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August 2019

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit

Part I Total Crime

An examination of Part One crime statistics for the first eight months of 2019 indicates that a modest rise of 4% was recorded in Cambridge. Between January 1st and September 2nd of 2019, there were 1,592 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2018, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,535 incidents, 57 fewer than this year.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first eight months of 2019 imparts that violent crimes registered a 9% decline with 18 fewer incidents reported, while property crimes recorded a measured increase with 75 additional crimes (+6%) when compared with the same time period last year. These conservative, dwindling, crime statistics come fast on the heels of the 2017 numbers, which represented the lowest crime index recorded in Cambridge since 1963.

When measuring the serious crime totals of August of 2019 versus the previous month of July, the numbers reflect near mirror images of each other with 233 counted in July and eight additional incidents noted for August of this year. The continuing trend of increasing thefts of bikes (+73%) is fueling the monthly and yearly uptick in property crimes.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	7/9/19 - 8/5/19	8/6/19 - 9/2/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	25	32	28%	206	188	-9%	199	-6%
Total Property Crime	208	209	0%	1329	1404	6%	1460	-4%
Total Part I Crime	233	241	3%	1535	1592	4%	1659	-4%

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Part I Property Crime

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Analysis of property crime totals for the first eight months of 2019 demonstrates a 6% increase when measured against the 2018 total and a 4% reduction below the five-year average, with 75 additional incidents above the first 35 weeks of last year and 56 crimes below the 1,460 crimes forecasted for this time period. Nine of the 14 property crime categories recorded declines when measured against this time period in 2018. A 44% decline in housebreaks sustains the long-standing decline in Burglary. Other property crimes registering major declines when compared with their 5-year averages include: commercial burglary (-39%); and larceny from motor vehicles (-15%). The major negative trend associated with property crimes identified so far in 2019 has been the 73% upturn in larceny of bicycles.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	7/9/19 - 8/5/19	8/6/19 - 9/2/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	**15**	**12**	**-20%**	**175**	**100**	**-43%**	**200**	**-50%**
Commercial Break	8	5	-38%	41	25	-39%	41	-39%
Housebreak	7	7	0%	134	75	-44%	159	-53%
Larceny	**177**	**186**	**5%**	**1093**	**1221**	**12%**	**1191**	**3%**
Larceny (Misc)	8	6	-25%	31	26	-16%	27	-4%
Larceny from Building	21	13	-38%	189	166	-12%	202	-18%
Larceny from MV	20	26	**30%**	157	178	**13%**	209	-15%
Larceny from Person	8	14	**75%**	110	105	-5%	118	-11%
Larceny from Residence	18	22	**22%**	149	171	**15%**	150	**14%**
Larceny of Bicycle	65	74	**14%**	186	322	**73%**	218	**48%**
Larceny of Plate	0	2	**IN-CALC**	15	15	0%	17	-12%
Larceny of Services	2	4	**100%**	19	11	-42%	17	-35%
Shoplifting	35	25	-29%	237	227	-4%	233	-3%
Auto Theft	**16**	**11**	**-31%**	**61**	**83**	**36%**	**70**	**19%**
Total Property Crime	**208**	**209**	**0%**	**1329**	**1404**	**6%**	**1460**	**-4%**

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Part I Violent Crime

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From January 1st to September 2nd of 2019, there were 188 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, 18 incidents below last year (-9%) and 11 fewer violent crimes (-6%) than the 199 incidents forecasted for the first eight months of the year.

There have been 45 robberies reported over the first 35 weeks of 2019, with eight categorized as commercial and 37 classified as street crimes. A significant decline of 26 incidents (-37%) when compared with 2018 was registered. Eighteen rapes have been counted for the first eight months of 2019, exactly the same count as through September 2nd of 2018. The five-year average for the first eight months of the year projects to 17 rapes being recorded in Cambridge, one below the 2019 total.

There have been eight additional aggravated assaults (+7%) reported through the first eight months of 2019, when compared with the same time period in 2018. The 124 aggravated assaults reported over the first 35 weeks of the year represents a 4% incline above the 119 forecasted for the five-year average.

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	7/9/19 - 8/5/19	8/6/19 - 9/2/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	**0**	**0**	**IN-CALC**	**1**	**1**	**0%**	**1**	**0%**
Rape	**3**	**7**	**133%**	**18**	**18**	**0%**	**17**	**6%**
Robbery	**7**	**10**	**43%**	**71**	**45**	**-37%**	**61**	**-26%**
Commercial Robbery	1	1	0%	27	8	-70%	23	-65%
Street Robbery	6	9	50%	44	37	-16%	37	0%
Aggravated Assault	**15**	**15**	**0%**	**116**	**124**	**7%**	**119**	**4%**
Total Violent Crime	**25**	**32**	**28%**	**206**	**188**	**-9%**	**199**	**-6%**

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MURDER

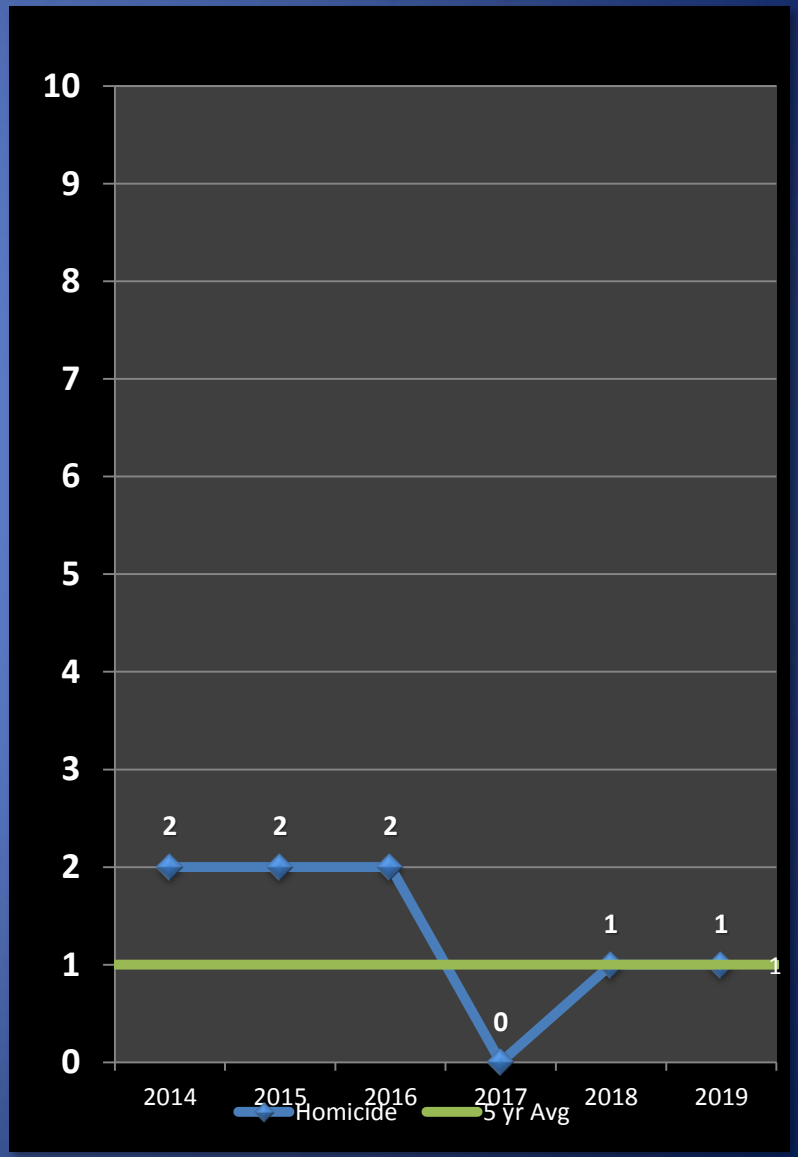
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Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
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- **There has been one murder recorded in Cambridge through the first eight months of 2019**. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for the public's assistance regarding the ongoing investigation into the fatal incident that occurred in the New Street area of Danehy Park around 6:30PM on the night of January 2nd, 2019. This incident is being investigated as a homicide. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old Paul Wilson, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been a motive..
- **UPDATE: On July 22, 2018, 15-year-old Richelle Robinson of Cambridge died following an assault in which she was shoved to the ground on Cambridge Street. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner later ruled the cause of death to be blunt force trauma. On July 30, 2019, following an investigation by the Cambridge Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Isaias Plaza (4/7/00, homeless) was arraigned on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery causing serious bodily injury in connection with Robinson's death.**
- The last recorded homicide in 2017 was on the night of November 16th in the area of Tremont and Hampshire Streets, Malachi Mims, 28, of Cambridge was shot and taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead.
- On December 31st, 2017, Kevin Reddick, a 17-year-old Cambridge resident, was arrested in Boston and charged in connection with the shooting death. On November 29th of 2018, the Middlesex DA's Office announced Osiris Chambers, 17, of Cambridge, was also arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court in connection with the shooting death of Malachi Mims.



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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, 1990-2018

- 61 people murdered in 56 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 41 victims were male
- 20 victims were female
- Most common weapons: handguns (29 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 18 of the 56 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 26 of the 35 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, the 2018 incident, and one of the two murders in 2014 and 2017. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.

Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018

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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.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave

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.

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

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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018



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 investinvestigation.

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.



March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St

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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018



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.

At 3:40 a.m. on October 14, 2017, **Ednilson DaCosta**, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle in the area of Windsor Street & Evereteze Way. He was pronounced deceased at a local hospital. Minutes later, another male was shot and killed in Somerville. On November 3, 2017, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett, was arrested for the Somerville homicide, but the murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.


October 14, 2017, Windsor St.

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RAPE

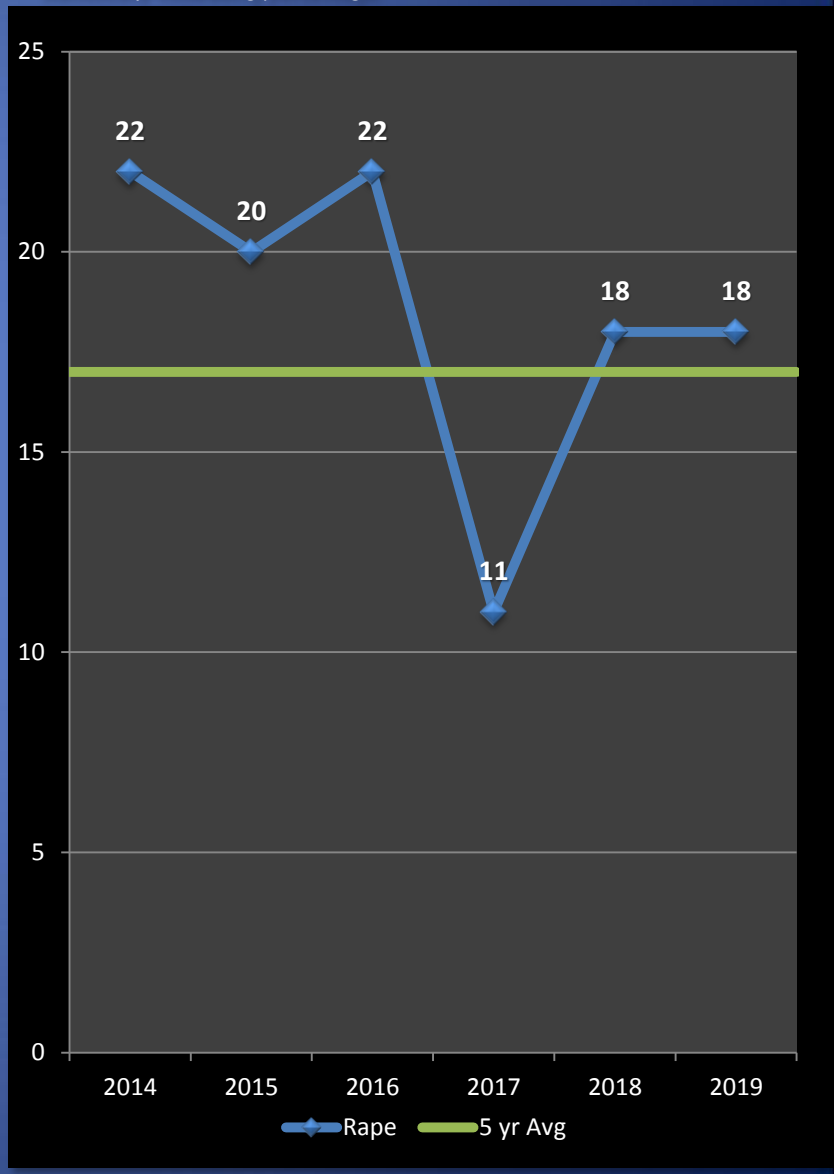
No Patterns

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
In-Cal	0%	0%

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- Eighteen rapes have been counted for the first eight months of 2019, exactly the same number as through September 2nd of 2018. The five-year average for the first eight months of the year projects to 17 rapes being recorded in Cambridge, one below the 2019 total.
- Two of the sexual assaults were registered in March, three in May, two in June, four more counted in July, and seven sexual assaults were reported in August of 2019.
- The eighteen rapes in Cambridge in 2019 have been categorized in the following manner: seven of these incidents have been chronicled as domestic situations, ten were classified as acquaintance assaults, and one was a blitz scenario involving homeless subjects near Central Square at the end of May.
- There were 29 rapes reported in Cambridge in 2018, up from the 19 incidents reported in 2017, which points to a 53% increase. When the 2018 total is measured against the five-year average for rapes annually in the city, a 26% uptick was recognized. Fourteen of the rapes in 2018 involved acquaintances, three were categorized as contact scenarios with the offender being someone the victim had met in a public place, ten were domestic situations, and two were classified as blitz assaults.



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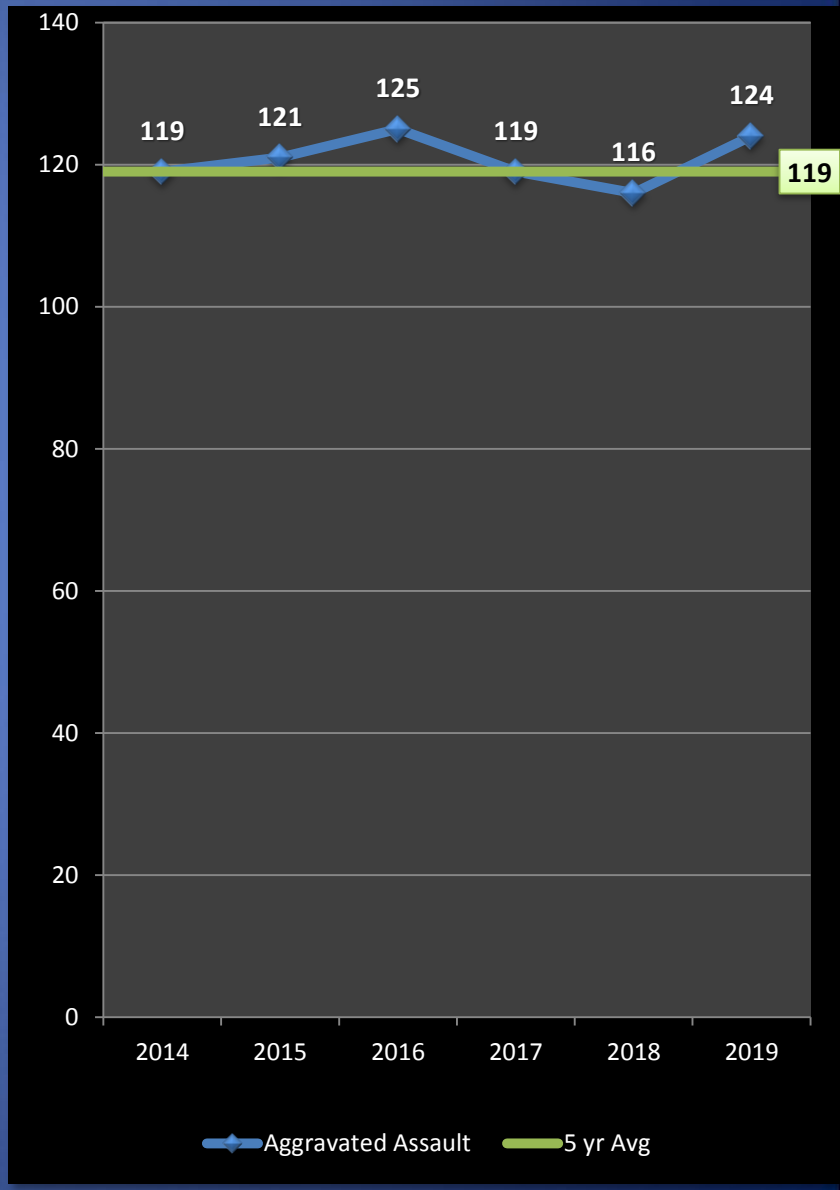
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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Percent Change

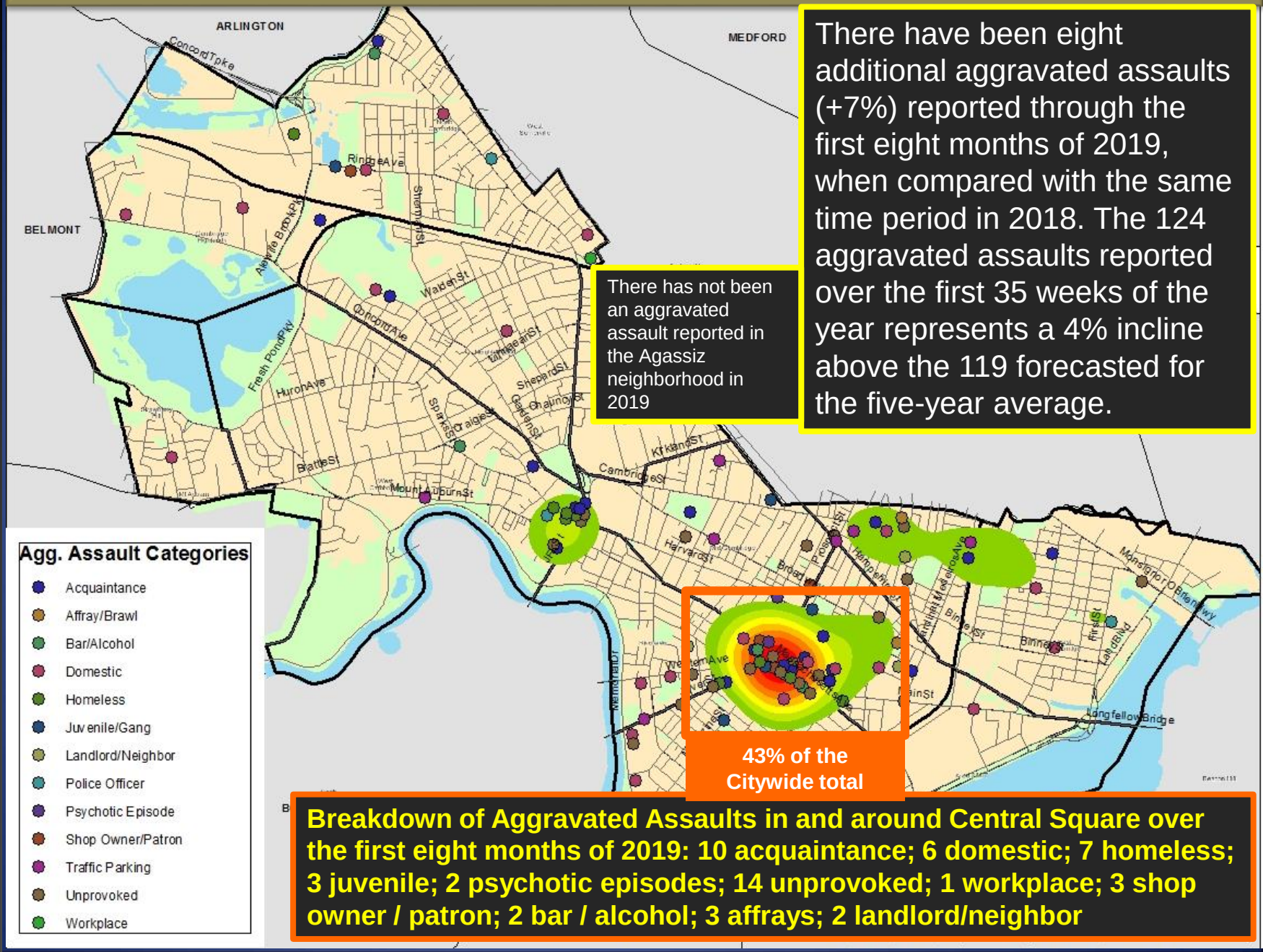
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
0%	+7%	+4%

- There have been eight additional aggravated assaults (+7%) reported through the first eight months of 2019, when compared with the same time period in 2018. The 124 aggravated assaults reported over the first 35 weeks of the year represents a 4% incline above the 119 forecasted for the five-year average.
- The 124 aggravated assaults reported through September 2nd of 2019 were composed of the following classifications: 25 domestic altercations; 22 assaults between acquaintances; 27 unprovoked scenarios; 8 road rage incidents; 13 homeless assaults; 5 tiffs between shop owners & patrons; 5 juvenile fights; 4 landlord/tenant disputes; 3 assaults on a police officer; 3 psychotic episodes; 3 fights at a bar; 4 affray/brawls and 2 workplace fights.
- There have been eight confirmed shots fired in Cambridge in 2019 through September 2nd. Five of these incidents produced Shotspotter alerts. Three of the confirmed shootings were in the Port neighborhood, the most recent on August 7th where an argument produced one shot heard (and resulted in a Shotspotter alert) with no evidence recovered at the scene. However, investigators believe that this was a verifiable shooting.
- Two incidents were recorded in June. There were five shots fired and shooting incidents in Cambridge in the first five months of 2019. An incident at 3:30am on 5.12.19, resulted in one victim with non-fatal injuries. The other 4 incidents did not result in any injuries: a Somerville male was arrested for the shots fired incident on 1.23.19 and two Boston juvenile males were arrested in connection with the 5.13.19 shots fired in Central Square.



Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.19 to 9.2.19

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There have been eight additional aggravated assaults (+7%) reported through the first eight months of 2019, when compared with the same time period in 2018. The 124 aggravated assaults reported over the first 35 weeks of the year represents a 4% incline above the 119 forecasted for the five-year average.

There has not been an aggravated assault reported in the Agassiz neighborhood in 2019

Agg. Assault Categories

- Acquaintance
- Affray/Brawl
- Bar/Alcohol
- Domestic
- Homeless
- Juvenile/Gang
- Landlord/Neighbor
- Police Officer
- Psychotic Episode
- Shop Owner/Patron
- Traffic Parking
- Unprovoked
- Workplace

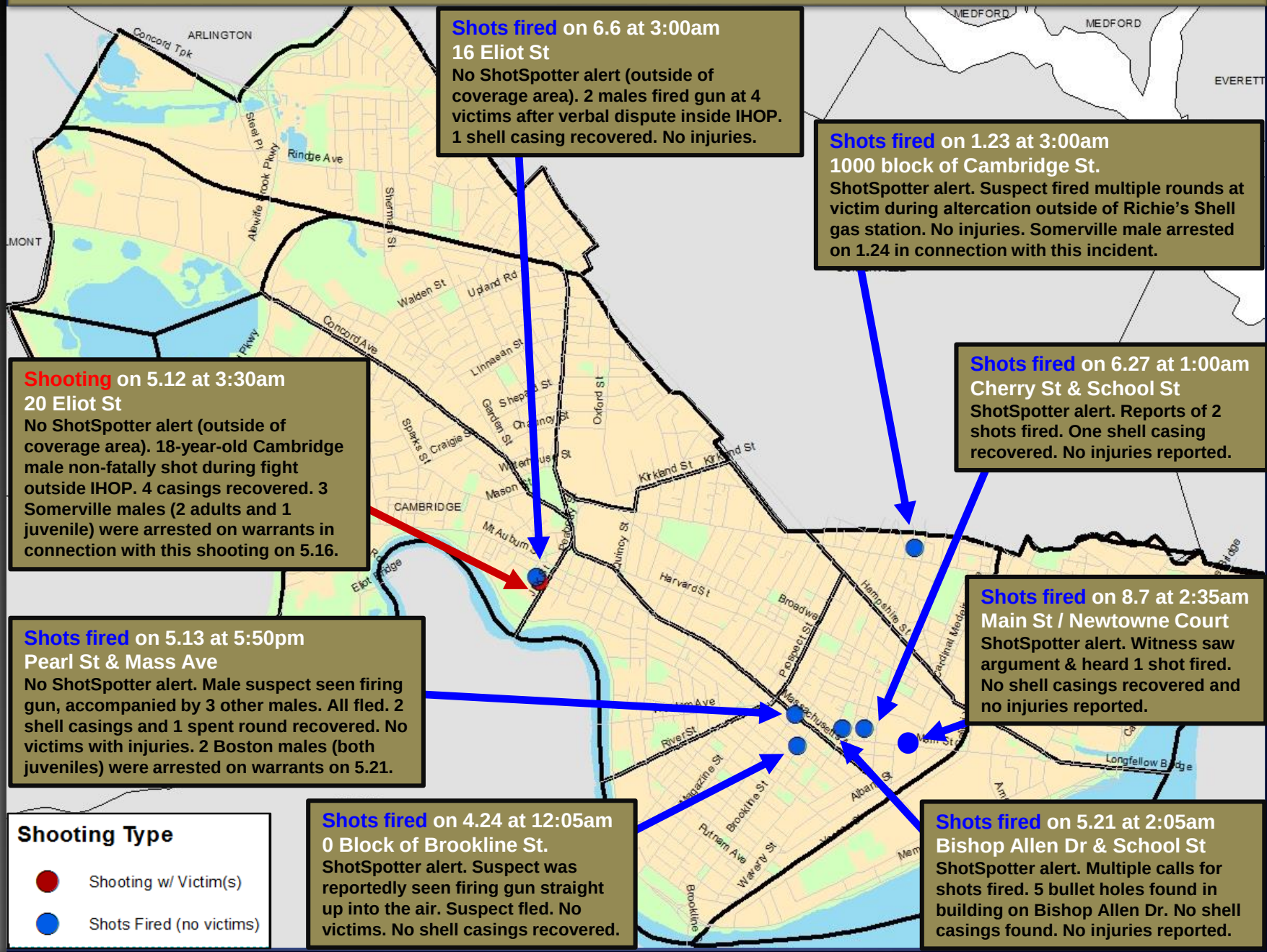
43% of the Citywide total

Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults in and around Central Square over the first eight months of 2019: 10 acquaintance; 6 domestic; 7 homeless; 3 juvenile; 2 psychotic episodes; 14 unprovoked; 1 workplace; 3 shop owner / patron; 2 bar / alcohol; 3 affrays; 2 landlord/neighbor

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Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.19 – 9.2.19

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Shots fired on 6.6 at 3:00am
16 Eliot St
No ShotSpotter alert (outside of coverage area). 2 males fired gun at 4 victims after verbal dispute inside IHOP. 1 shell casing recovered. No injuries.

Shots fired on 1.23 at 3:00am
1000 block of Cambridge St.
ShotSpotter alert. Suspect fired multiple rounds at victim during altercation outside of Richie's Shell gas station. No injuries. Somerville male arrested on 1.24 in connection with this incident.

Shooting on 5.12 at 3:30am
20 Eliot St
No ShotSpotter alert (outside of coverage area). 18-year-old Cambridge male non-fatally shot during fight outside IHOP. 4 casings recovered. 3 Somerville males (2 adults and 1 juvenile) were arrested on warrants in connection with this shooting on 5.16.

Shots fired on 6.27 at 1:00am
Cherry St & School St
ShotSpotter alert. Reports of 2 shots fired. One shell casing recovered. No injuries reported.

Shots fired on 8.7 at 2:35am
Main St / Newtowne Court
ShotSpotter alert. Witness saw argument & heard 1 shot fired. No shell casings recovered and no injuries reported.

Shots fired on 5.13 at 5:50pm
Pearl St & Mass Ave
No ShotSpotter alert. Male suspect seen firing gun, accompanied by 3 other males. All fled. 2 shell casings and 1 spent round recovered. No victims with injuries. 2 Boston males (both juveniles) were arrested on warrants on 5.21.

Shots fired on 4.24 at 12:05am
0 Block of Brookline St.
ShotSpotter alert. Suspect was reportedly seen firing gun straight up into the air. Suspect fled. No victims. No shell casings recovered.

Shots fired on 5.21 at 2:05am
Bishop Allen Dr & School St
ShotSpotter alert. Multiple calls for shots fired. 5 bullet holes found in building on Bishop Allen Dr. No shell casings found. No injuries reported.

Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)

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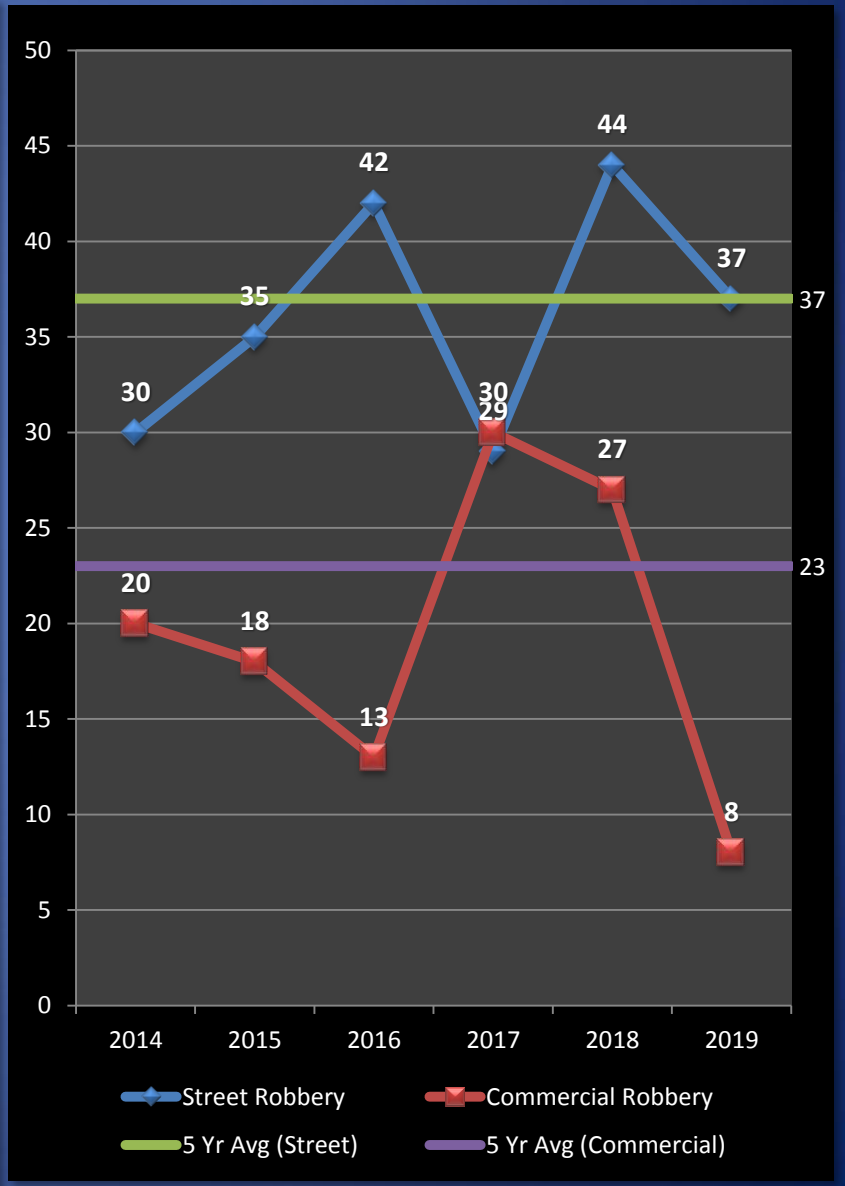
Robbery

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+43%	-37%	-26%

- There have been 45 robberies reported over the first eight months of 2019, with eight categorized as commercial and 37 classified as street crimes. There has been a significant decline of 26 incidents (-37%) when compared with 2018. The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first 245 days of the year is 61 incidents. Between January 1st and September 2nd of this year, 45 robberies were recorded, which translates to a 26% decrease below the projected total.
- There have been eight commercial robberies so far this year—all but one have been shopliftings that escalated into violent confrontations. These crimes occurred at the CambridgeSide Mall on January 25th; in Harvard Square on February 26th; at a drug store in Porter Square on March 11th; at a Mass Ave gas station on March 30; at the CVS in Harvard Square on July 6th, the Target in Porter Square on July 19 and an incident at a liquor store on Cambridge Street on August 14th. The only non-shoplifting incident this year involved a demand for cash at a convenience store near Porter Square on June 13th; an arrest was made.
- Over the first eight months of 2019, there have been 37 street robberies, 7 fewer incidents (-16%) than the same time period last year. Ten street robberies were reported during August of 2019. The following is a geographical and situational breakdown of these incidents: 4 robberies in Harvard Square (3 homeless, and a drug deal gone awry); a domestic robbery in East Cambridge; 3 phone/cash snatches in Central Square; and 1 homeless scenario each in Inman and lower Cambridgeport. The Crime Analysis Unit has not identified a street robbery pattern in the City in over 18 months.

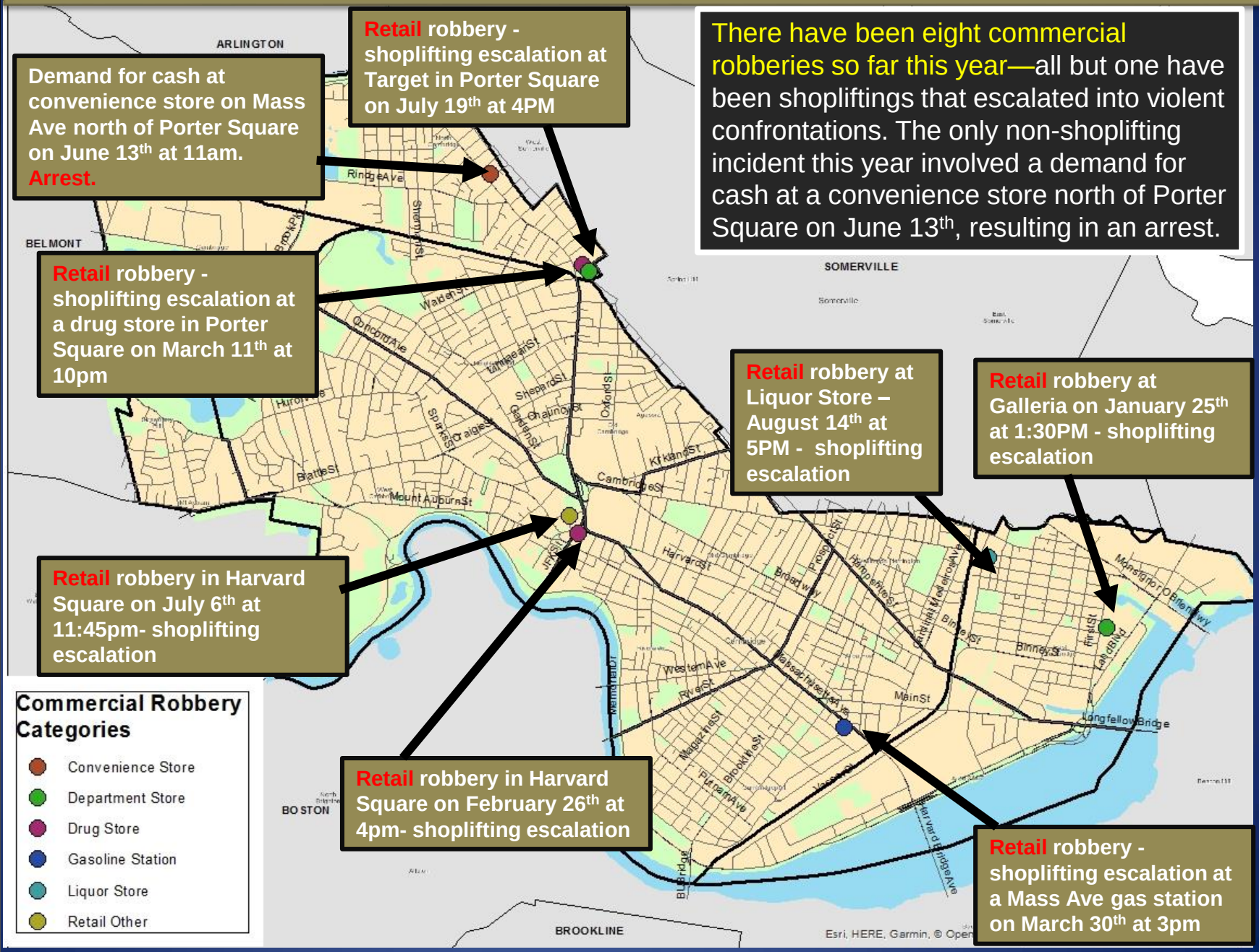


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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.19 to 9.2.19

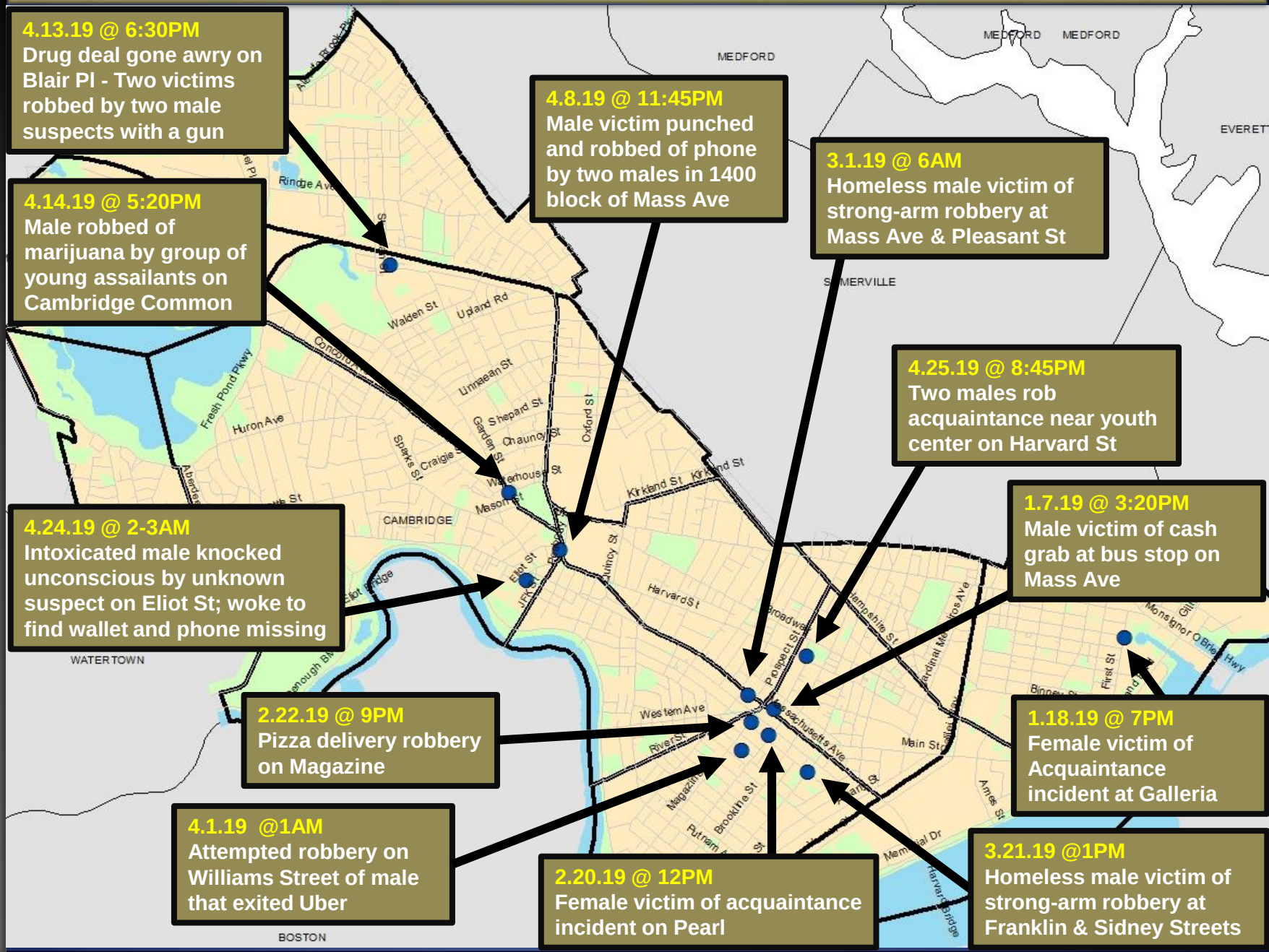
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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.19 to 4.30.19



4.13.19 @ 6:30PM
Drug deal gone awry on Blair Pl - Two victims robbed by two male suspects with a gun

4.14.19 @ 5:20PM
Male robbed of marijuana by group of young assailants on Cambridge Common

4.8.19 @ 11:45PM
Male victim punched and robbed of phone by two males in 1400 block of Mass Ave

3.1.19 @ 6AM
Homeless male victim of strong-arm robbery at Mass Ave & Pleasant St

4.25.19 @ 8:45PM
Two males rob acquaintance near youth center on Harvard St

1.7.19 @ 3:20PM
Male victim of cash grab at bus stop on Mass Ave

4.24.19 @ 2-3AM
Intoxicated male knocked unconscious by unknown suspect on Eliot St; woke to find wallet and phone missing

2.22.19 @ 9PM
Pizza delivery robbery on Magazine

1.18.19 @ 7PM
Female victim of Acquaintance incident at Galleria

4.1.19 @1AM
Attempted robbery on Williams Street of male that exited Uber

2.20.19 @ 12PM
Female victim of acquaintance incident on Pearl

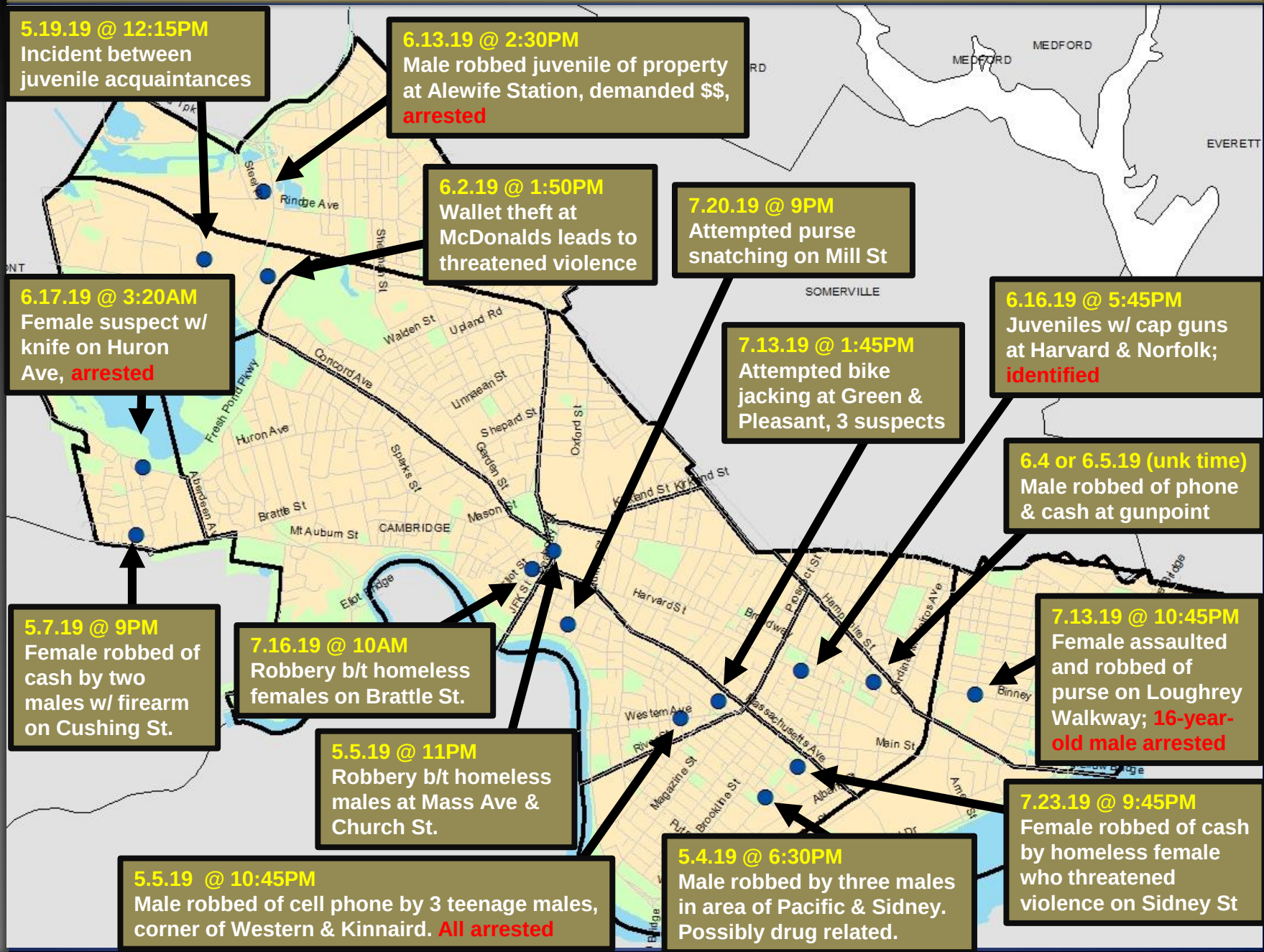
3.21.19 @1PM
Homeless male victim of strong-arm robbery at Franklin & Sidney Streets

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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 5.1.19 to 7.31.19

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5.19.19 @ 12:15PM
Incident between juvenile acquaintances

6.13.19 @ 2:30PM
Male robbed juvenile of property at Alewife Station, demanded $$, arrested

6.2.19 @ 1:50PM
Wallet theft at McDonalds leads to threatened violence

7.20.19 @ 9PM
Attempted purse snatching on Mill St

6.17.19 @ 3:20AM
Female suspect w/ knife on Huron Ave, arrested

7.13.19 @ 1:45PM
Attempted bike jacking at Green & Pleasant, 3 suspects

6.16.19 @ 5:45PM
Juveniles w/ cap guns at Harvard & Norfolk; identified

6.4 or 6.5.19 (unk time)
Male robbed of phone & cash at gunpoint

5.7.19 @ 9PM
Female robbed of cash by two males w/ firearm on Cushing St.

7.16.19 @ 10AM
Robbery b/t homeless females on Brattle St.

7.13.19 @ 10:45PM
Female assaulted and robbed of purse on Loughrey Walkway; 16-year-old male arrested

5.5.19 @ 11PM
Robbery b/t homeless males at Mass Ave & Church St.

7.23.19 @ 9:45PM
Female robbed of cash by homeless female who threatened violence on Sidney St

5.5.19 @ 10:45PM
Male robbed of cell phone by 3 teenage males, corner of Western & Kinnaird. All arrested

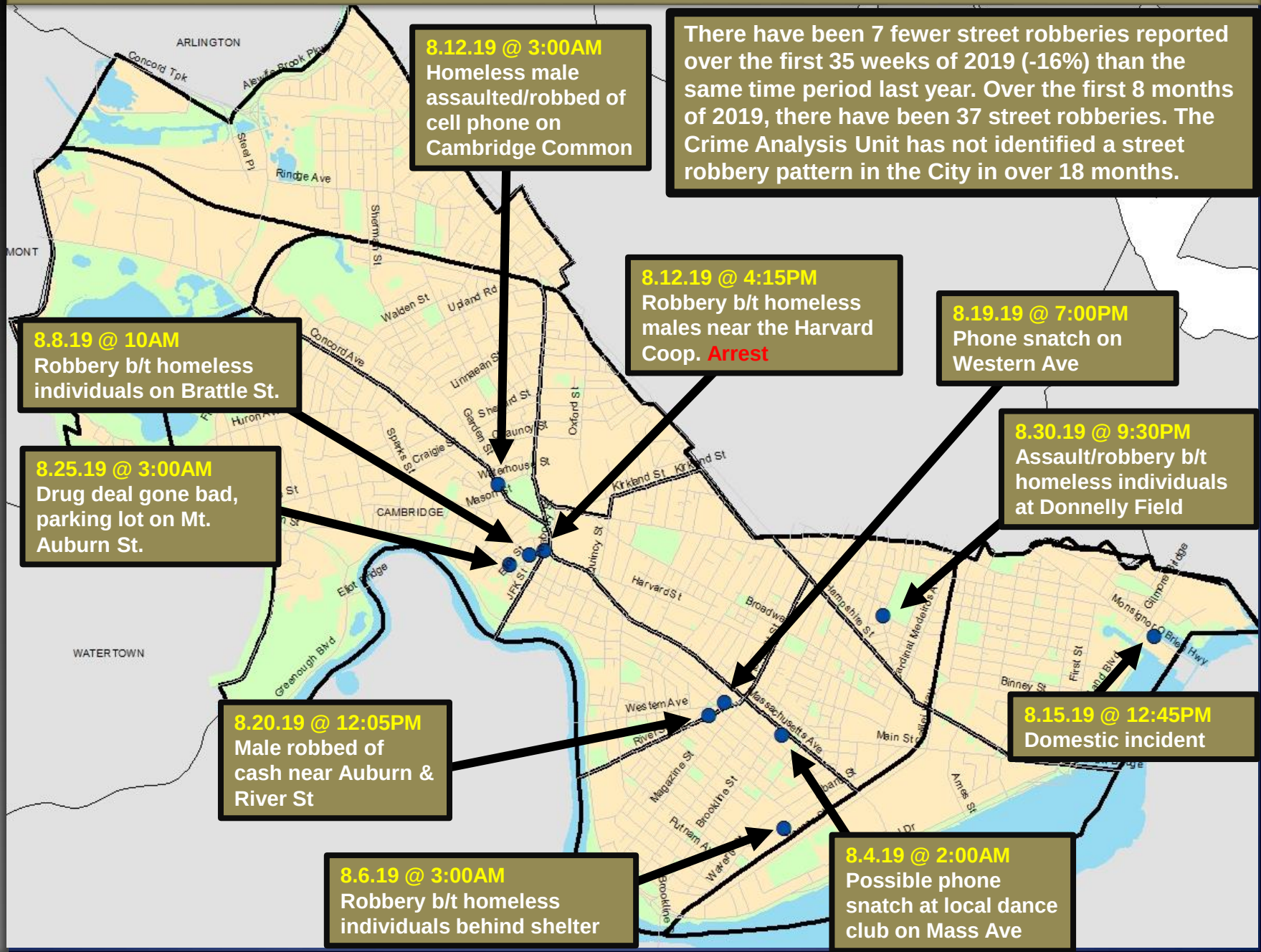
5.4.19 @ 6:30PM
Male robbed by three males in area of Pacific & Sidney. Possibly drug related.

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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 8.1.19 – 9.2.19

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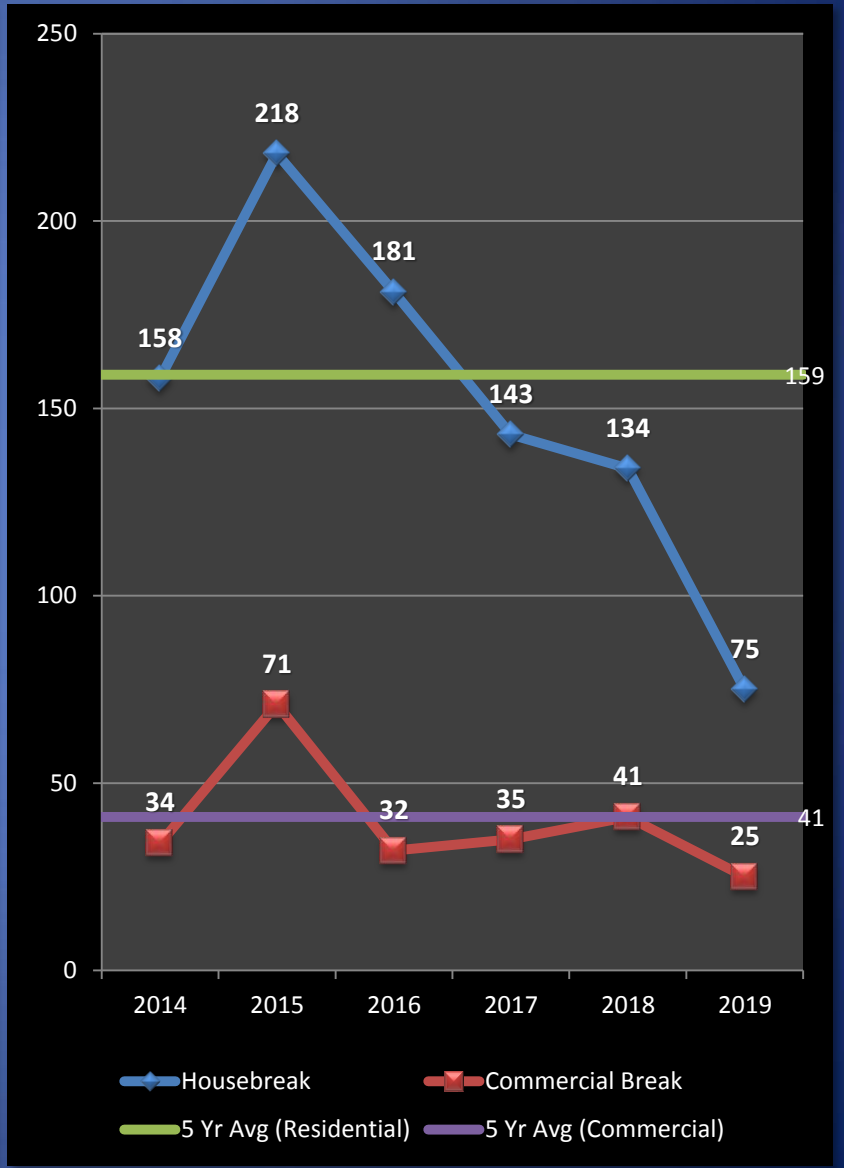
Burglary

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-20%	-43%	-50%

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a prodigious decrease of 50% when compared to the five-year average, with 100 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 200 breaks. When compared with last year's historically low total of 175 incidents for the first 245 days of the year, a lesser, but still significant decrease of 43% has been recorded.
- Currently, there are no commercial burglary patterns, hot spots, or concentrations active in Cambridge. A historically low total of 25 incidents has been reported for the first 35 weeks of 2019, which translates to a substantial 39% decline below 2018 and a 39% slide under the forecast for the eight months of the year.
- Housebreaks plunged 44% when measured against the total for the first eight months of 2018 with 59 fewer incidents. A striking decrease of 53% below the forecasted total of 159 housebreaks for the first 245 days of the year was registered.
- During the middle of March, the Crime Analysis Unit was monitoring a series of late afternoon / early evening breaks in Cambridgeport where entry into residences was gained by forcing side windows, and laptops and jewelry were targeted. After a three-week hiatus in this activity, the CAU designated this pattern as having been eradicated.
- There have been only 31 housebreaks reported in Cambridge since the first of May, which represents one of the lowest four-month totals for housebreaks in Cambridge in decades.



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Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: Summer of 2019, 6.1.19 – 9.2.19

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There have been only 31 housebreaks reported in Cambridge since the first of May, which represents one of the lowest four-month totals for housebreaks in Cambridge in decades.

Three unrelated, unprofessional breaks in North Cambridge over the Summer

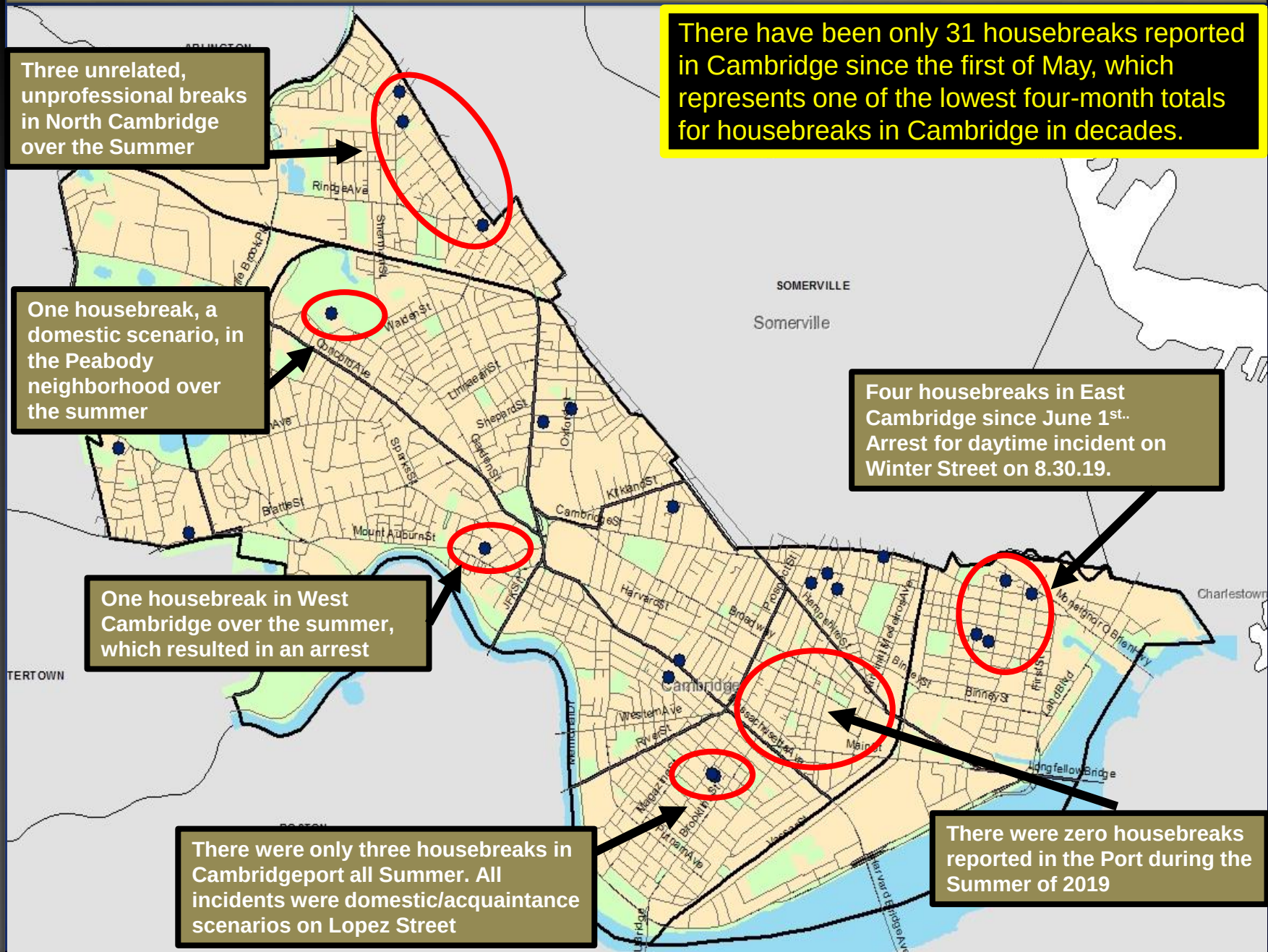
One housebreak, a domestic scenario, in the Peabody neighborhood over the summer

Four housebreaks in East Cambridge since June 1st.. Arrest for daytime incident on Winter Street on 8.30.19.

One housebreak in West Cambridge over the summer, which resulted in an arrest

There were only three housebreaks in Cambridgeport all Summer. All incidents were domestic/acquaintance scenarios on Lopez Street

There were zero housebreaks reported in the Port during the Summer of 2019



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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 6.1.19 – 9.2.19

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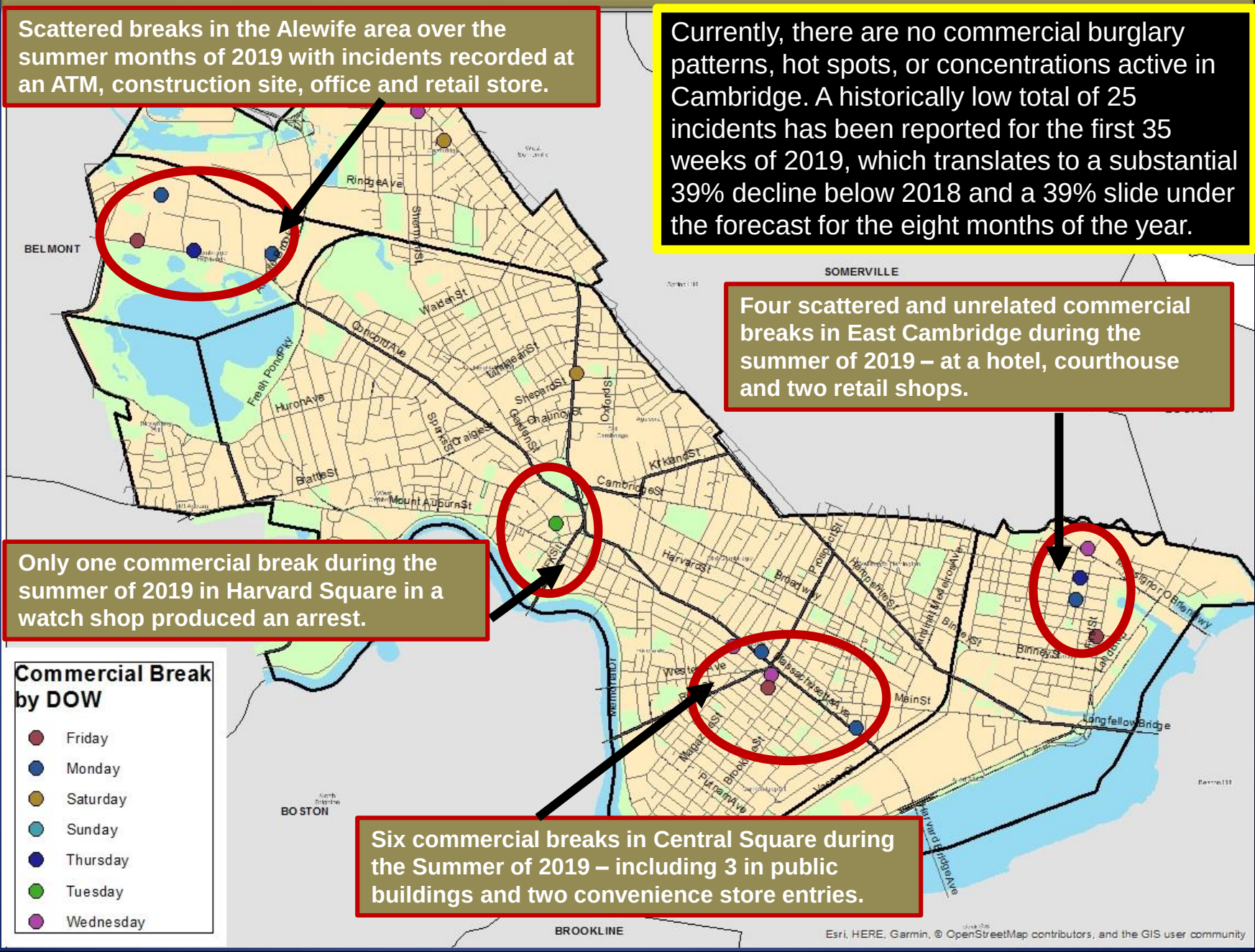
Scattered breaks in the Alewife area over the summer months of 2019 with incidents recorded at an ATM, construction site, office and retail store.

Currently, there are no commercial burglary patterns, hot spots, or concentrations active in Cambridge. A historically low total of 25 incidents has been reported for the first 35 weeks of 2019, which translates to a substantial 39% decline below 2018 and a 39% slide under the forecast for the eight months of the year.

Four scattered and unrelated commercial breaks in East Cambridge during the summer of 2019 – at a hotel, courthouse and two retail shops.

Only one commercial break during the summer of 2019 in Harvard Square in a watch shop produced an arrest.

Six commercial breaks in Central Square during the Summer of 2019 – including 3 in public buildings and two convenience store entries.



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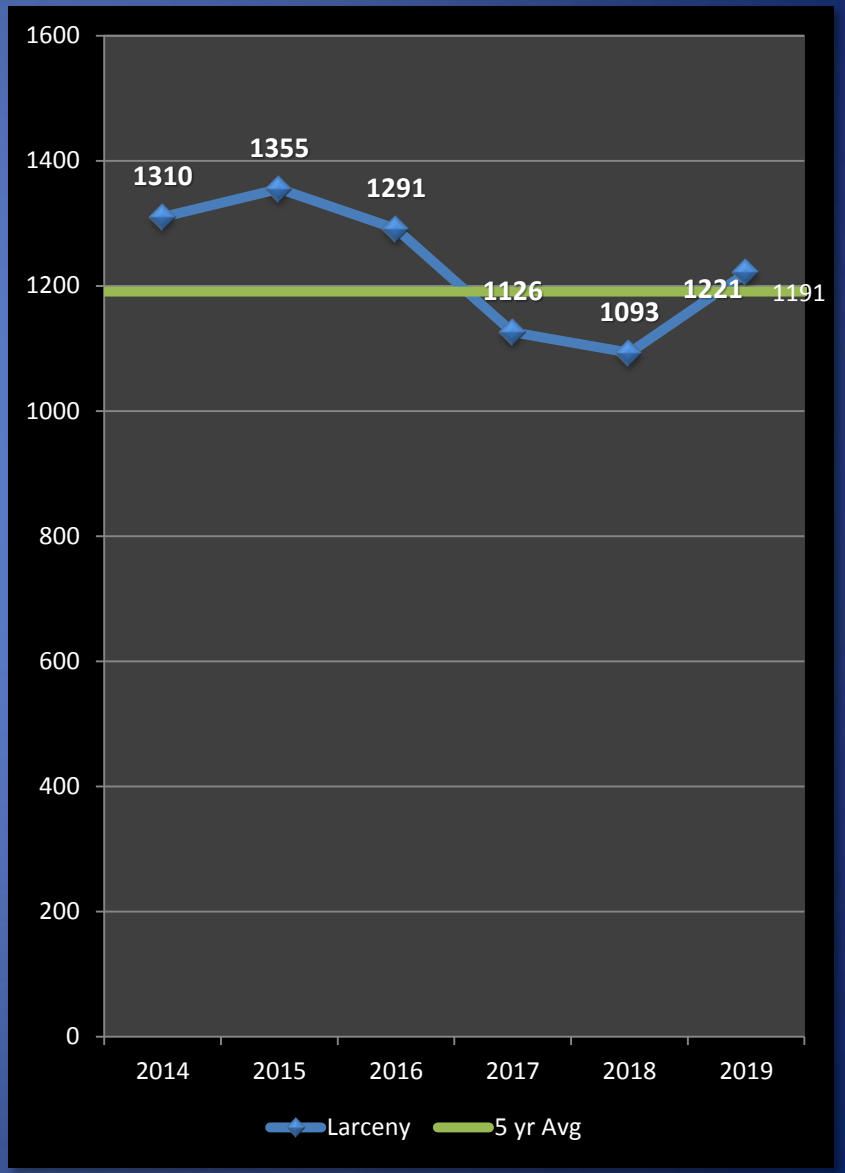
LARCENY

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+5%	+12%	+3%

- **Overall larceny for the first eight months of 2019 registered at 128 incidents (12%) above the same time frame in 2018.** The total of 1,221 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2019 is also 30 incidents above the 5-year average of 1,191 incidents.
- **After coming off a 7% drop at the end of 2018, larcenies from MVs have reversed direction through August of 2019, with an increase of 13% (21 incidents)** when compared with the same time frame in 2018. This property crime is still 15% below the 5-year average, with 31 fewer incidents than the projected total of 209.
- **Through September 2, 2019, larcenies from the person are slightly lower than 2018, by 5 incidents for a total of 105.** Central Sq has seen the most activity (43), followed by Harvard Sq (22).
- **There have been 166 larcenies from buildings reported during the first eight months of 2019**. This is 23 incidents (12%) below the same time frame in 2018 and 36 (18%) below the 5-year average. Thefts from gym lockers in Porter Square during the First Quarter of 2019 cooled off once a suspect was identified. A few sporadic thefts continue to be reported at this location.
- **Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued through 2019 with a 15% rise (+22 incidents) over the first eight months of last year.** Package thefts continue to dominate this crime category with 88 (51%) of the incidents reported year-to-date.
- **Bicycle thefts are up 136 incidents (+73%) when compared with this time in 2018, and up 104 incidents (48%) when compared with the 5-year average**. Cambridgeport has seen the most thefts year-to-date with 48, followed by West Cambridge with 44.



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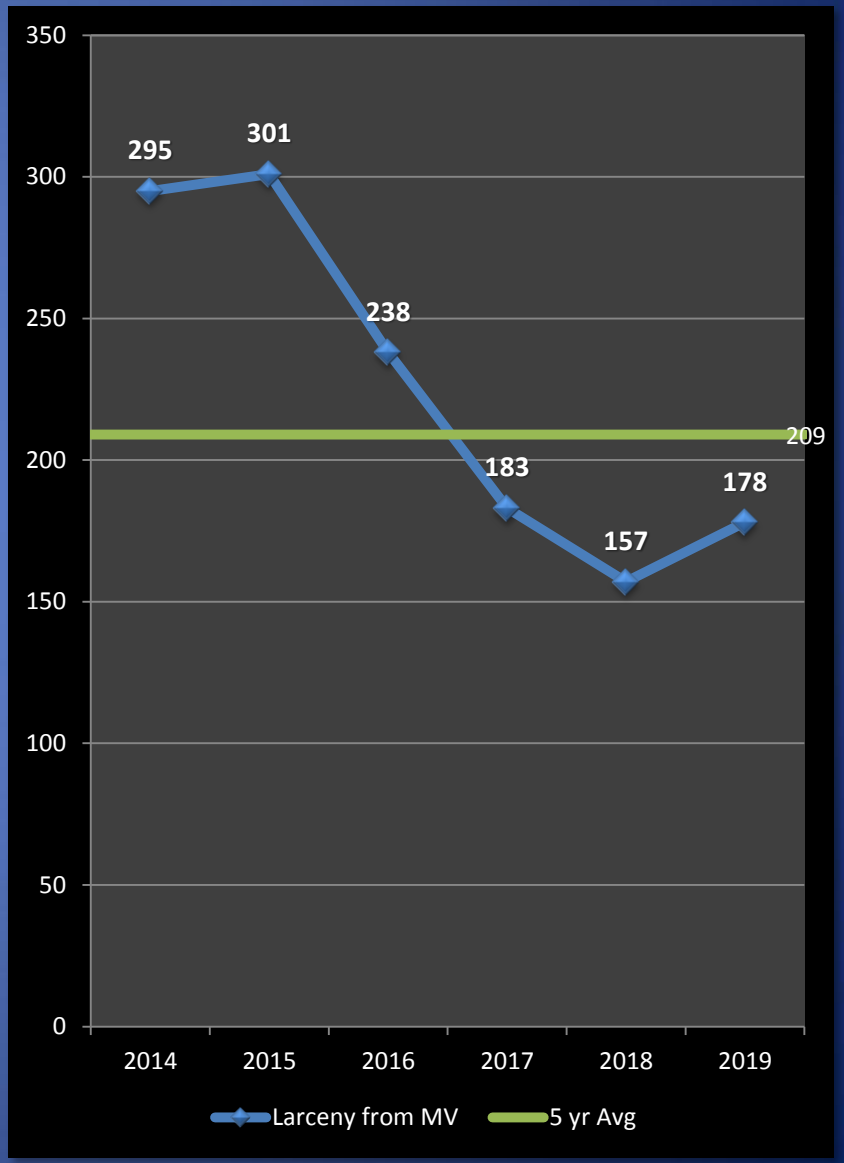
LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+30%	+13%	-15%

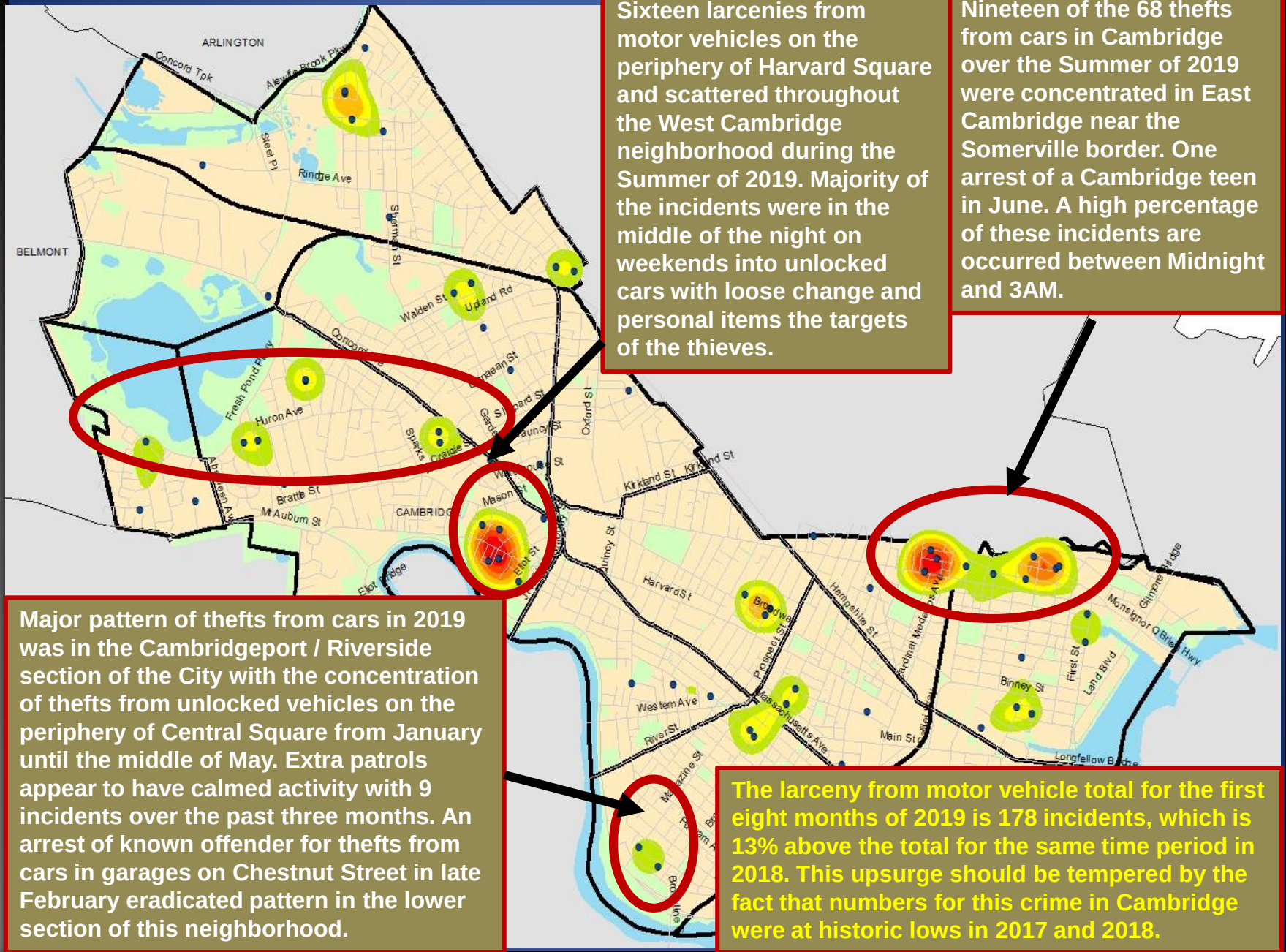
- The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first eight months of 2019 is 178 incidents, which is 13% above the total for the same time period in 2018. These 178 thefts from cars reported over the first 35 weeks of the year reveal a decrease of 31 incidents (-15%) below the number forecasted through the first 245 days of 2019. This upsurge in 2019 should be tempered by the fact that the numbers through the first eight months of the year for this crime in Cambridge were at historic lows in 2017 and 2018.
- There have been only two larcenies from motor vehicles reported in the Agassiz neighborhood, four in the Highlands, and five in Strawberry Hill so far in 2019.
- The majority of thefts in The Port neighborhood, ten in 2019, have been along the 500 block of Mass Ave and in the immediate periphery of Central Square in parking lots.
- There have been 43 LMVs reported in 2019 in the Cambridgeport / Riverside section of the City with the concentration of thefts from unlocked vehicles on the periphery of Central Square in January until the middle of February. Temporal trend was identified between 2AM and 5AM. Extra patrols appear to have calmed activity with only 9 incidents over the past three months. An arrest of known offender for thefts from cars in garages on Chestnut Street in late February eradicated pattern in the lower section of this neighborhood.
- Increase of 30% (6 additional incidents) in larceny from motor vehicles from July to August of 2019. There was no spatial or temporal trend identified this month, but West Cambridge saw the most LMV activity in August with 7 reported thefts.



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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 6.1.19 – 9.2.19

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Sixteen larcenies from motor vehicles on the periphery of Harvard Square and scattered throughout the West Cambridge neighborhood during the Summer of 2019. Majority of the incidents were in the middle of the night on weekends into unlocked cars with loose change and personal items the targets of the thieves.

Nineteen of the 68 thefts from cars in Cambridge over the Summer of 2019 were concentrated in East Cambridge near the Somerville border. One arrest of a Cambridge teen in June. A high percentage of these incidents are occurred between Midnight and 3AM.

Major pattern of thefts from cars in 2019 was in the Cambridgeport / Riverside section of the City with the concentration of thefts from unlocked vehicles on the periphery of Central Square from January until the middle of May. Extra patrols appear to have calmed activity with 9 incidents over the past three months. An arrest of known offender for thefts from cars in garages on Chestnut Street in late February eradicated pattern in the lower section of this neighborhood.

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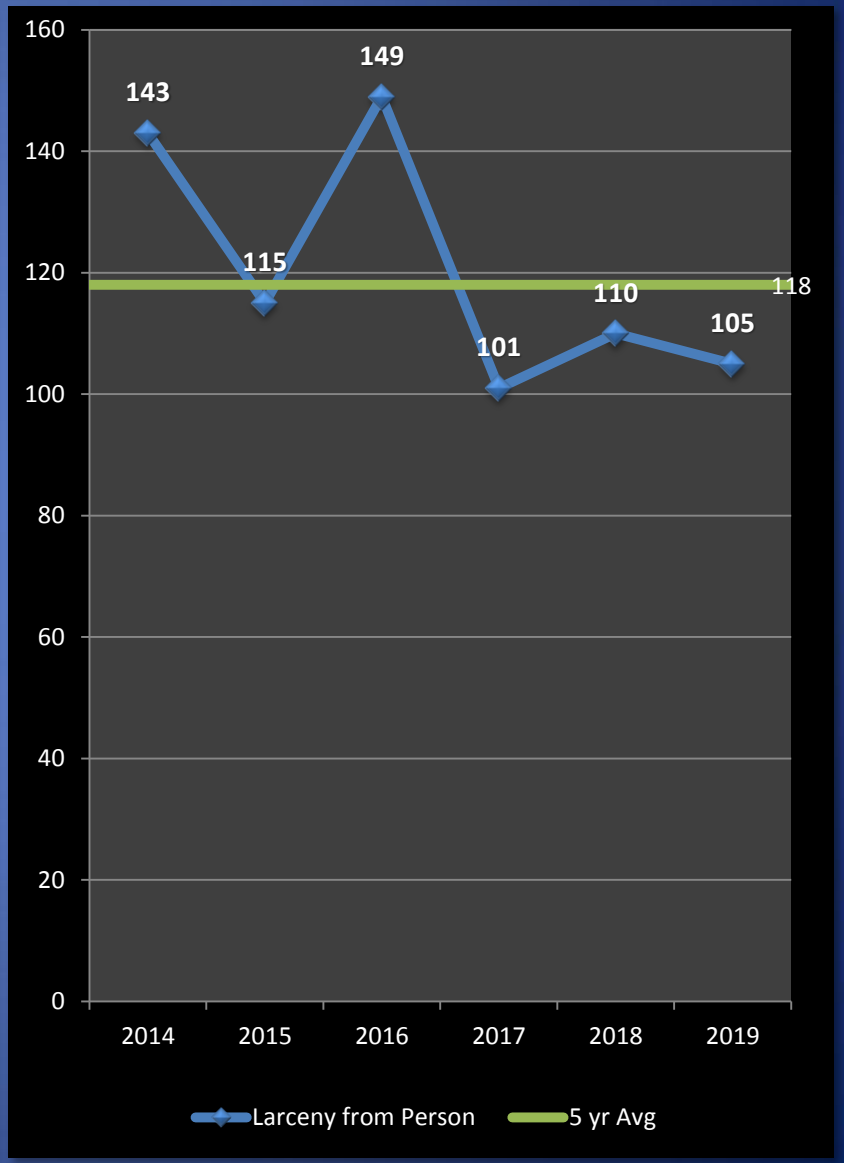
LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+75%	-5%	-11%

- The larceny from person total for the first eight months of 2019 has decreased slightly (down 5 incidents, or -5%) in comparison to the same time period in 2018. The 105 thefts from persons reported over the first 35 weeks of the year also translates to a decrease of 13 incidents (-11%) below the number forecasted for the first eight months of 2019.
- When comparing August 2019 to the previous month of July, the number of incidents has nearly doubled, rising from 8 to 14 incidents. Central Square was the most active business district in August with 7 incidents, followed by Harvard Square, Kendall / MIT, and East Cambridge with 2 incidents each.
- So far in 2019, Central Sq. has seen the most activity with 43 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 22 incidents, and the CambridgeSide / East Cambridge area with 14. Ten thefts have been reported year-to-date at the CambridgeSide shopping center, three incidents have been reported at the Middle East bar/restaurant, and two to three incidents have been reported at numerous other locations in both Central and Harvard Squares.
- A majority of the incidents thus far in 2019 have been comprised of thefts from patrons at restaurants/ cafes/bars (24 incidents), thefts of otherwise unattended property, such as at local parks, sidewalks, or in shelters (24 incidents), thefts from shoppers (23 incidents), and grab & run incidents (21). The remaining incidents were categorized as pocket-pickings (14).

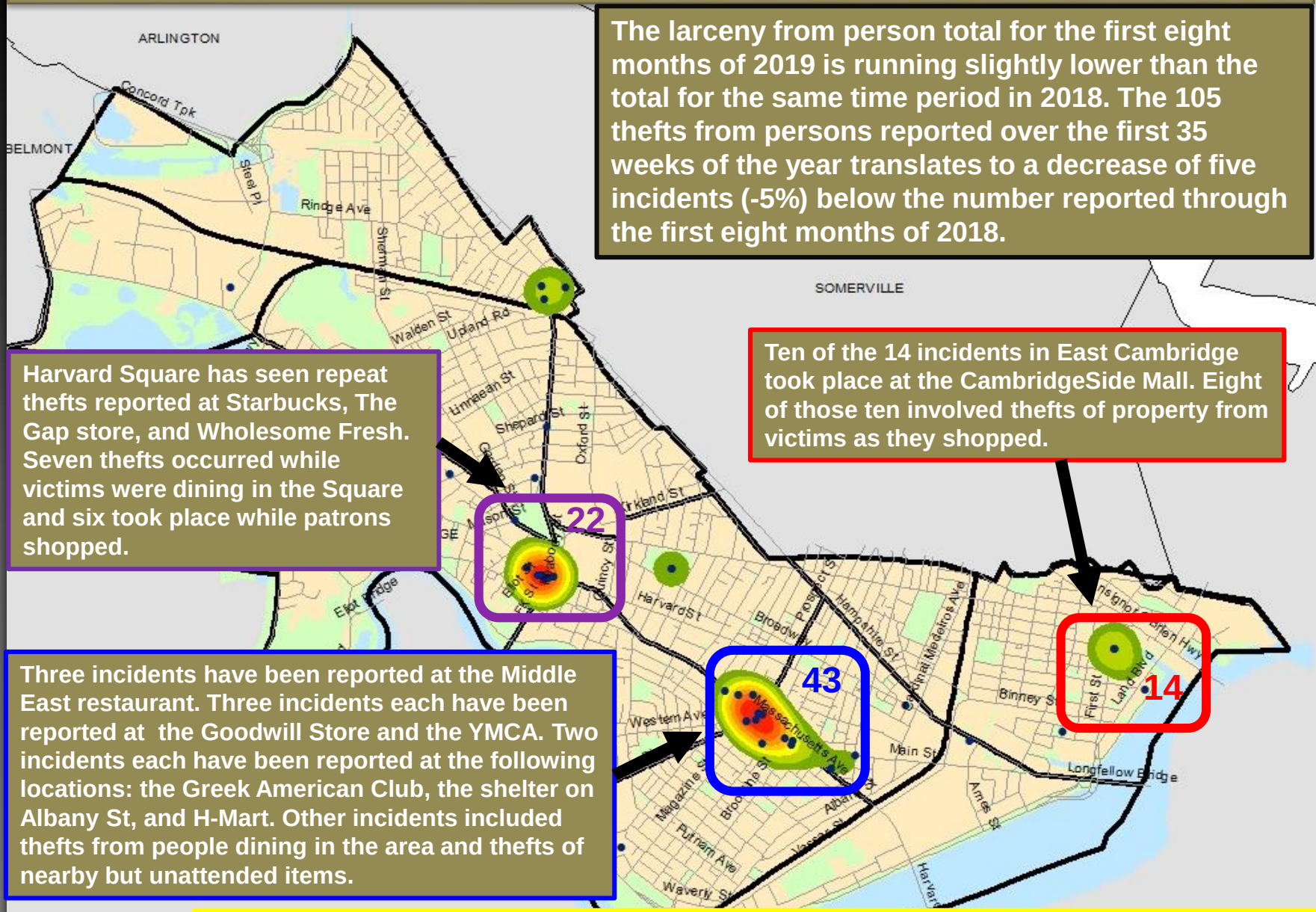


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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Person: 1.1.19 – 9.2.19

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The larceny from person total for the first eight months of 2019 is running slightly lower than the total for the same time period in 2018. The 105 thefts from persons reported over the first 35 weeks of the year translates to a decrease of five incidents (-5%) below the number reported through the first eight months of 2018.



Harvard Square has seen repeat thefts reported at Starbucks, The Gap store, and Wholesome Fresh. Seven thefts occurred while victims were dining in the Square and six took place while patrons shopped.

Ten of the 14 incidents in East Cambridge took place at the CambridgeSide Mall. Eight of those ten involved thefts of property from victims as they shopped.

Three incidents have been reported at the Middle East restaurant. Three incidents each have been reported at the Goodwill Store and the YMCA. Two incidents each have been reported at the following locations: the Greek American Club, the shelter on Albany St, and H-Mart. Other incidents included thefts from people dining in the area and thefts of nearby but unattended items.

Central Square has seen the most activity in 2019 with 43 incidents, followed by **Harvard Square** with 22 and the **East Cambridge/CambridgeSide area** with 14 incidents.

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LARCENY: *of Bicycle*

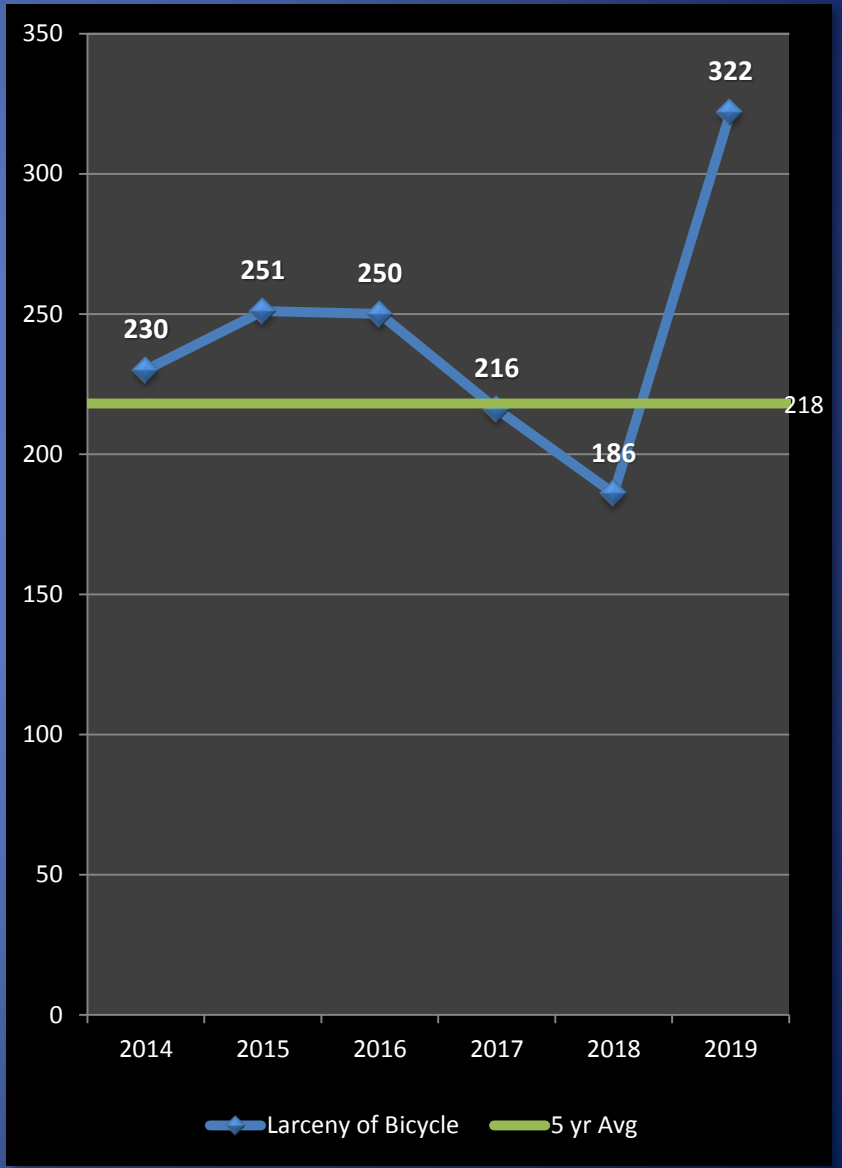
No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+14%	+73%	+48%

- Overall, bike thefts are up 73% (+136 incidents) this year when compared with the first eight months of 2018, and up 48% (or 104 incidents) above the 5-year average of 218. There were 10 reported in January, 6 in February, 19 in March, 33 in April, 34 in May, 68 in June, 66 in July, 82 in August, and 4 through the 2nd of September.
- Of the 322 bike thefts reported so far this year, 233 (72%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.
- One bike theft resulted in an arrest in August, in the Central Square area. Suspects were also identified in at least ten other thefts citywide this month.
- Although the majority of bicycles tend to be stolen from streets, sidewalks, and yards, we continue to see an increase in thefts from parking garages and building storage areas this year. There have been 64 thefts from these more protected areas thus far in 2019 compared to only 12 during the same period in 2018.
- **Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts in 2019:**

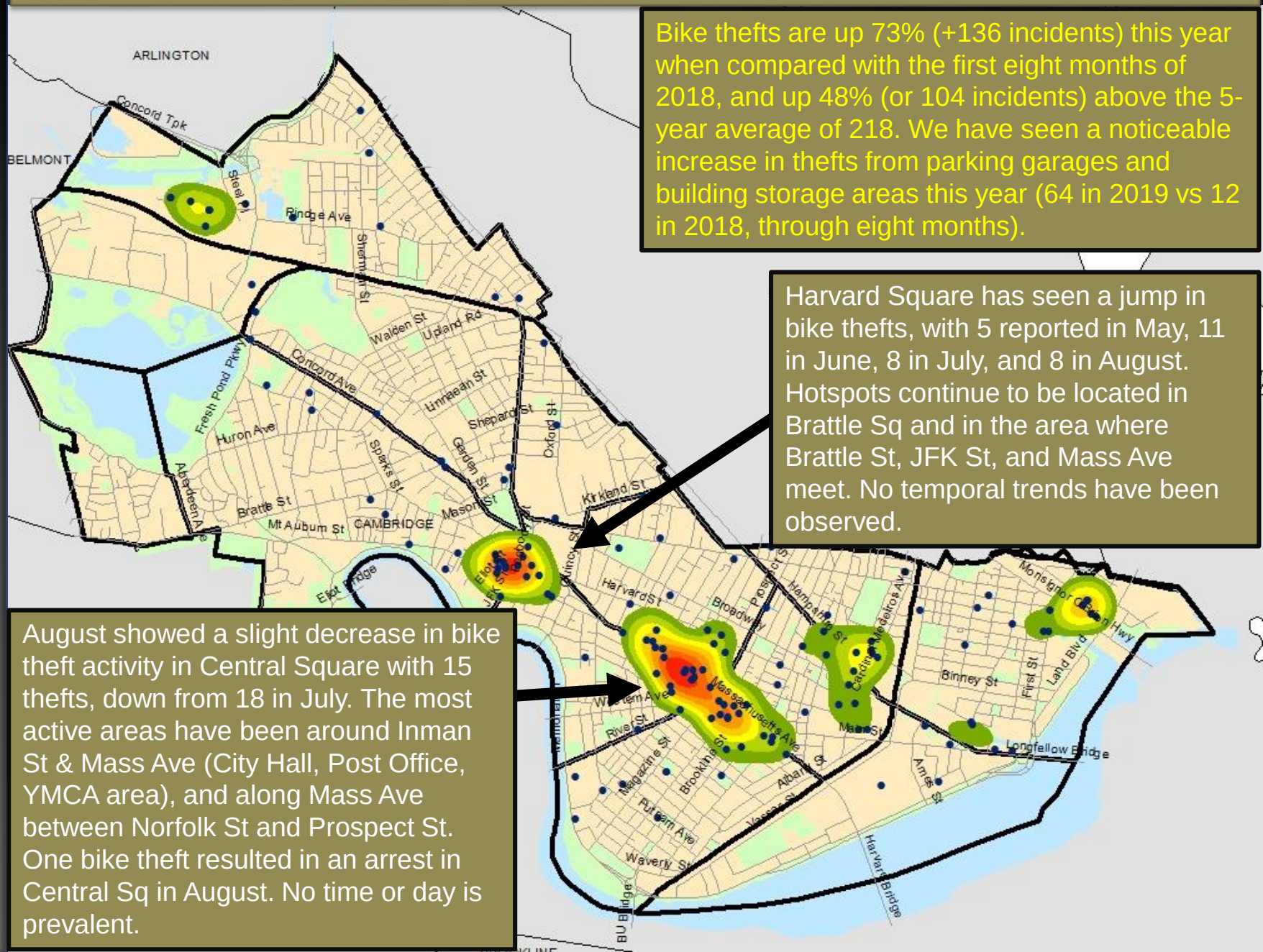
Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	49	15%
West Cambridge & East Cambridge	43 each	13% each
North Cambridge	41	13%
Mid-Cambridge	37	11%
Riverside & The Port	31 each	10% each



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Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 7.1.19 to 9.2.19

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Bike thefts are up 73% (+136 incidents) this year when compared with the first eight months of 2018, and up 48% (or 104 incidents) above the 5-year average of 218. We have seen a noticeable increase in thefts from parking garages and building storage areas this year (64 in 2019 vs 12 in 2018, through eight months).

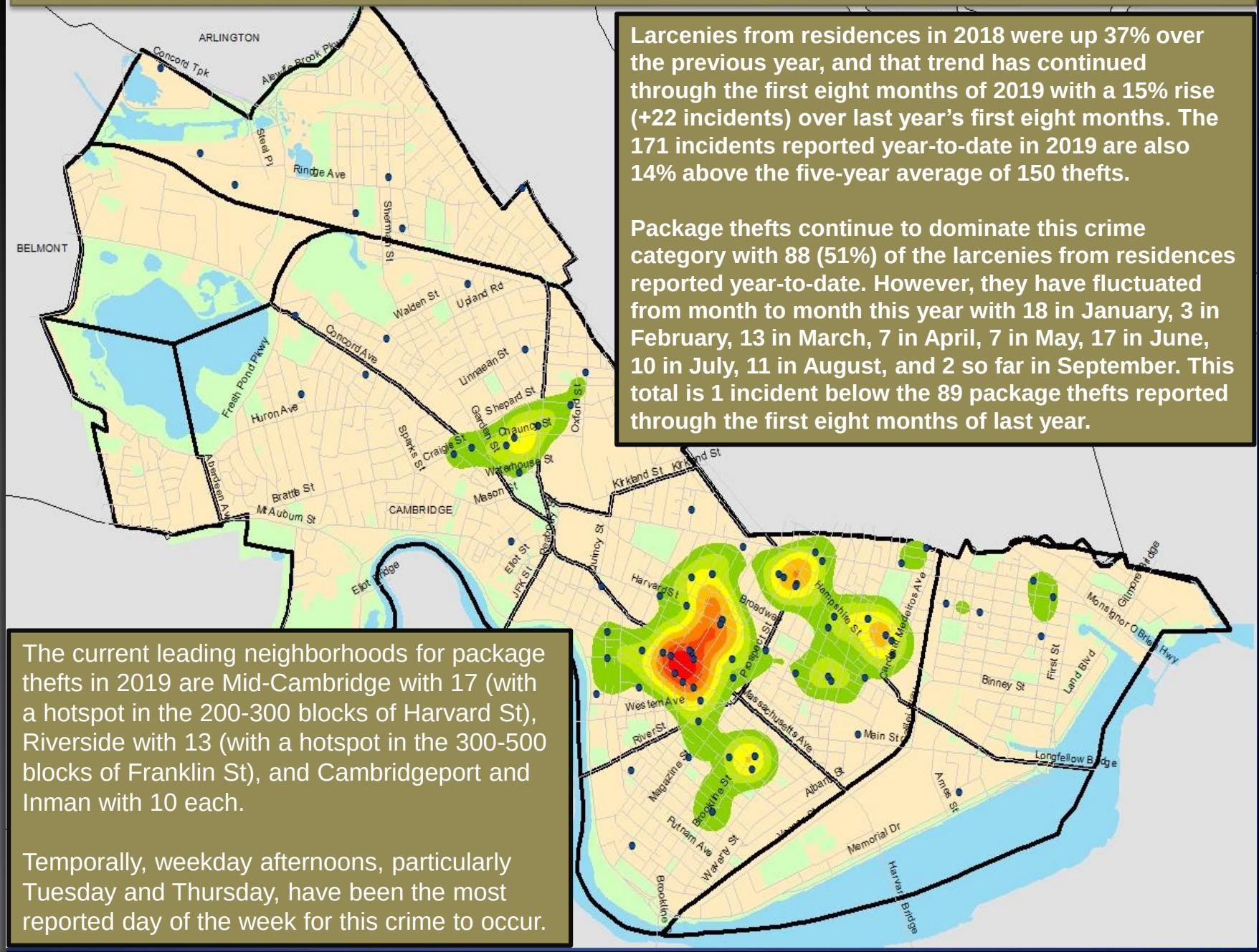
Harvard Square has seen a jump in bike thefts, with 5 reported in May, 11 in June, 8 in July, and 8 in August. Hotspots continue to be located in Brattle Sq and in the area where Brattle St, JFK St, and Mass Ave meet. No temporal trends have been observed.

August showed a slight decrease in bike theft activity in Central Square with 15 thefts, down from 18 in July. The most active areas have been around Inman St & Mass Ave (City Hall, Post Office, YMCA area), and along Mass Ave between Norfolk St and Prospect St. One bike theft resulted in an arrest in Central Sq in August. No time or day is prevalent.

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Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.19 – 9.2.19

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Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued through the first eight months of 2019 with a 15% rise (+22 incidents) over last year's first eight months. The 171 incidents reported year-to-date in 2019 are also 14% above the five-year average of 150 thefts.

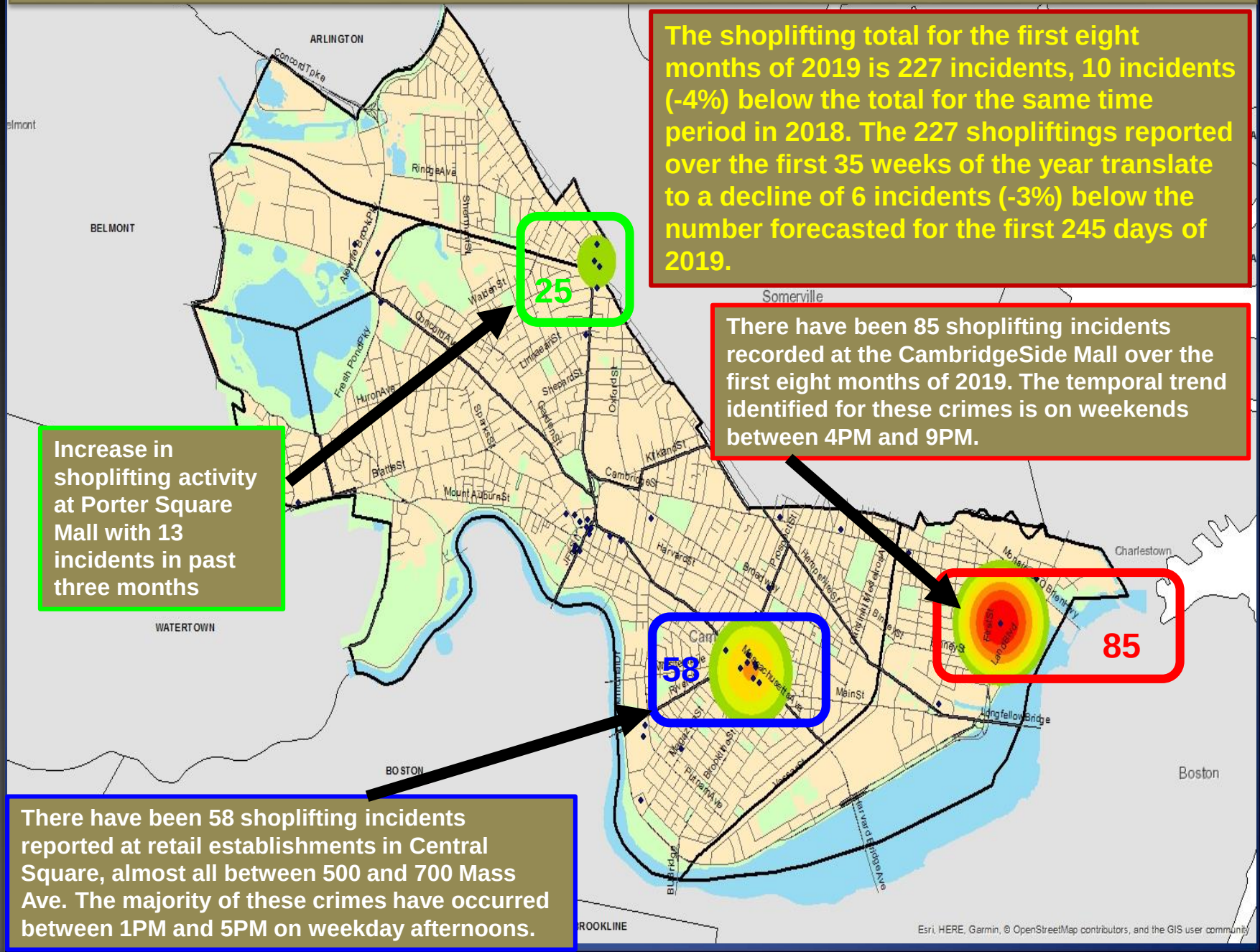
Package thefts continue to dominate this crime category with 88 (51%) of the larcenies from residences reported year-to-date. However, they have fluctuated from month to month this year with 18 in January, 3 in February, 13 in March, 7 in April, 7 in May, 17 in June, 10 in July, 11 in August, and 2 so far in September. This total is 1 incident below the 89 package thefts reported through the first eight months of last year.

The current leading neighborhoods for package thefts in 2019 are Mid-Cambridge with 17 (with a hotspot in the 200-300 blocks of Harvard St), Riverside with 13 (with a hotspot in the 300-500 blocks of Franklin St), and Cambridgeport and Inman with 10 each.

Temporally, weekday afternoons, particularly Tuesday and Thursday, have been the most reported day of the week for this crime to occur.

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Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.19 – 9.2.19



The shoplifting total for the first eight months of 2019 is 227 incidents, 10 incidents (-4%) below the total for the same time period in 2018. The 227 shopliftings reported over the first 35 weeks of the year translate to a decline of 6 incidents (-3%) below the number forecasted for the first 245 days of 2019.

There have been 85 shoplifting incidents recorded at the CambridgeSide Mall over the first eight months of 2019. The temporal trend identified for these crimes is on weekends between 4PM and 9PM.

Increase in shoplifting activity at Porter Square Mall with 13 incidents in past three months

There have been 58 shoplifting incidents reported at retail establishments in Central Square, almost all between 500 and 700 Mass Ave. The majority of these crimes have occurred between 1PM and 5PM on weekday afternoons.

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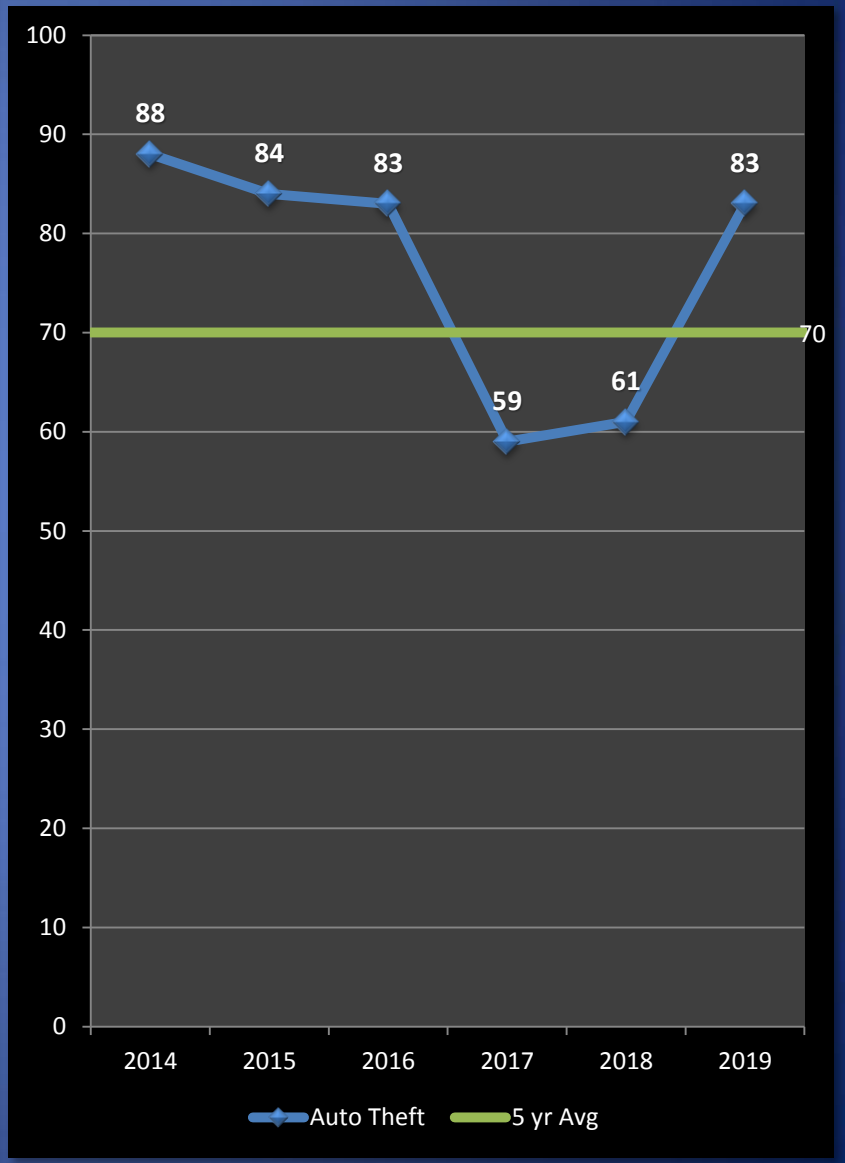
AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-31%	+36%	+19%

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first eight months of the year is 70 incidents. With 83 thefts reported in 2019 through September 2nd, we are 19% above the average and 36% above the 61 reported during this time frame in 2018.
- There were 16 auto thefts reported in August, 12 in July and 16 reported in June. Over these three months, only 11 involved thefts of mopeds, scooters, or motorcycles, with six taking place in August. Usually these are more frequent in the summer months, but has not been the case in 2019.
- One trend that emerged in June was the thefts of older model Toyotas from the Cambridgeport / Riverside area of the city. Many of these vehicles were also recovered in the same neighborhoods, leading to the speculation that some of these incidents may have involved thefts for joyriding purposes by suspects who live in the area. A juvenile from Cambridge was arrested after he was caught driving one of the stolen Toyotas in Somerville on July 12th. He is believed to be one of several juveniles involved in this series of thefts.
- Six of the 11 auto thefts reported in January 2019 involved Zipcar vehicles that were stolen from two parking garages in the Kendall Square area. This ended with the arrest of a juvenile in Boston who was caught driving one of the stolen vehicles. There has been similar sporadic activity reported in August with the same parties believed to be responsible.
- Only 16 vehicles so far in 2019 have been stolen from north of the Harvard Square area; the 67 other thefts took place in the lower half of the city. The Neighborhood breakdown is as follows: Riverside with 17, The Port with 12, East Cambridge with 11, Cambridgeport with 10, MIT with 9, North Cambridge with 8, Inman and West Cambridge with 4 each, Mid-Cambridge with 3, the Highlands and Peabody with 2 each and Agassiz with 1.
- Notably, at least 34 (or 41%) of the vehicles stolen this year have been recovered.



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