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Part I Total Crime

Major declines for a number of property crimes in Cambridge over the first four months of 2017 continue to fuel the unabated, downward spiral of serious criminal activity in the City. A review of Part One crime statistics for the time period from January 1st to May 1st reveals that a significant decrease of 21% was registered. During the first four months of 2017, there were 660 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2016, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft was 840 incidents, 180 more than this year. In 2016, the City of Cambridge recorded its lowest crime index total since 1963.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first 125 days of 2017 indicates that violent crimes recorded a 10% decrease counting nine fewer incidents, while the descending trend driving property crimes tumbled downward 23% with 171 fewer crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2016.

When measuring the serious crime totals of April of 2017 versus the previous month of March, a 25% increase has been measured which can be attributed to a sudden surge of 17 additional incidents of larceny from the person.

	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date				Five Year	
	3/7 - 4/3	4/4 - 5/1	Change		2016	2017	Change		Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	23	18	-22%		89	80	-10%		94	-15%
Total Property Crime	122	163	34%		751	580	-23%		732	-21%
Total Part I Crime	145	181	25%		840	660	-21%		826	-20%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first four months of 2017 attests to a 23% decline when measured against the 2016 total and a 21% reduction below the five-year average, with 171 fewer incidents below January to May 1 of last year and 152 crimes under the 732 crimes forecasted for this time period. Eleven of the 14 property crime categories registered decreases when measured against the first 125 days of 2016. Larceny from motor vehicles recorded a striking reduction of 53%. Other property crimes registering major declines when compared with 2016 include: larceny from residence (-52%); larceny from person (-11%) and larceny of bicycles (-45%).

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	3/7 - 4/3	4/4 - 5/1	Change	2016	2017	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	25	25	0%	124	100	-19%	112	-11%
Commercial Break	5	4	-20%	20	14	-30%	25	-44%
Housebreak	20	21	5%	104	86	-17%	87	-1%
Larceny	92	126	37%	587	450	-23%	587	-23%
Larceny (Misc)	0	4	IN-CALC	10	8	-20%	11	-27%
Larceny from Building	26	27	4%	106	102	-4%	120	-15%
Larceny from MV	14	18	29%	135	64	-53%	150	-57%
Larceny from Person	5	22	340%	63	56	-11%	68	-18%
Larceny from Residence	10	12	20%	98	47	-52%	76	-38%
Larceny of Bicycle	6	7	17%	51	28	-45%	41	-32%
Larceny of Plate	1	1	0%	7	12	71%	7	71%
Larceny of Services	5	2	-60%	3	13	333%	3	333%
Shoplifting	25	33	32%	114	120	5%	111	8%
Auto Theft	5	12	140%	40	30	-25%	32	-6%
Total Property Crime	122	163	34%	751	580	-23%	732	-21%



Part I Violent Crime

The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first four months of the year is 94 incidents. Through May 1st of this year, there were 80 violent crimes recorded in the City, **9 crimes below last year (-10%) and 14 serious incidents under the total forecasted for the first 125 days of the year (-15%).**

There has been a decrease of three aggravated assaults from 56 incidents down to 53 crimes this year than in the same time period of 2016 to produce a 5% decline. The rape total so far in 2017 of four incidents is five crimes under last year's total for the same time period. There were zero rapes reported in Cambridge during April of 2017.

There has not been a homicide in Cambridge in 2017. The projected five-year weighted average for robbery in Cambridge for the first four months of the year is 26 incidents. Through May 1st of this year, there were 23 robberies recorded in the City, the same number as 2016, and 3 serious incidents under the total forecasted for the first four months of the year (-12%). Street robberies are down an astounding 50% so far in 2017. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies in Cambridge during the first four months of 2017.

	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date				Five Year	
	3/7 - 4/3	4/4 - 5/1	Change		2016	2017	Change		Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC		1	0	IN-CALC		1	-100%
Rape	2	0	-100%		9	4	-56%		9	-56%
Robbery	8	5	-38%		23	23	0%		26	-12%
Commercial Robbery	7	2	-71%		5	14	180%		7	100%
Street Robbery	1	3	200%		18	9	-50%		19	-53%
Aggravated Assault	13	13	0%		56	53	-5%		58	-9%
Total Violent Crime	23	18	-22%		89	80	-10%		94	-15%



MURDER

No Patterns

- There have been no murders reported in Cambridge during the first four months of 2017. There were two murders reported in Cambridge throughout 2016. Both cases remain under investigation.
- The last murder in Cambridge was on June 25th of 2016, when The 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 was the second homicide recorded in the City in 2016. This case remains under investigation.
- The first murder of 2016 in Cambridge occurred on the night of March 22nd when 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. This case remains under investigation.
- Verdict rendered in 2015 Murder: Antwan Gonsalves, 33, of Cambridge was arrested on September 24th, 2015, and charged with murder in connection with a homicide that involved a stabbing in Central Square on the night of September 12, 2015. Killed was Tywann Jones, 35, of Roxbury. On February 22nd of 2017, Gonsalves was convicted by a Middlesex Superior Court jury of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life without parole at MCI Cedar Junction.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

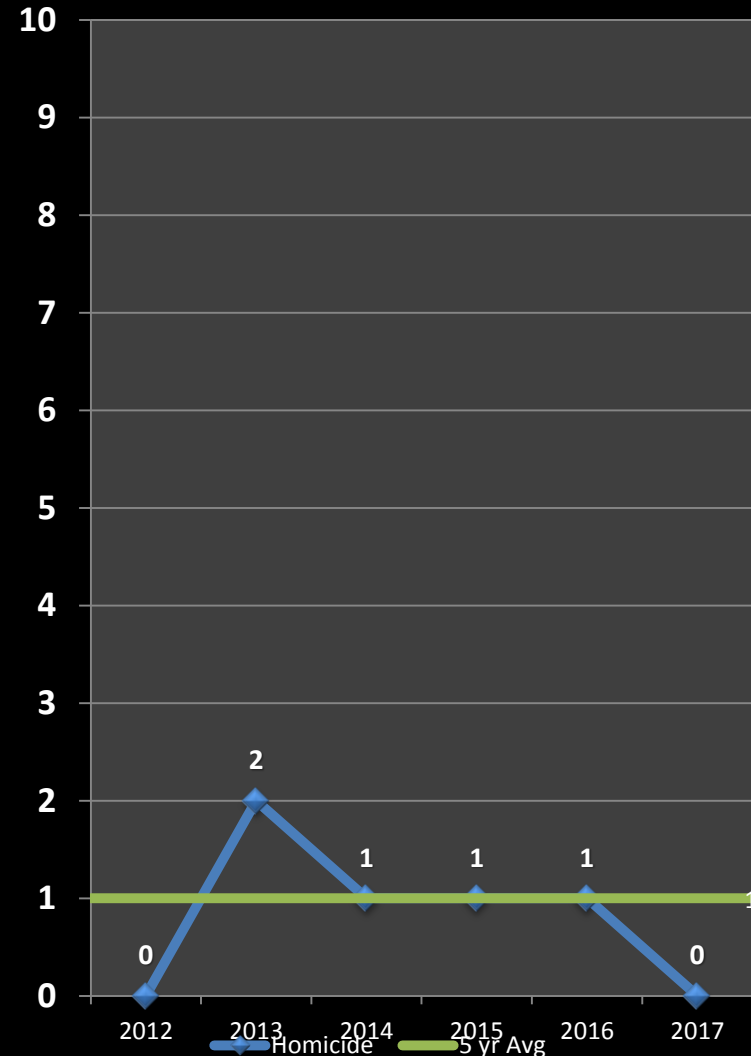
5-Year Average

In-Cal

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-100%

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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.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

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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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2016

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March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

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RAPE

No Patterns

- There were no rapes reported in Cambridge during April of 2017. 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. Two of the rapes this year have been classified as acquaintance, one as domestic and another as a contact scenario.
- The final validation of rape statistics for 2016 indicate that there were 27 rapes reported in Cambridge last year. This number is two above the total for 2015 (+8%) and four incidents (+17%) above the five-year average of 23 rapes. The following is the final breakdown of Rape classifications in Cambridge for 2016: thirteen involving acquaintances, eight contact situations, four domestic sexual assault, and two blitz scenarios.
- The FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2015 reports that there were an estimated 90,185 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement nationally that year. This estimate was 6.3% higher than the 2014 estimate, 7.1% higher than the 2011 estimate, and 4.5% lower than the 2006 estimate. The rate of forcible rapes in 2015 was estimated at 28.1 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

-100%

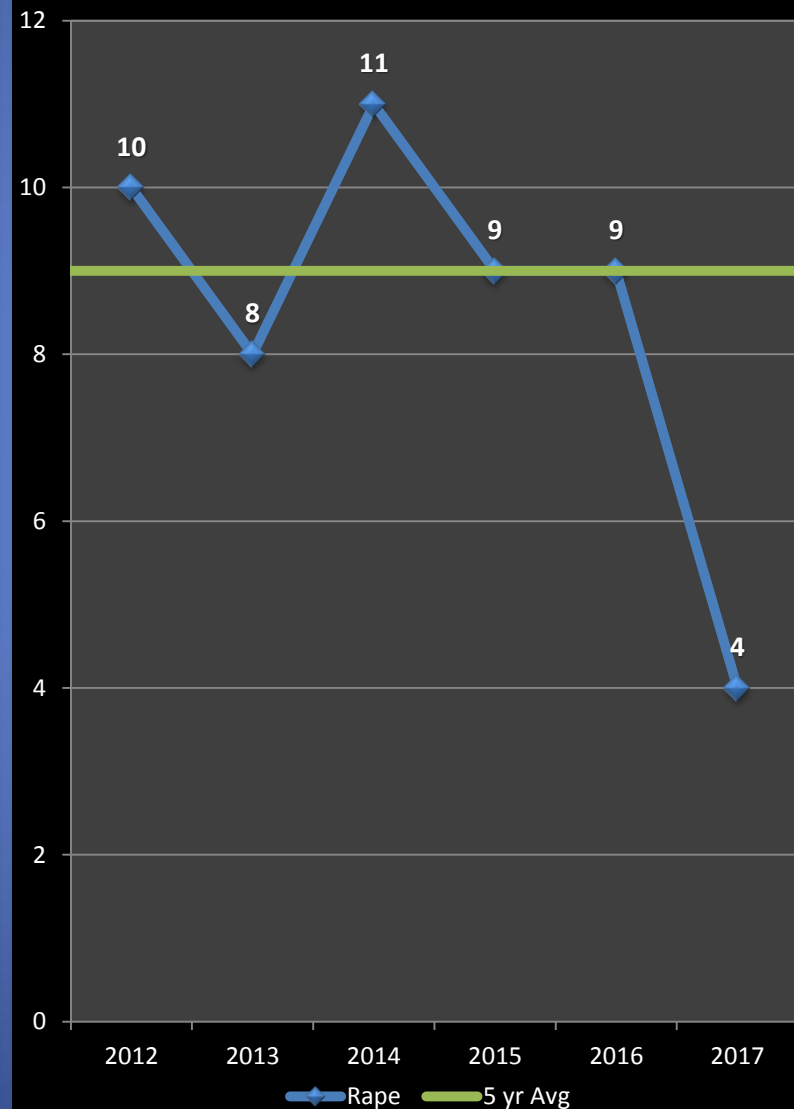
Previous Year

-56%

5-Year Average

-56%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The aggravated assault total for the first of 2017 depicts a 5% decline when compared with the same time period in 2016 with three fewer crimes reported. A dip of 9% was denoted from the 5-year average, with five less aggravated assaults reported below the 58 crimes forecasted for the first 125 days of the year.
- Both March and April saw 13 incidents each.
- The 53 aggravated assaults reported so far in 2017 incorporate the following classifications: (10) unprovoked scenarios; (12) domestic altercations; (7) bar brawls; (6) fights among acquaintances; (5) traffic and parking situation; (3) confrontations between a shop owner and a patron; (3) assaults on a police officer; (2) fights between juveniles, (1) workplace assault; and (4) homeless altercations.
- There was an unusually high number of aggravated assaults during January in Cambridge where a knife was used as the weapon of choice of the assailant. In three of these seven incidents, the injuries that the victim sustained were considered moderate, no injury resulted in two crimes, one injury was mild, and one knife attack produced serious wounds.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

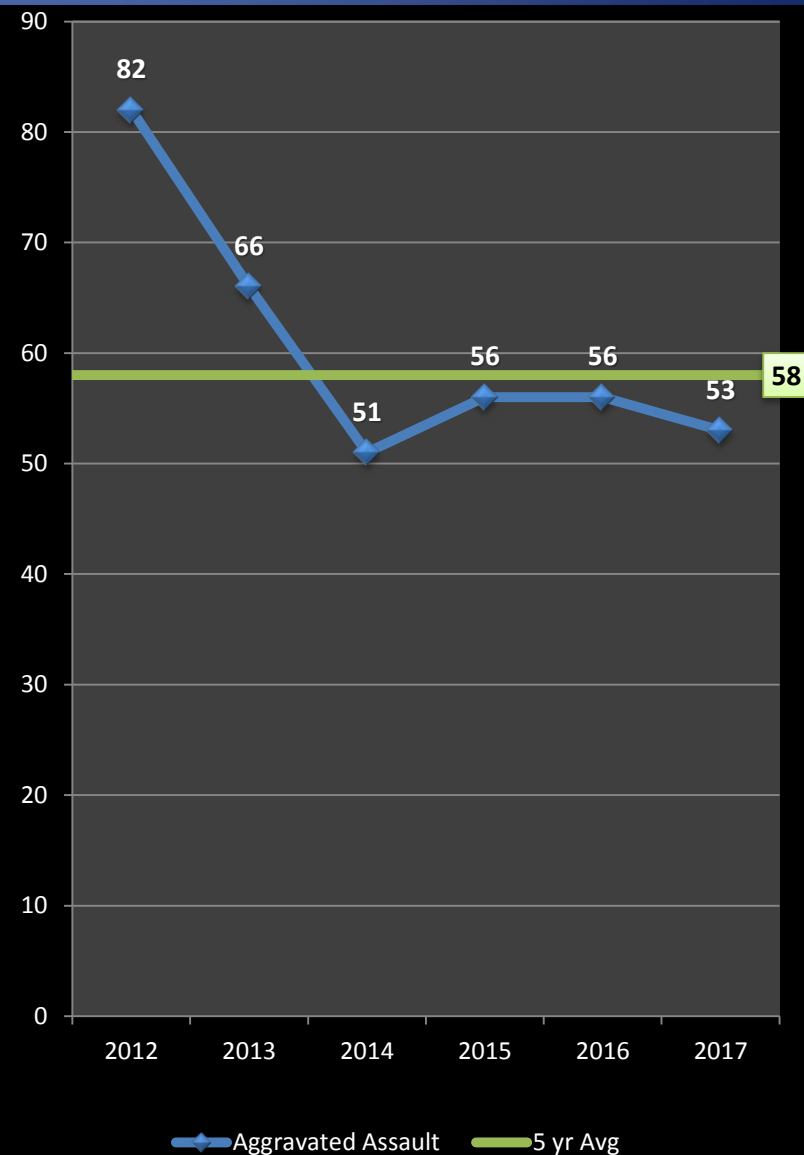
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Previous Year

-5%

5-Year Average

-9%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults by Categorization: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17

1.14.17 –
Acquaintance –
moderate injury

3.8.17 – juvenile / gang
Only shooting victim of
first quarter – victim
self-admitted to CCH

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Category

- Acquaintance
- Affray/Brawl
- Bar/Alcohol
- Domestic
- Drug Deal
- Homeless
- Juvenile/Gang
- Police Officer
- Shop Owner/Patron
- Traffic Parking
- Unprovoked
- Workplace

1.27.17 – affray/
brawl – **moderate**
injury

1.1.17 – affray/
brawl – **serious**
injury

1.8.17 – affray/
brawl – **moderate**
injury

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ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first four months of the year is 26 incidents. Between January and May of 2017, 23 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 12% decline below the projected total increase and no change in number when measured against the same time frame in 2016.
- Street robberies have plummeted a stunning 50% over the first four months of this year. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies in Cambridge during the first four months of 2017. There have been only nine street robberies recorded over the first 125 days of 2017, and there have been only 28 scattered and unrelated events counted over the past eight months.
- There has been a surge in bank robberies throughout Eastern Massachusetts since Thanksgiving of 2016. Seven of the fourteen commercial robberies in 2017 have been bank heists, one each in Harvard & Kendall Squares, two in Central & Porter Squares, and another in Alewife. In the January incident in Central Square and in the February incident in Porter Square, each suspect was quickly arrested and charged with the robbery.
- The first convenience store robbery of the year occurred in April.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

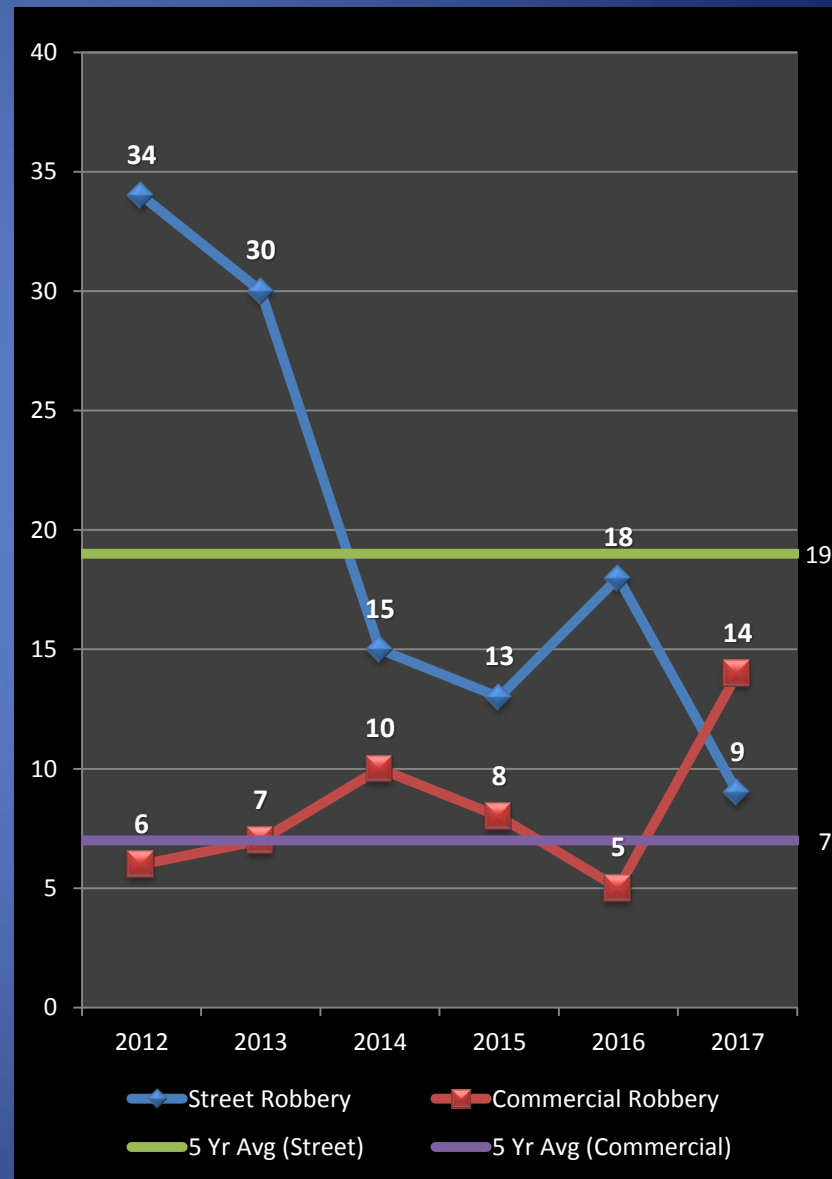
-38%

Previous Year

0%

5-Year Average

-12%





Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robbery by Premise: 2017

Commercial Robbery – Bank robbery in Porter Square on 2.1.17 at 9:50AM - where suspect handed a note to the teller – Nesuh Gebrechristos arrested and charged in this incident



Commercial Robbery – Bank robbery at Alewife on 3.8.17 at 3:30PM - where suspect handed note to teller

Same Suspect

Premise Type

- Bank
- Convenience Store
- Grocery
- Liquor Store
- Shopping Mall
- Sidewalk
- Street



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



Commercial Robbery – Bank robbery in Harvard Square on 1.11.17 at 3:40PM - where suspect (see photo) handed a note to the teller

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



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

Commercial Robbery – Bank robbery in Central Square on 1.5.17 at 9:30AM – James Morales – escaped prisoner from Rhode Island arrested





Geographic Breakdown of Street Robbery: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17

4.19.17 @ 9:30PM - involved a strong - arm robbery of a middle age male who picked up his prescription of oxycontin in CVS and was jumped in the pit.

4.20.17 @ 3AM – arrest of Somerville juvenile for a bike-jacking.

Street robberies have plummeted a stunning 50% over the first four months of this year. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving street robberies in Cambridge during the first quarter of 2017. There have been only nine street robberies recorded over the first 125 days of 2017, and there have been only 28 scattered and unrelated events counted over the past eight months.

2.1.17 @ 7PM – Brattle Street- phone grab from female – no weapon

3.1.17 @ 3:30PM – Brattle & Story St - suspects with box cutter demanded cash from male victim

2.5.17 @ 1AM – Harvard Square- strong arm theft from male phone stolen from female – no weapon

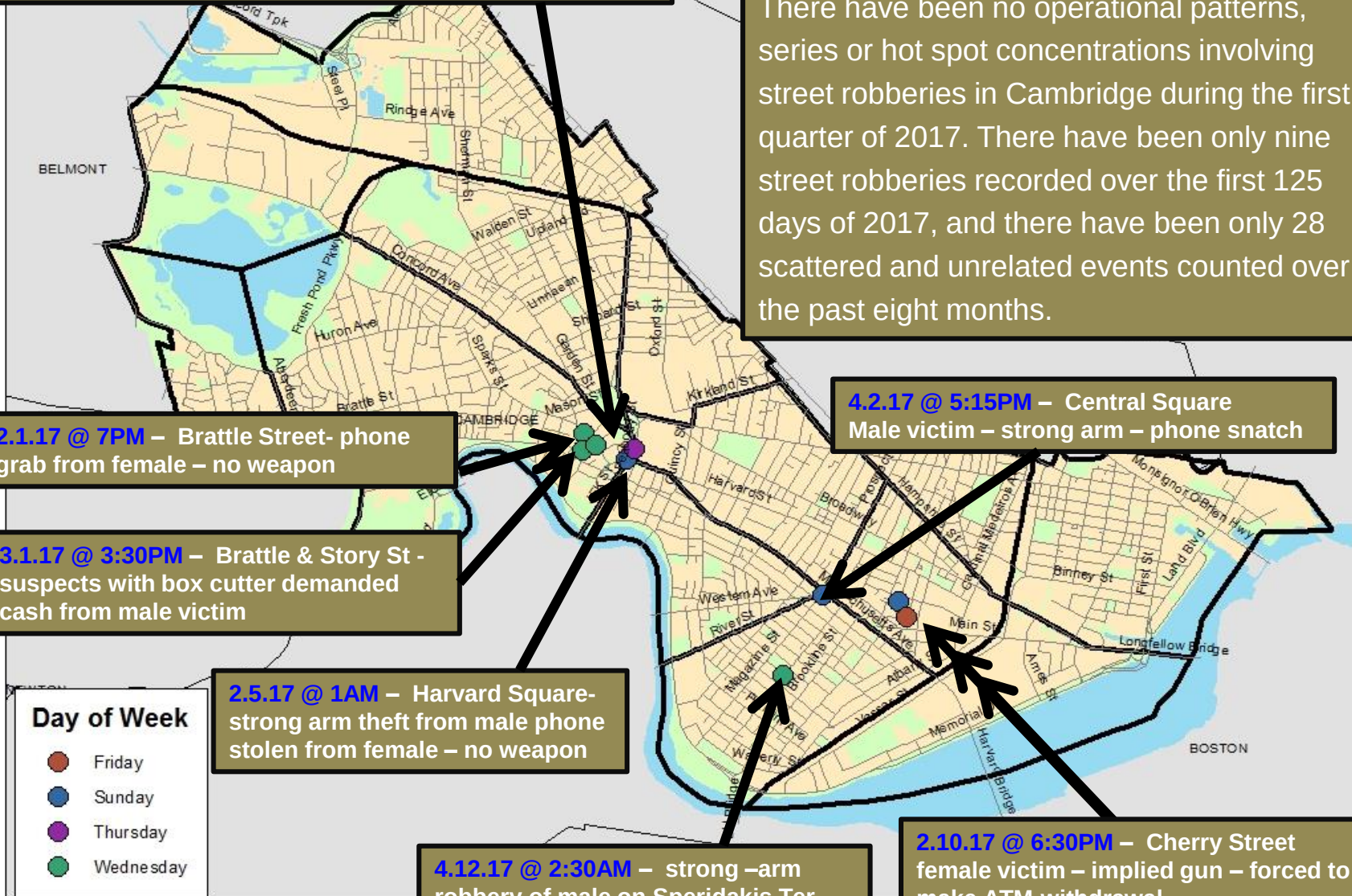
4.2.17 @ 5:15PM – Central Square Male victim – strong arm – phone snatch

4.12.17 @ 2:30AM – strong –arm robbery of male on Speridakis Ter

2.10.17 @ 6:30PM – Cherry Street female victim – implied gun – forced to make ATM withdrawal

Day of Week

- Friday
- Sunday
- Thursday
- Wednesday





Burglary

No Pattern

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has registered a measured decrease of 11% for the first four months of 2017 when compared to the five-year average, with 12 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 112 breaks, and has fallen a sizable amount, 19%, when compared with last year's total for the first 125 days of the year, with 24 fewer burglaries reported.
- The rate of housebreaks levelled off after being on a rollercoaster ride for the first four months of 2017 with a minor increase of one incident reported between March and April. After this property crime reported an unusually large number of breaks in the first month of 2017 with a pattern identified then eradicated, this property crime nosedived 70% in February with 21 fewer incidents. The total of nine housebreaks in February in Cambridge represented the lowest monthly total reported for this target crime in over forty years.
- 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. In a high percentage of these incidents, entry has been gained through side or rear windows. Laptops are the prime targets. There are competing time frames (8PM to 10PM and 2AM to 5AM). On April 13th, an arrest was made of a known offender who was a resident of the neighborhood, and this appears to have brought this series to an abrupt conclusion with no additional incidents since that date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

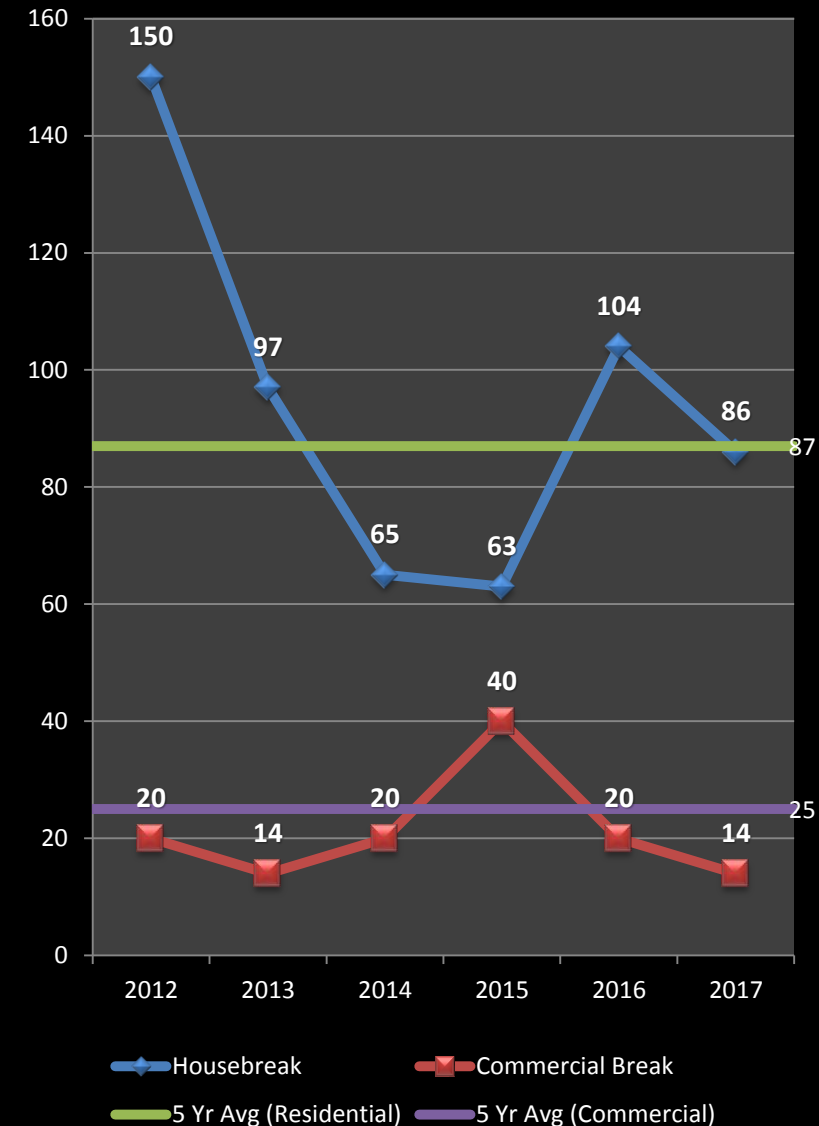
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Previous Year

-19%

5-Year Average

-11%



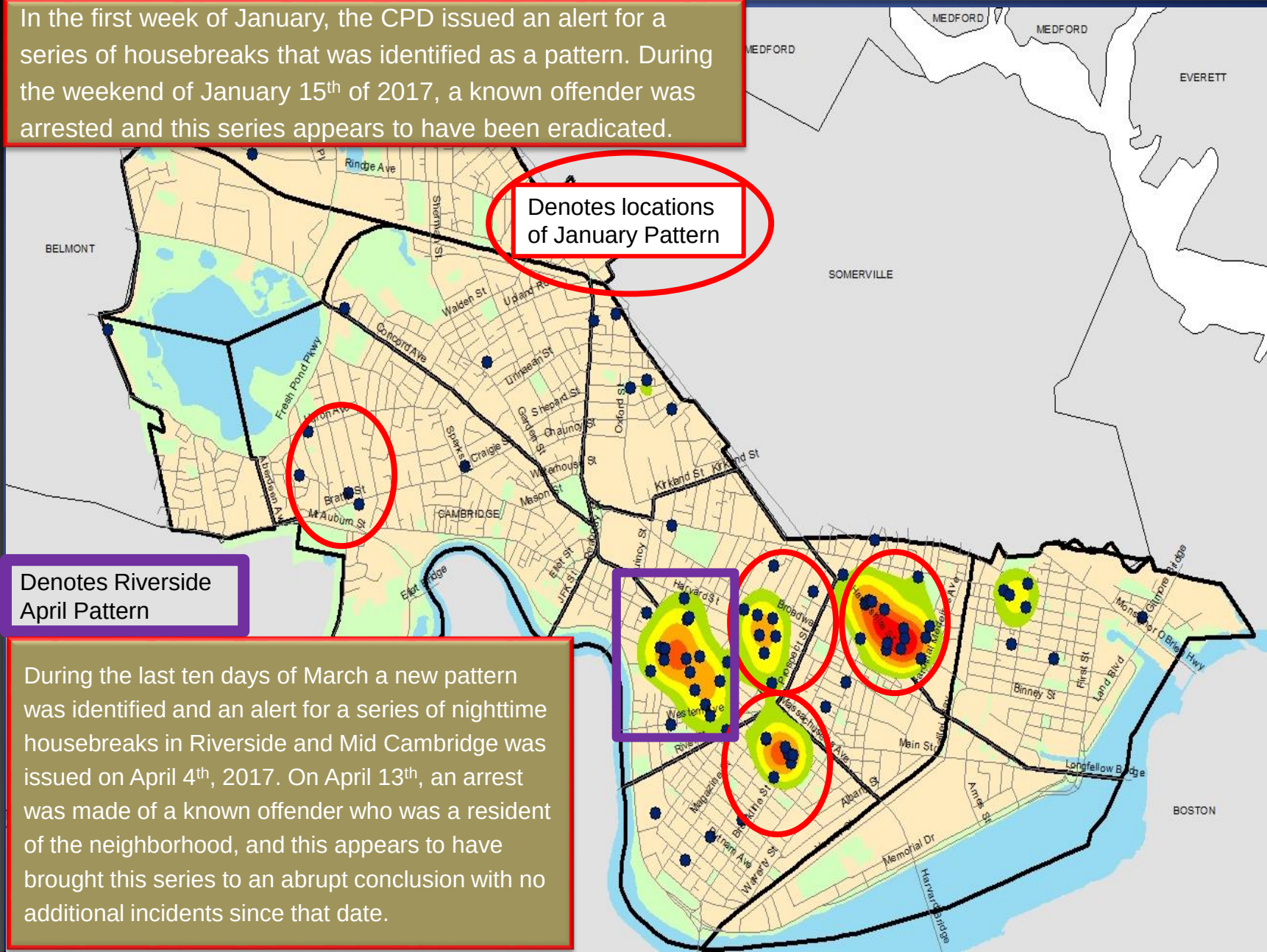


In the first week of January, the CPD issued an alert for a series of housebreaks that was identified as a pattern. During the weekend of January 15th of 2017, a known offender was arrested and this series appears to have been eradicated.

Denotes locations
of January Pattern

Denotes Riverside
April Pattern

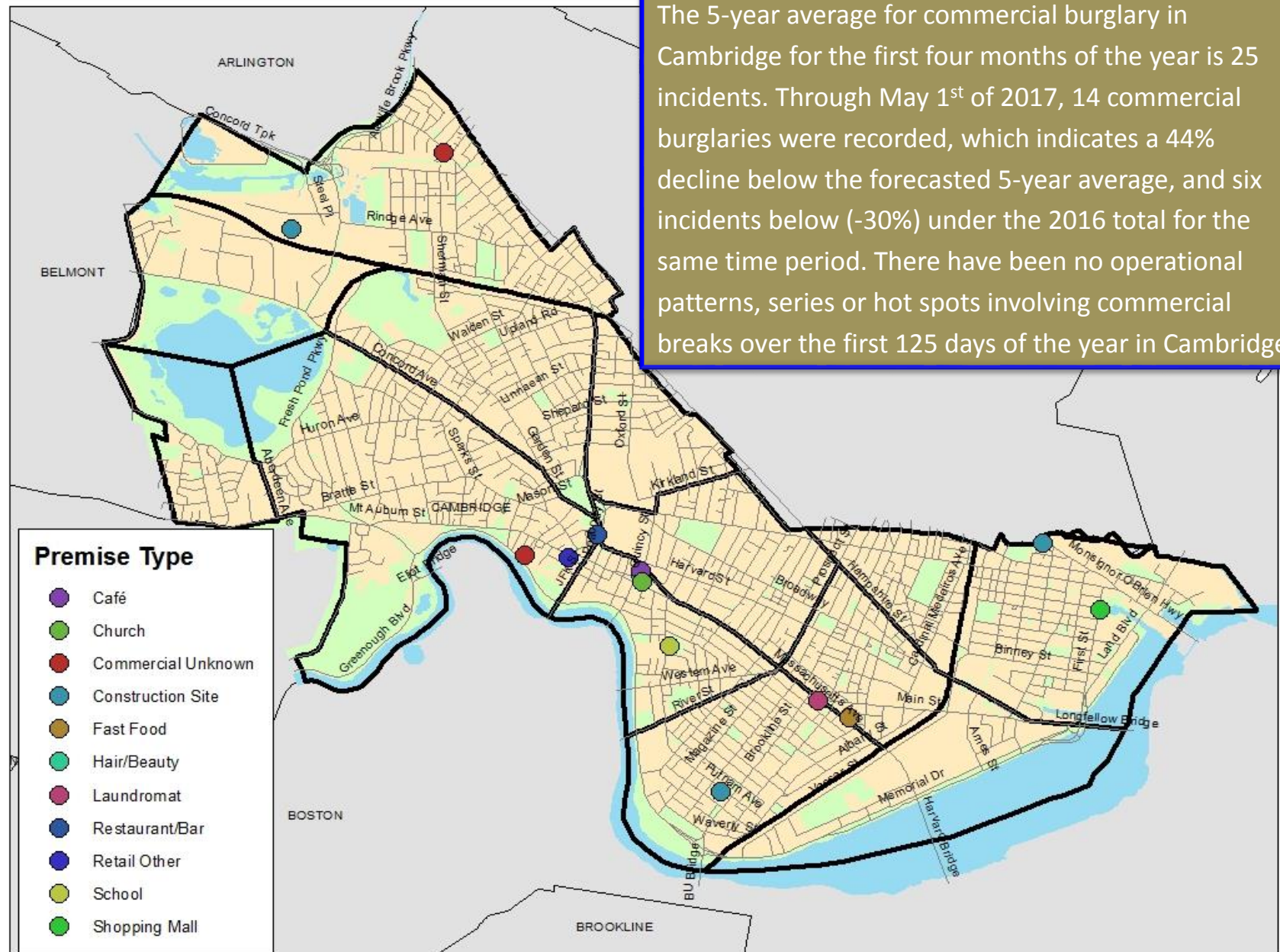
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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17

The 5-year average for commercial burglary in Cambridge for the first four months of the year is 25 incidents. Through May 1st of 2017, 14 commercial burglaries were recorded, which indicates a 44% decline below the forecasted 5-year average, and six incidents below (-30%) under the 2016 total for the same time period. There have been no operational patterns, series or hot spots involving commercial breaks over the first 125 days of the year in Cambridge.





LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny through the first four months of 2017 registered well below that of 2016, thanks to reductions in almost all of the major larceny categories.** Through May 1st, larceny is down 23% (or 137 incidents) below the same time frame in 2016. The total of 450 larcenies reported year-to-date is also 23% below the 5-year weighted average of 587 incidents through February.
- **Larcenies from MVs have plummeted 53% over the first four months of 2017** when compared with the same time period in 2016. There have been 71 fewer thefts from cars reported so far this year. Currently, there are no spatial or temporal patterns or trends anywhere in the city.
- **Larcenies from the person have risen dramatically in the past month, climbing 340% from 5 in March to 22 in April.** Despite this recent increase, this crime type year-to-date is still down 11% when compared with the first four months of 2016. The most active area of the city this year has been Harvard Sq with 23 incidents, followed by Central Sq and East Cambridge with 9 each.
- **There have been 102 larcenies from buildings reported through May 1, 2017.** This represents a 4% drop (4 incidents) below the 106 incidents reported in 2016 and a 15% decrease below the 5-year average of 120. There are no patterns or trends of this crime at the present time.
- **Larcenies from residences are down 52% through the first four months of 2017, with 51 fewer incidents reported compared to this time frame in 2016.** Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies represent 66% (31 of the 47) of the thefts from residences year-to-date.
- **Through May 1, 2017, there have been only 28 bikes reported stolen, down 23 (-45%) from the 51 thefts reported through the same time in 2016 and down 13 (-32%) from the 5-year average of 41.**

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

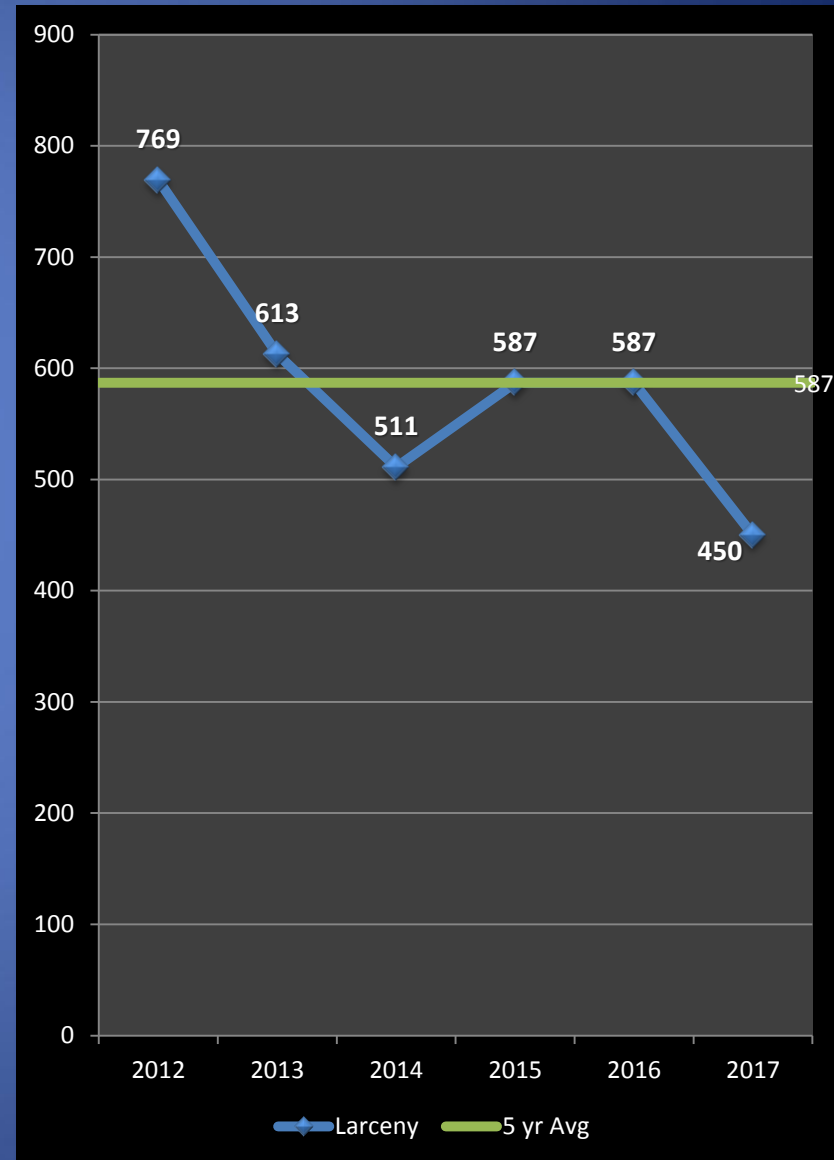
+37%

Previous Year

-23%

5-Year Average

-23%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- Statistics for larceny from motor vehicles have tumbled downward 53% for the first four months of 2017 when compared with the same time period in 2016. There have been 71 fewer thefts from cars reported so far this year. This property crime has also declined 57% when measured against the 5-year average, with 86 fewer incidents than the projected total of 150 thefts for cars.
- When comparing the most recent four weeks to the previous four weeks, this index crime compiled a moderate increase of four additional incidents from March to April.
- The majority of the overall decrease can be traced to the total of 13 larcenies from motor vehicles in January, a non-snowstorm-affected month, which was a stunningly low number for this crime type. At the present time, there are no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving larceny from motor vehicles anywhere in Cambridge.
- There were two reports of tire thefts in North Cambridge during the last two weeks of April (and a third during the first week of May). These were the first crimes of this type in Cambridge since November 2016. In these incidents, the thieves stole tires from Hondas that were in outdoor parking lots. Tire thefts from Hondas in Boston have been a chronic problem for a number of years that occasionally spills over to our City and invariably to side streets off of Mass Ave in North Cambridge.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

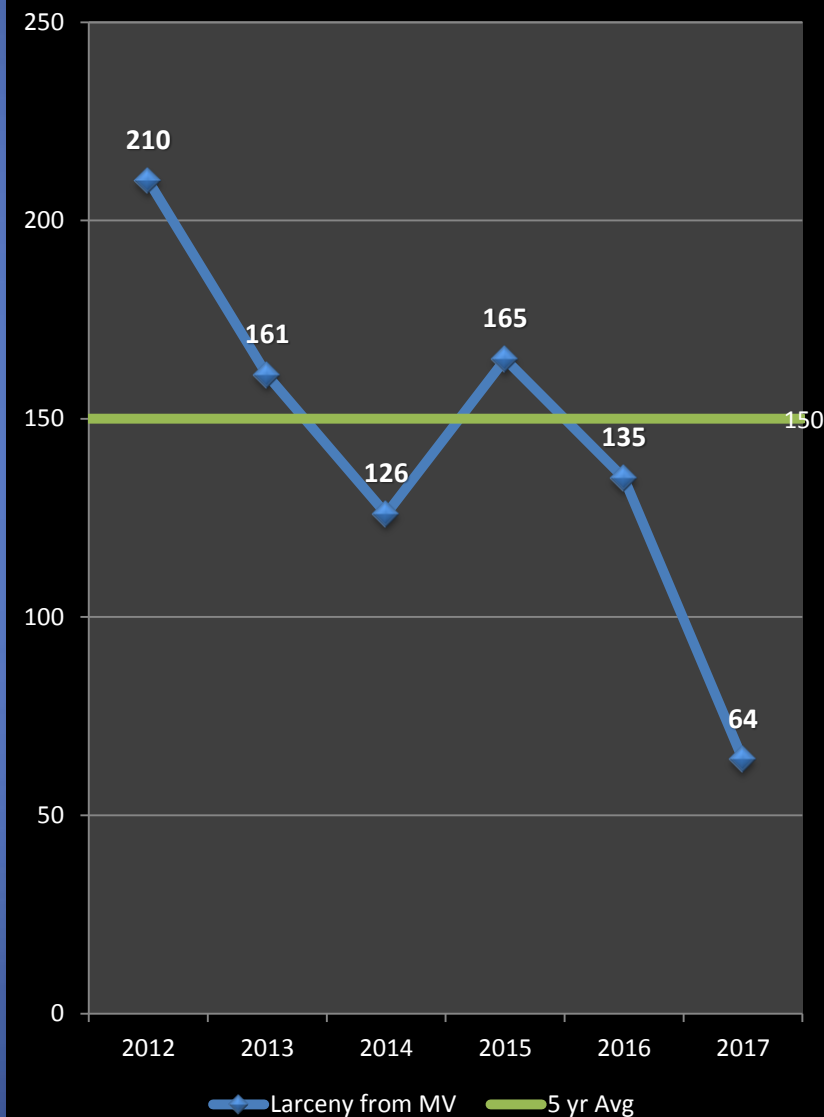
+29%

Previous Year

-53%

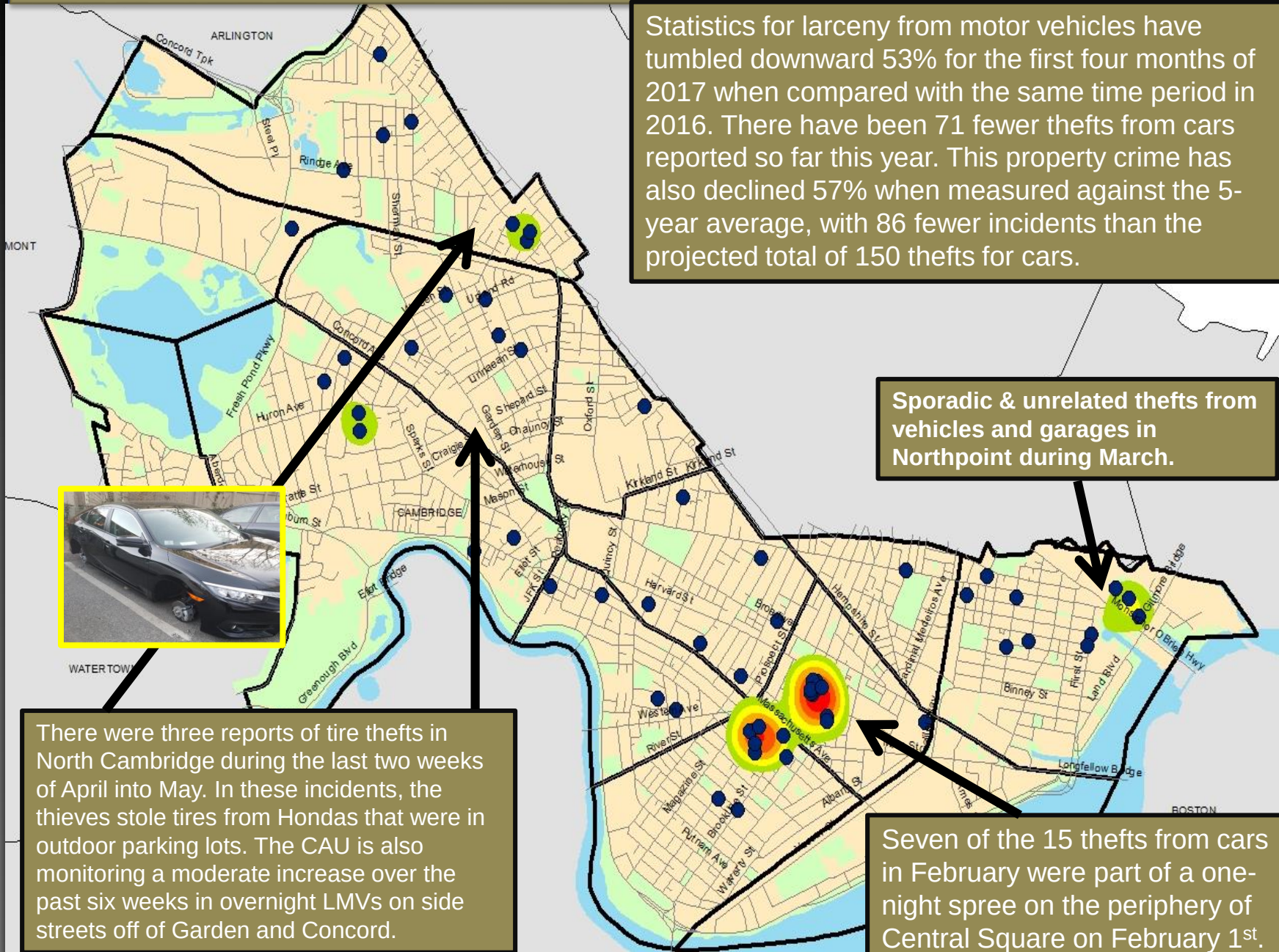
5-Year Average

-57%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from MVs: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17





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 has been a mix of highs and lows, with every other month seeing a spike in activity. There were 9 reported in January, 19 in February, 5 in March, and 22 in April through May 1.
- Harvard Square has seen the most activity thus far in 2017, with 23 of the 56 incidents citywide occurring in this tourist/student hotspot. Central Square and the Galleria/East Cambridge area each have experienced the next highest number year-to-date, with 9 each. Meanwhile, Central Square and Harvard Square saw the most in April, with 6 each.
- The majority of incidents have involved thefts from patrons while dining, pickpocketing incidents, or the theft of unattended items that victims left behind.
- February experienced a large number of thefts partly due to the reemergence of an old hotspot on Brattle St where there were 5 reported that month. Meanwhile, the spike in April can be at least partly attributed to a spike in thefts from patrons at bars/clubs in Central Square on Thursday – Sunday nights.
- The most likely times for larcenies from persons citywide this year are 1pm – 3pm on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays, and 7pm – 11pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays.
- Never leave your personal belongings unattended while you go to a counter or run to the restroom in a restaurant or cafe; this is the perfect opportunity for items to be stolen.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

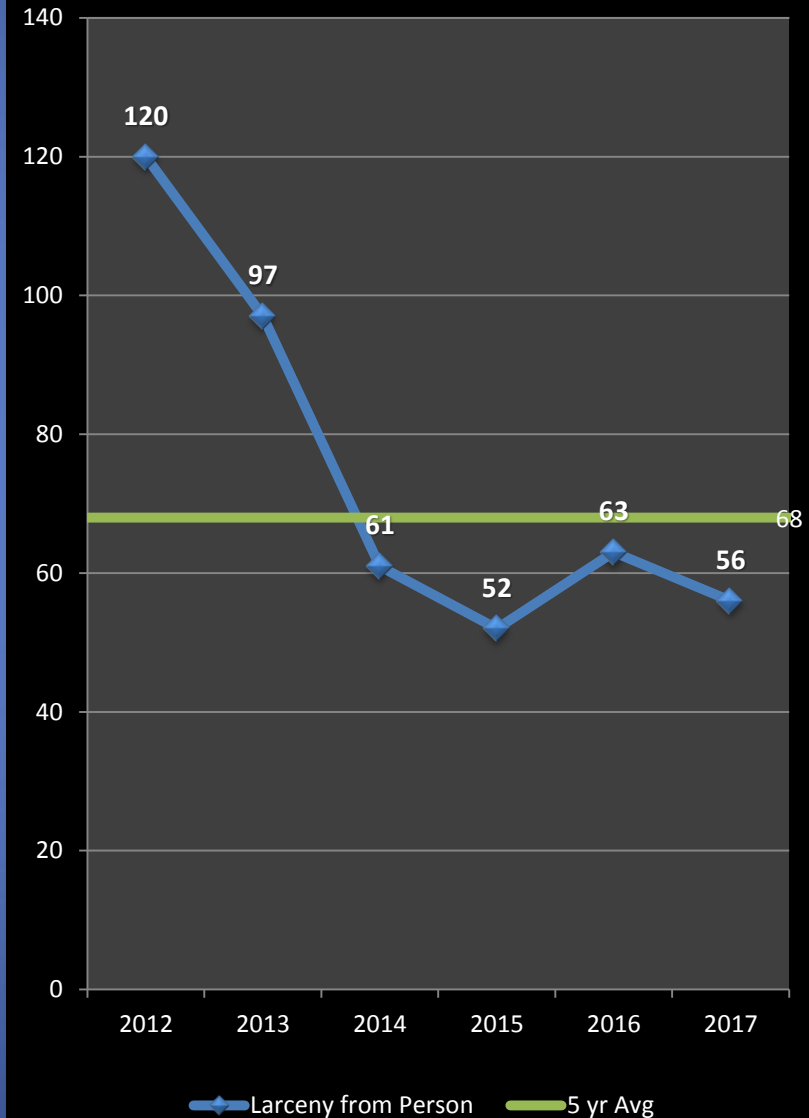
+340%

Previous Year

-11%

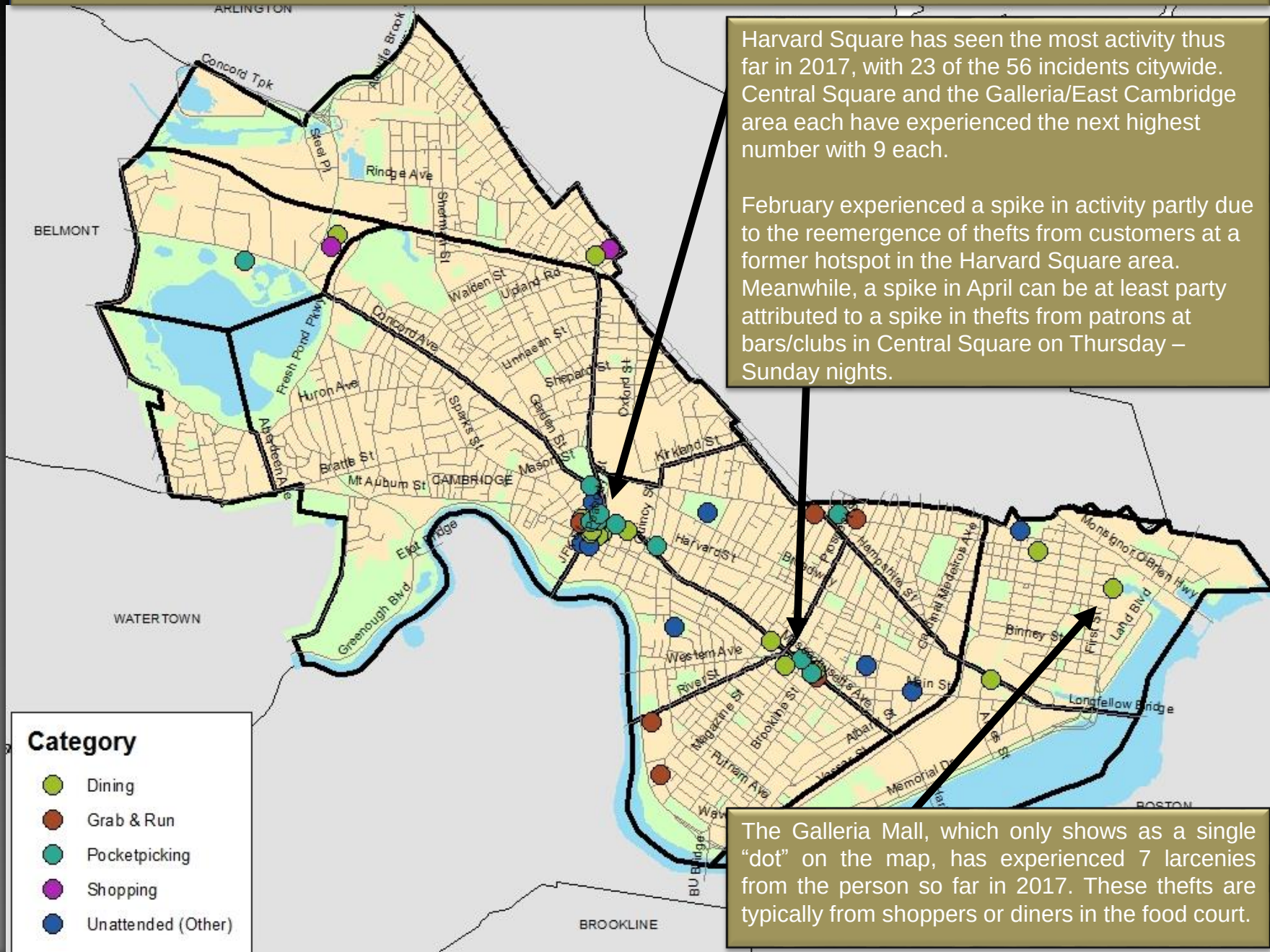
5-Year Average

-18%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17





LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Despite the arrival of warmer weather, still very few bike thefts have been reported in Cambridge in 2017. There have only been 28 bike thefts reported through the first four months of 2017. This number is 23 incidents below the total reported during the same time frame last year (-45%) and 13 incident below the 5-year average of 41 (-32%). Only 1 additional theft was reported in April (7) compared to March (6).
- All but 5 bike thefts thus far in 2017 have been reported in lower Cambridge. The following neighborhoods have experienced incidents: Cambridgeport (7), Riverside (5), Inman (4), The Port (2), Mid-Cambridge (2), East Cambridge (2), Peabody (2), North Cambridge (2), West Cambridge (1), and MIT (1).
- 12 of the 28 bicycles stolen year-to-date in 2017 were left unlocked at the time of the thefts.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts Year-To-Date:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	7	25%
Riverside	5	18%
Inman	4	14%
The Port, Mid-Camb., E. Camb., Peabody, N. Camb.	2 each	7% each
W. Camb., MIT	1 each	4% each

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

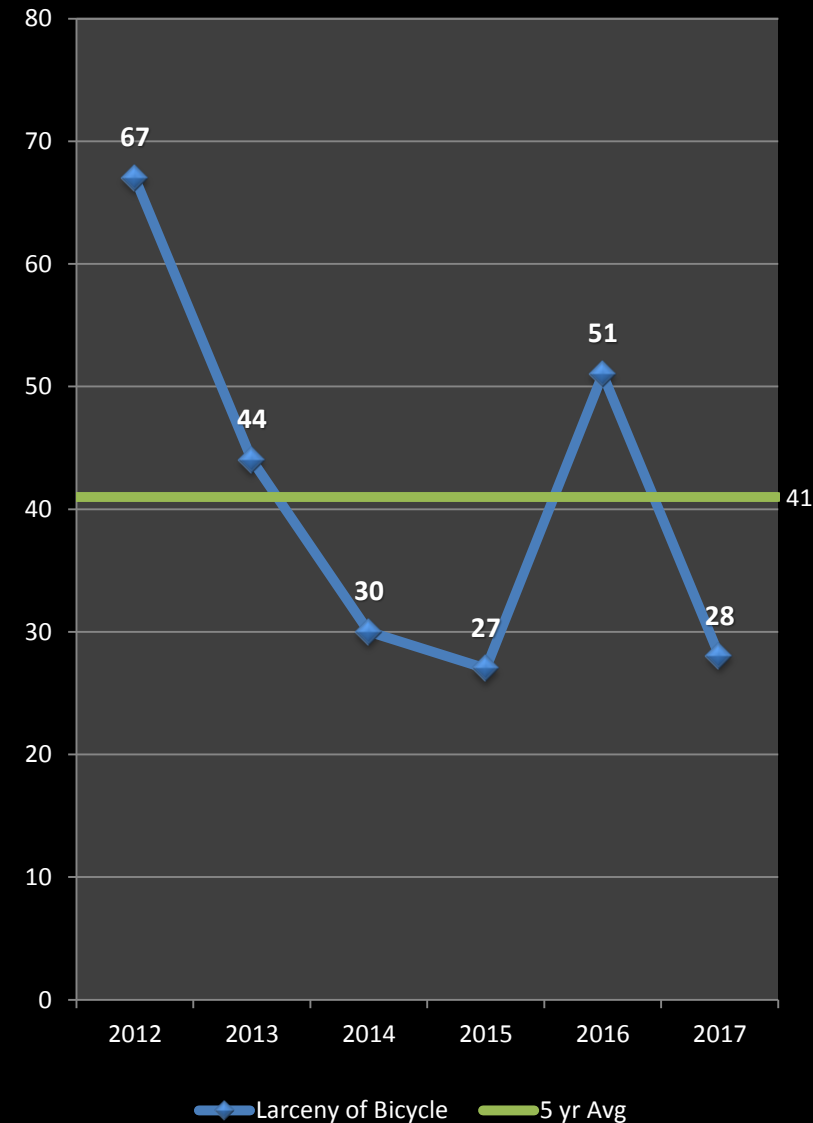
+17%

Previous Year

-45%

5-Year Average

-32%

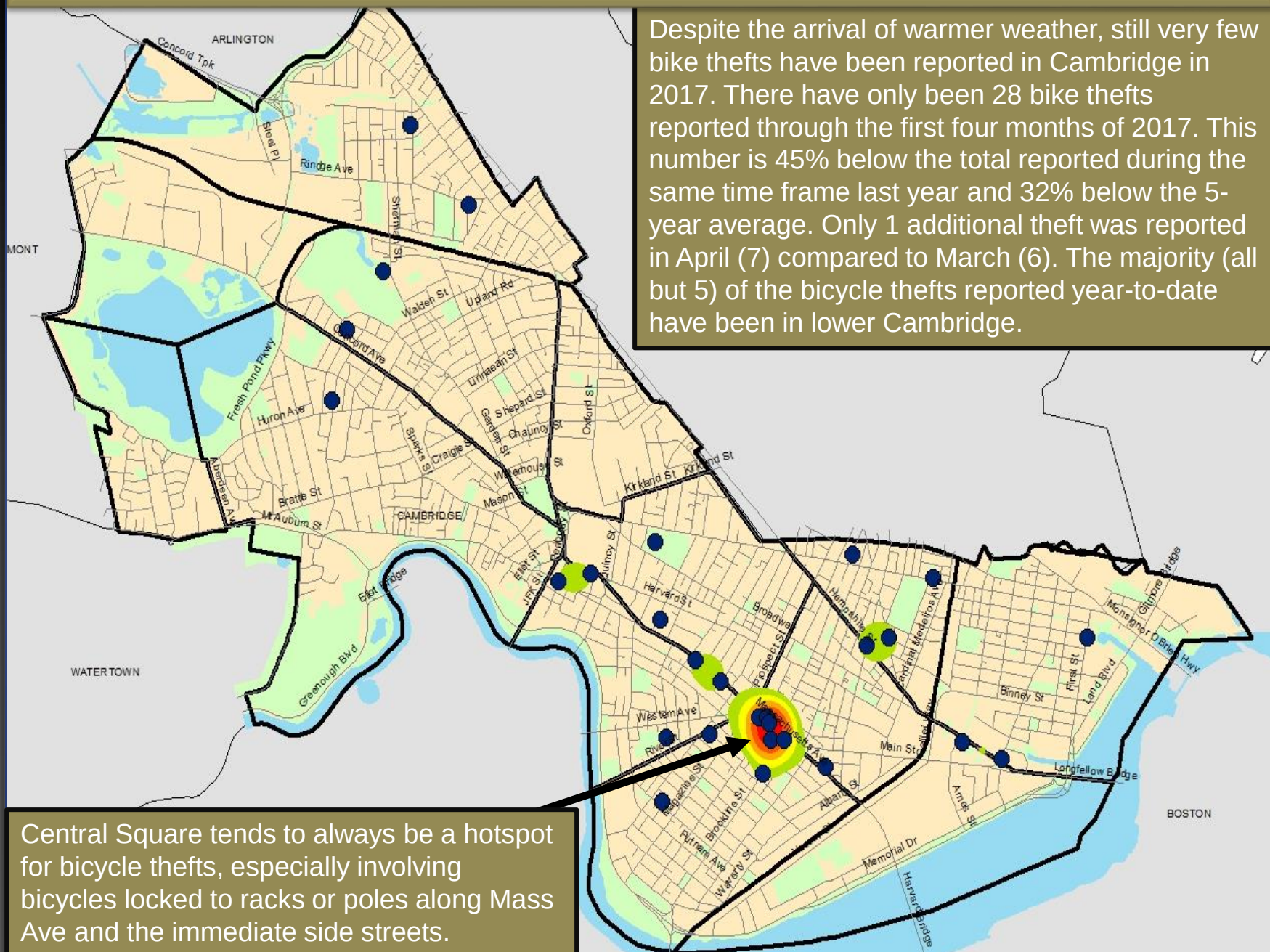




Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Larcenies: 1.1.17 – 5.1.17

Cambridge Police BridgeStat

April
2017





AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first four months of the year is 32 incidents. With 30 thefts reported thus far in 2017, we are 6% (2 incidents) below the average and 25% (10 incidents) below the number reported during this time frame in 2016.
- There were seven auto thefts reported in January, five in February, six in March, and 12 in April. At this time only 10 of the 30 (33%) have been recovered.
- So far in 2017, East Cambridge has experienced the highest number of auto thefts, with 6 reported, followed by Inman/Harrington with 5. Mid-Cambridge, North Cambridge, West Cambridge, and Peabody have each had 3. The Port, Cambridgeport and Riverside have reported 2 each and Strawberry Hill has had only 1.
- We tend to see an increase in scooter/moped thefts with the warmer weather. This past month there were four reported. One occurred in East Cambridge and three in Inman/Harrington.
- Auto theft, once a driving force behind crime totals, has taken a nose dive in the last few decades. Although these numbers are low compared to previous years, we expect them to pick up slightly with the warmer weather approaching.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

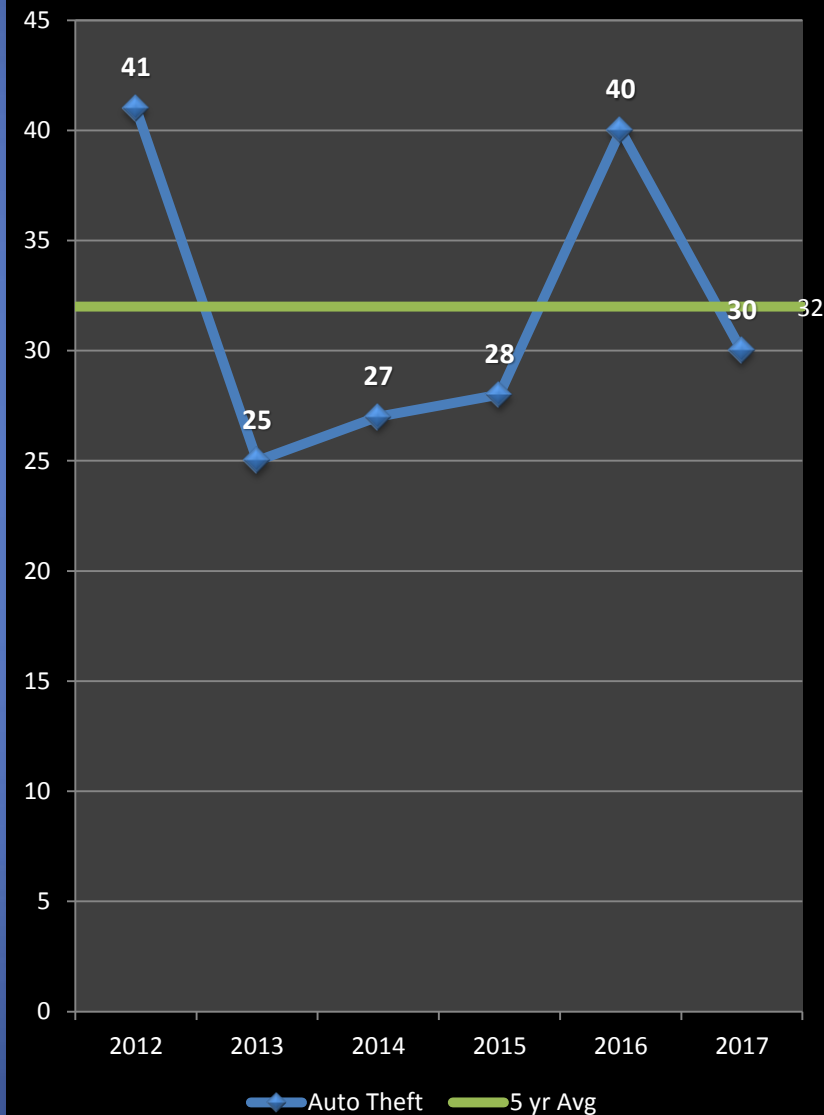
+140%

Previous Year

-25%

5-Year Average

-6%





Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips



Questions?

- The complete 2016 Cambridge Police Annual Crime Report is now available on our website at www.CambridgePolice.org.
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