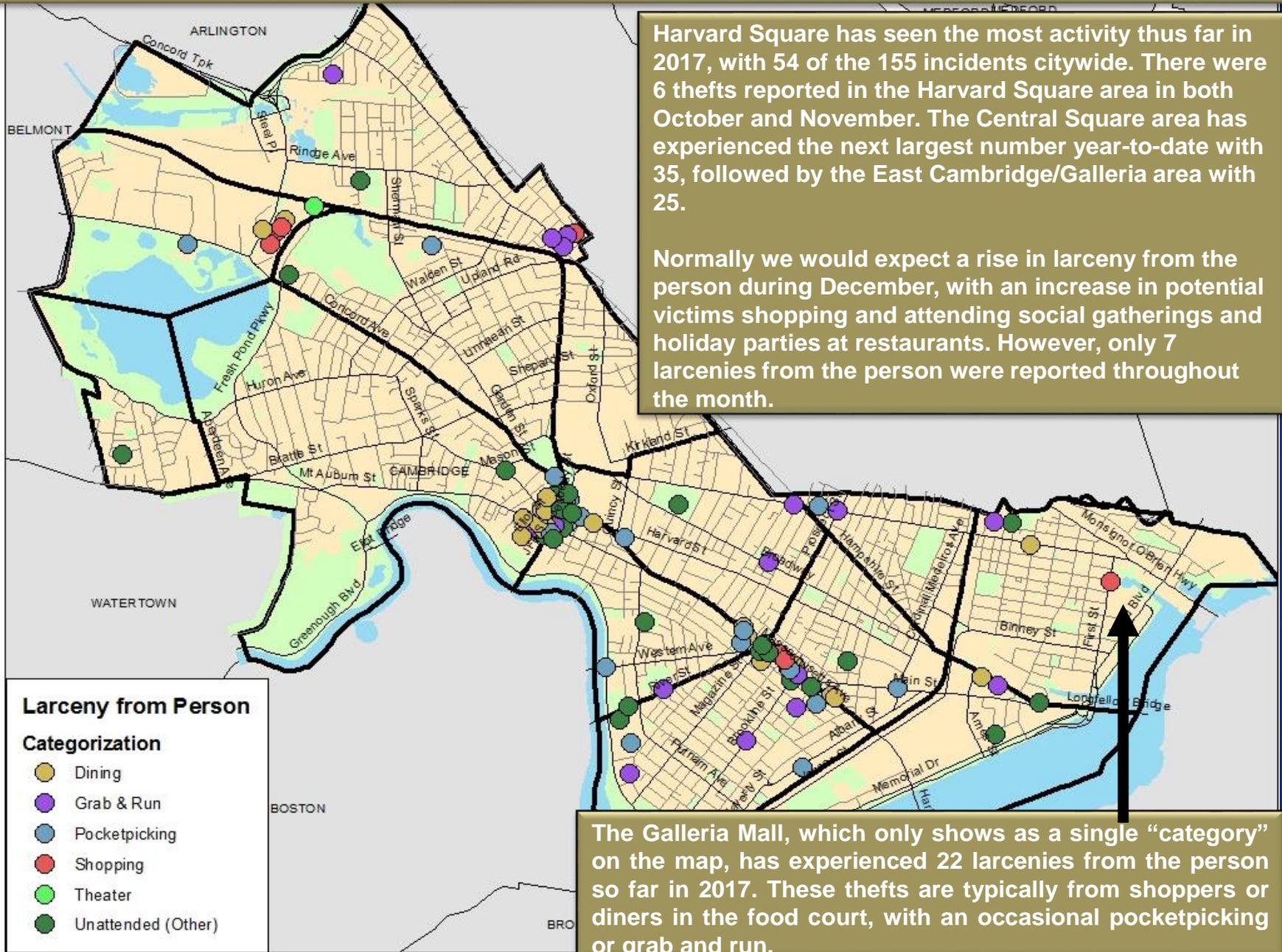
-34%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons: 1.1.17 – 12.31.17

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Harvard Square has seen the most activity thus far in 2017, with 54 of the 155 incidents citywide. There were 6 thefts reported in the Harvard Square area in both October and November. The Central Square area has experienced the next largest number year-to-date with 35, followed by the East Cambridge/Galleria area with 25.

Normally we would expect a rise in larceny from the person during December, with an increase in potential victims shopping and attending social gatherings and holiday parties at restaurants. However, only 7 larcenies from the person were reported throughout the month.

The Galleria Mall, which only shows as a single "category" on the map, has experienced 22 larcenies from the person so far in 2017. These thefts are typically from shoppers or diners in the food court, with an occasional pocketpicking or grab and run.

Larceny from Person

Categorization

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



LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- With winter having arrived, bike thefts dropped at a fast pace. Incidents this month decreased 29% (4 incidents) from the 14 reported in November.
- There were 304 bike thefts reported in 2017. This is 71 incidents below the total of 375 reported in 2016 (-19%) and 58 incidents below the 5-year average of 362 (-16%).
- 68% of the bike thefts in 2017 (or 207) have been reported in lower Cambridge.
- 100 of the 304 bicycles stolen in 2017, or 33%, were left unlocked at the time of the thefts.
- East Cambridge saw the most bike thefts in December with 4.
- The last arrest made concerning bikes took place in October when a male was arrested in Porter Sq after a witness saw him attempting to steal a locked bicycle.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts Year-To-Date:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	56	18%
Mid-Cambridge	43	14%
East Cambridge	40	13%
Peabody/Riverside/North Cambridge	26 each	9% each

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

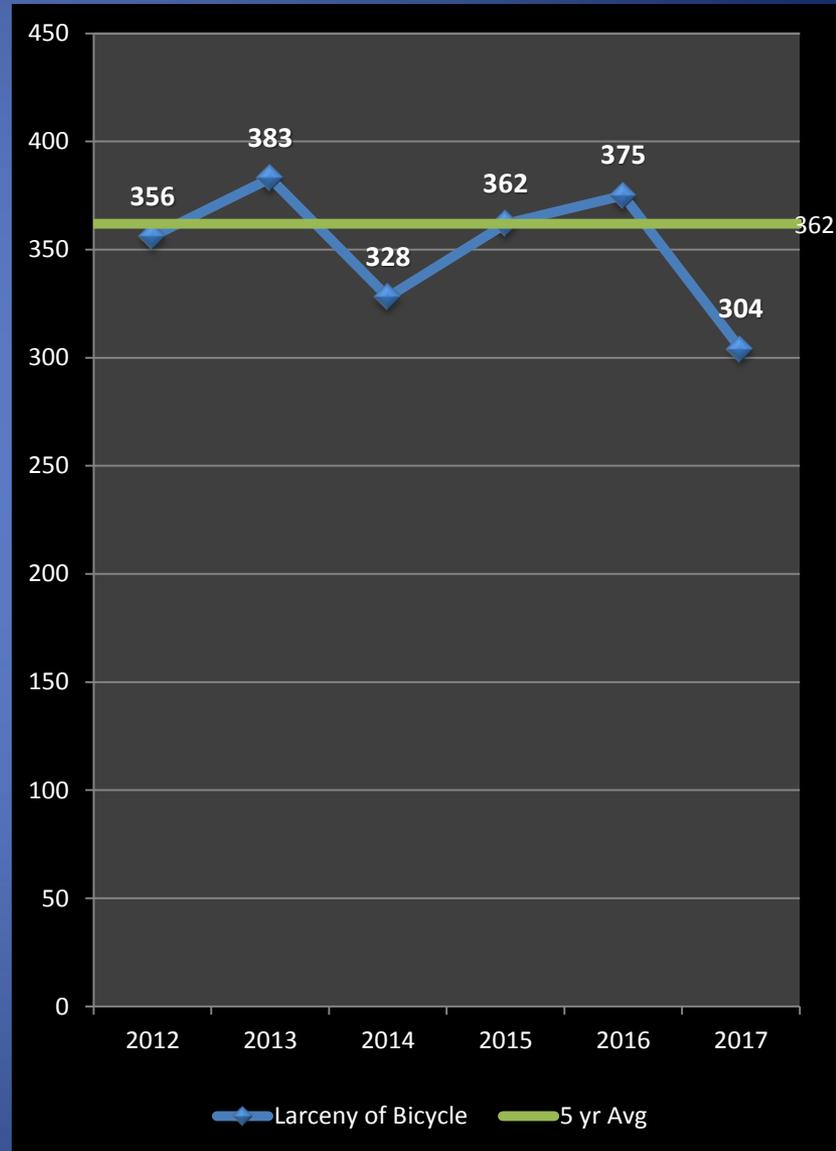
Previous Year

5-Year Average

-29%

-19%

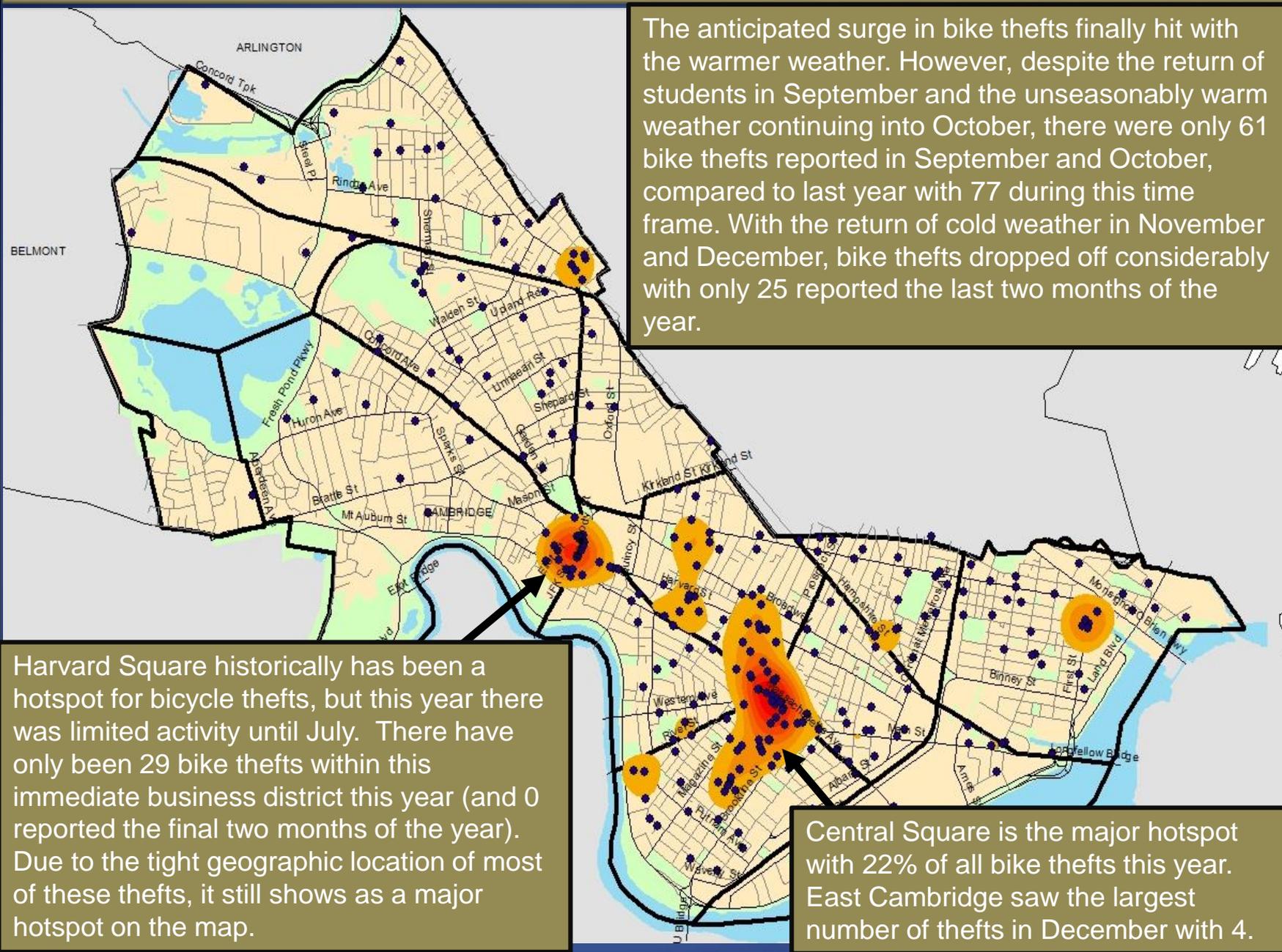
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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny of Bicycles: 1.1.17 – 12.31.17

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The anticipated surge in bike thefts finally hit with the warmer weather. However, despite the return of students in September and the unseasonably warm weather continuing into October, there were only 61 bike thefts reported in September and October, compared to last year with 77 during this time frame. With the return of cold weather in November and December, bike thefts dropped off considerably with only 25 reported the last two months of the year.

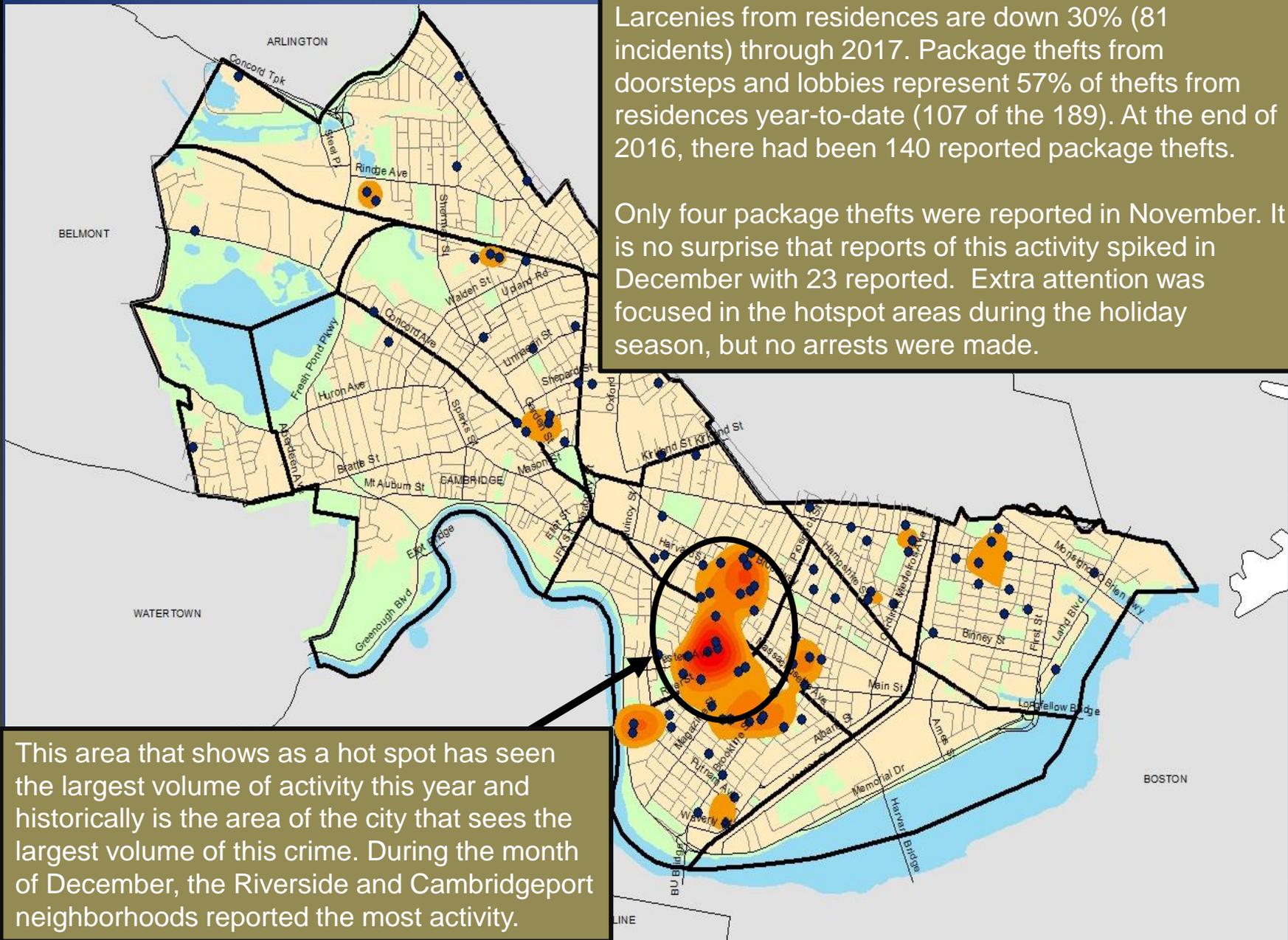
Harvard Square historically has been a hotspot for bicycle thefts, but this year there was limited activity until July. There have only been 29 bike thefts within this immediate business district this year (and 0 reported the final two months of the year). Due to the tight geographic location of most of these thefts, it still shows as a major hotspot on the map.

Central Square is the major hotspot with 22% of all bike thefts this year. East Cambridge saw the largest number of thefts in December with 4.



Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.17 – 12.31.17

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Larcenies from residences are down 30% (81 incidents) through 2017. Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies represent 57% of thefts from residences year-to-date (107 of the 189). At the end of 2016, there had been 140 reported package thefts.

Only four package thefts were reported in November. It is no surprise that reports of this activity spiked in December with 23 reported. Extra attention was focused in the hotspot areas during the holiday season, but no arrests were made.

This area that shows as a hot spot has seen the largest volume of activity this year and historically is the area of the city that sees the largest volume of this crime. During the month of December, the Riverside and Cambridgeport neighborhoods reported the most activity.

December 2017



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for 12 months of the year is 119 incidents. With 93 thefts reported in 2017, we are 22% (26 incidents) below the average and 15% (17 incidents) below the number reported during this time frame in 2016. In the most recent four weeks compared to the previous four weeks, there has been a decrease of 20%, or 1 incident.
- There were 7 auto thefts reported in January, 5 in February, 6 in March, 13 in April, 4 in May, 8 in June, 10 in July, 7 in August, 9 in September, 13 in October, 7 in November, and 4 in December.
- At this time only 41 of the 93 (44%) have been recovered this year.
- East Cambridge took the top spot for stolen autos with 16, followed by West Cambridge with 13, Peabody with 10, Inman Harrington, The Port, Cambridgeport and Mid Cambridge with 9, North Cambridge with 8, Riverside with 4, MIT and the Highlands with 2, and Agassiz and Strawberry Hill, with 1 each.
- We tend to see an increase in scooter/moped thefts with warmer weather, but this crime did not produce the activity we would have expected this year. Over the summer months of June, July and August, only 7 two-wheeled vehicles total were reported stolen. However, the fall months saw a slight increase, with one motorcycle and three scooters stolen in September, three motorcycles and one scooter stolen in October, and one of each in November. No scooters or motorcycles were reported stolen in December.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

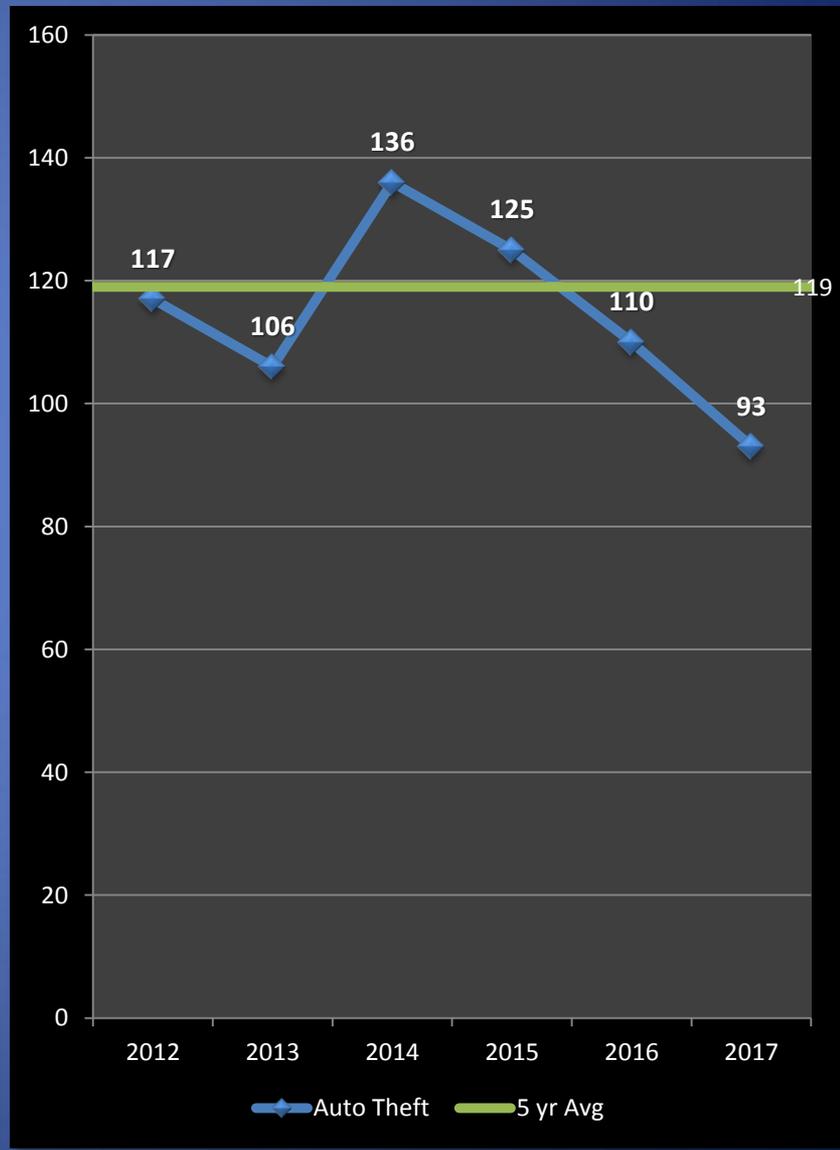
-20%

Previous Year

-15%

5-Year Average

-22%





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