



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

January 2019

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

A review of serious crime statistics for the first month of 2019 (from January 1st to January 28th) points to a tangible increase of 15% in the Part One index total for Cambridge. During January of this year, there were 139 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 121 incidents, 18 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a moderate 9% drop in the crime index has been registered.

Further analysis of the crime totals for January of 2019 indicates that violent crimes recorded a substantial 29% decrease to start the year, while property crimes jumped upward 26% with 25 additional crimes reported when compared with January of 2018. There was one incident of shots being fired in Cambridge during the first 28 days of 2018.

When measuring the serious crime totals of January 2019 versus the previous month of December 2018, there has been a measurable dip of 14% in the number of index incidents with 23 fewer crimes counted in the first month of this year. The 37% decrease in larcenies from residences when compared with the previous month was the key indicator fueling this decline.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	12/4/18 - 12/31/18	1/1/19 - 1/28/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	17	17	0%	24	17	-29%	20	-15%
Total Property Crime	145	122	-16%	97	122	26%	133	-8%
Total Part I Crime	162	139	-14%	121	139	15%	153	-9%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first month of 2019 indicates a 26% increase when measured against the 2018 totals and an 8% reduction below the five-year average, with 25 additional incidents above last January and 11 crimes under the 133 reports forecasted for this time period.

Six of the major property crime categories recorded inclines when measured against last January, most notably a 122% rise in larceny from motor vehicles. Other property crimes registering upticks when compared with last January include: housebreaks (+125%); larceny from residence (+44%); larceny of bicycles (+800%) and auto theft (+83%).

	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date				Five Year	
	12/4/18 - 12/31/18	1/1/19 - 1/28/19	Change		2018	2019	Change		Avg	Change
Burglary	7	10	43%		8	10	25%		22	-55%
Commercial Break	1	1	0%		4	1	-75%		3	-67%
Housebreak	6	9	50%		4	9	125%		18	-50%
Larceny	134	101	-25%		83	101	22%		105	-4%
Larceny (Misc)	4	2	-50%		3	2	-33%		3	-33%
Larceny from Building	23	15	-35%		16	15	-6%		21	-29%
Larceny from MV	21	20	-5%		9	20	122%		21	-5%
Larceny from Person	10	7	-30%		7	7	0%		10	-30%
Larceny from Residence	41	26	-37%		18	26	44%		17	53%
Larceny of Bicycle	13	9	-31%		1	9	800%		5	80%
Larceny of Plate	2	1	-50%		0	1	IN-CALC		2	-50%
Larceny of Services	0	1	IN-CALC		1	1	0%		1	0%
Shoplifting	20	20	0%		28	20	-29%		24	-17%
Auto Theft	4	11	175%		6	11	83%		6	83%
Total Property Crime	145	122	-16%		97	122	26%		133	-8%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to January 28th of 2019, there were 17 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, seven incidents below last year (-29%) and three fewer violent crimes (-15%) than the 20 incidents forecasted for the first month of the year.

With three robberies counted in the first month of 2019, one categorized as commercial and two classified as street incidents, there was a decrease of three incidents (-50%) when compared with last January. After recording three rapes in January of 2018, zero sexual assaults were reported during the first month of this year. The five-year average for January is two rapes committed in Cambridge.

The first homicide in Cambridge since November of 2017 occurred on the night of January 2nd, 2019. Shortly after 6:30PM, patrol officers responded to the New Street side of Danehy Park where a man was found suffering from apparent head trauma. Paul Wilson, 60, of Cambridge died after being taken to an area hospital. This case remains under investigation.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	12/4/18 - 12/31/18	1/1/19 - 1/28/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	1	IN-CALC	0	1	IN-CALC	0	IN-CALC
Rape	2	0	-100%	3	0	IN-CALC	2	-100%
Robbery	2	3	50%	6	3	-50%	5	-40%
Commercial Robbery	0	1	IN-CALC	5	1	-80%	3	-67%
Street Robbery	2	2	0%	1	2	100%	1	100%
Aggravated Assault	13	13	0%	15	13	-13%	14	-7%
Total Violent Crime	17	17	0%	24	17	-29%	20	-15%



MURDER

No Patterns

- Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Cambridge Police Commissioner Branville Bard Jr. 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 victim has been identified as Paul Wilson, 60, of Cambridge. Mr. Wilson resided in a nearby apartment complex and was known to frequently use the park for both recreation and to walk to work. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been a motive.

Members of the public are encouraged to exercise caution in the areas surrounding the park. Authorities have not determined if this attack was random or targeted. Anyone with any information related to this incident may contact Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office at (781) 897-6600. Tips may be anonymous.

- No murders were recorded in Cambridge in 2018. The last murder in the City involved a fatal shooting on the night of November 16, 2017, in the area of Tremont and Hampshire Streets. Malachi Mims, 28, of Cambridge, was 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.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

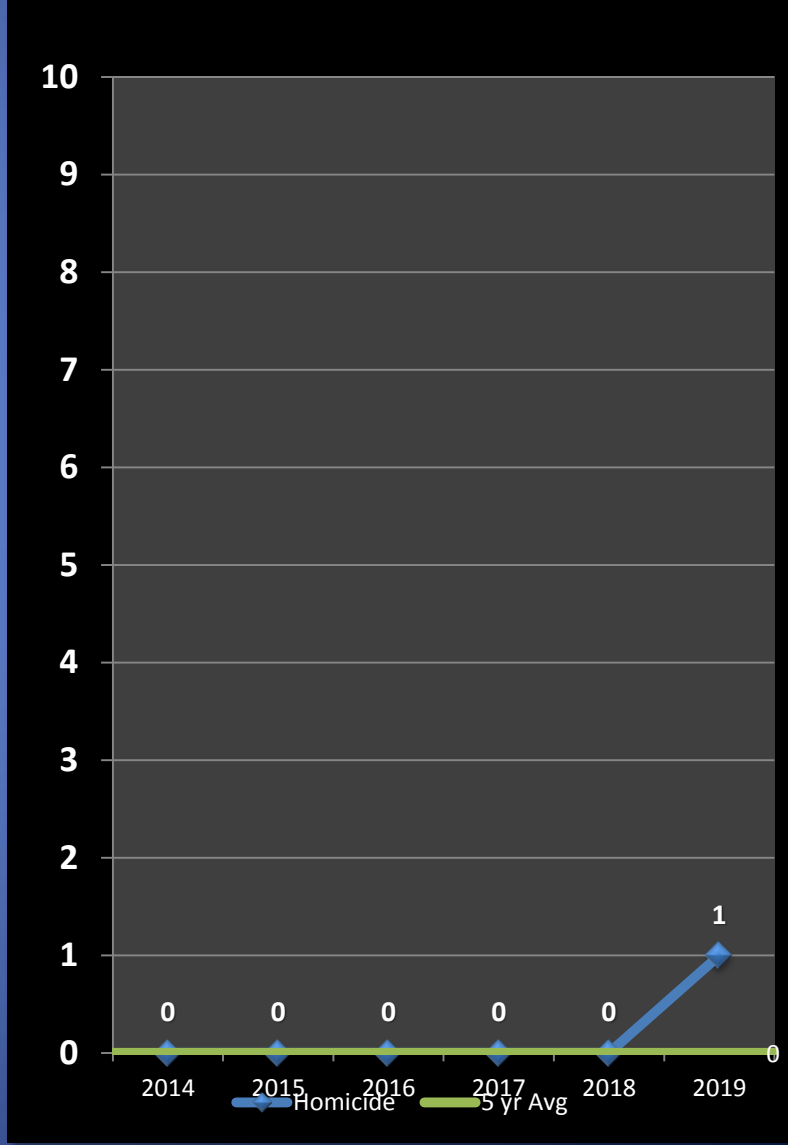
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Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

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

- 60 people murdered in 55 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 41 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (29 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 18 of the 55 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 25 of the 34 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 and 2017. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2017

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 2017

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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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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2017

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



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

- After recording three rapes in January of 2018, zero sexual assaults were reported during the first month of 2019. The five-year average for rape in Cambridge in January is two incidents.
- The final tabulation indicates that there were 29 rapes reported in Cambridge through December 31st of 2018, which is 10 incidents (+53%) above the final total recorded for 2017. Analysis of the sudden surge for this crime in 2018 points to the long-standing trend that rape numbers can fluctuate erratically from month-to-month and year-to-year.
- Summary of Rapes reported in the 4th Quarter of 2018 in Cambridge: three rapes were recorded in December, two domestic incidents and a contact scenario. One rape was counted in November and was categorized as an acquaintance situation. There were six rapes reported during October of 2018 in Cambridge. One of the incidents was categorized as a blitz sexual assault, one was domestic, and the remaining four were incidents involving acquaintances.

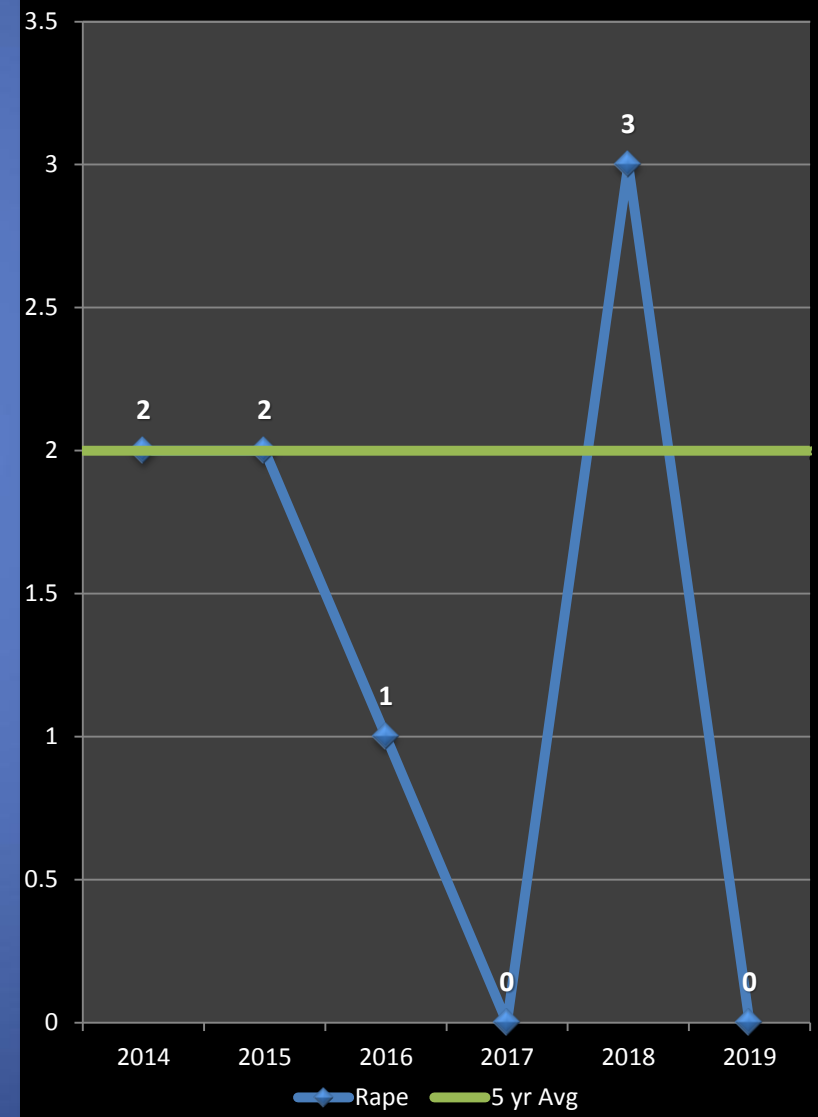
Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks
-100%

Previous Year
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5-Year Average
-100%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The aggravated assault total for January 2019 is two incidents (13%) below the total for the first month of 2018. Similarly, a slight decline of 7% was accrued under the five-year average, with one incident reported below the 14 crimes forecasted for the first month of the year.
- The 13 aggravated assaults reported in January of 2019 were composed of the following classifications: 2 unprovoked scenarios; 3 domestic altercations; one homeless dispute; 1 assault on a police officer; 3 road rage incidents; a workplace fight; a landlord/neighbor disagreement; and a brawl that resulted in shots fired. In this last incident, CPD arrested a Somerville man on January 24th, 2019 in the only gunfire incident of the month for a shooting without victims on 1.23.19 at Columbia & Cambridge Streets.
- The 189 aggravated assaults reported in 2018 revealed a 9% increase over 2017 and were comprised of the following classifications: 63 domestic altercations; 37 unprovoked scenarios; 19 fights among acquaintances; 14 juvenile related; 13 road rage incidents; 12 homeless disputes; 9 escalated brawls; 5 assaults between shop owners and patrons; 5 assaults on a police officer; 3 bar/alcohol fights; 3 escalated psychotic episodes; 3 landlord/neighbor disputes; 1 drug deal gone awry; 1 workplace incident; and 1 incident involving a third lover.

Percent Change

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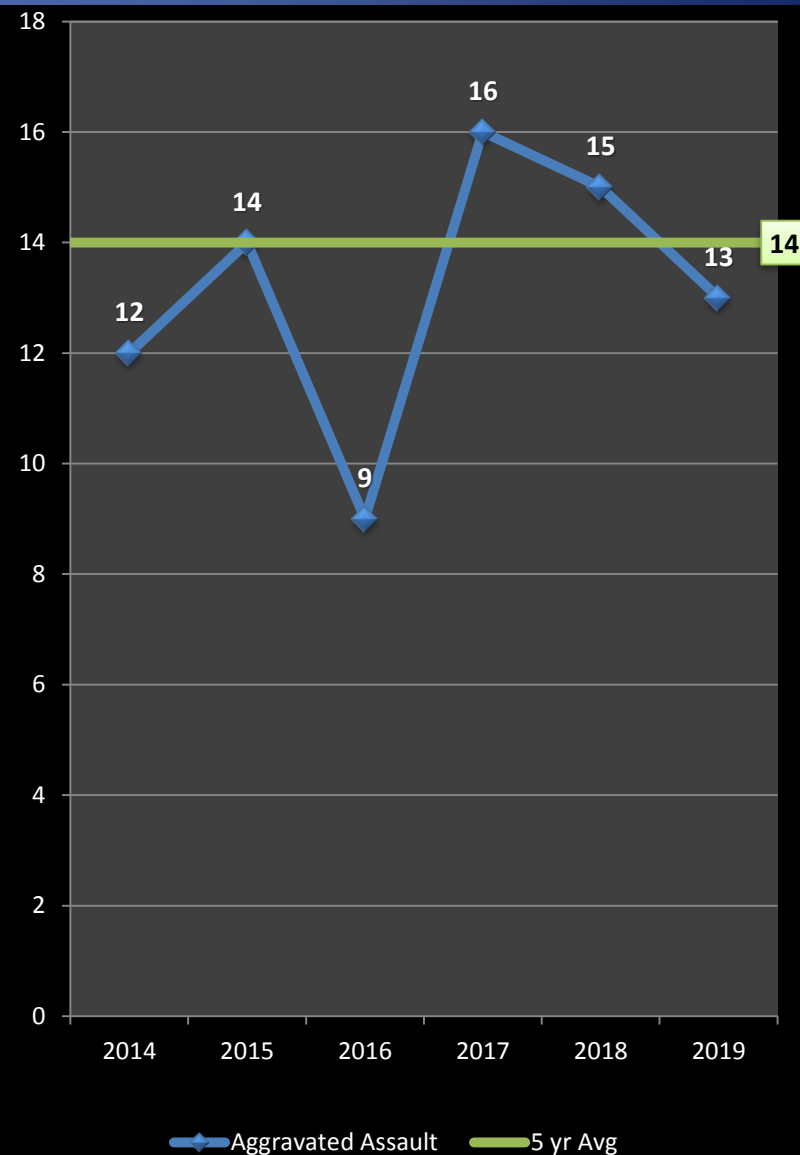
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Previous Year

-13%

5-Year Average

-7%





Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.18 to 12.31.18

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Assault total for North Cambridge in 2018: 13 incidents – 45% were domestic

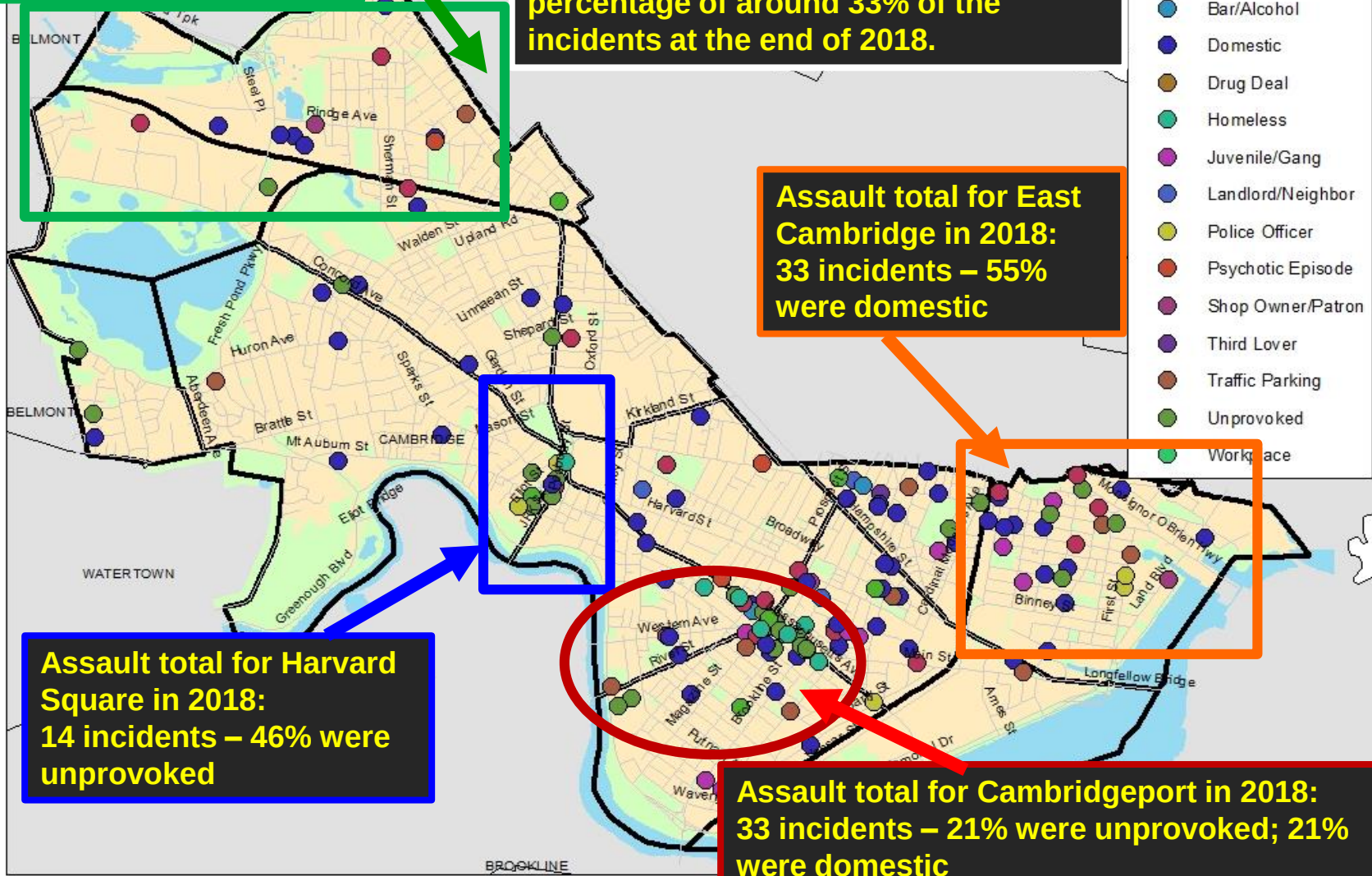
Domestic assaults, which accounted for 45% of all incidents in this category during the first quarter, has been reduced to the long-standing percentage of around 33% of the incidents at the end of 2018.

Assault total for East Cambridge in 2018: 33 incidents – 55% were domestic

Assault total for Harvard Square in 2018: 14 incidents – 46% were unprovoked

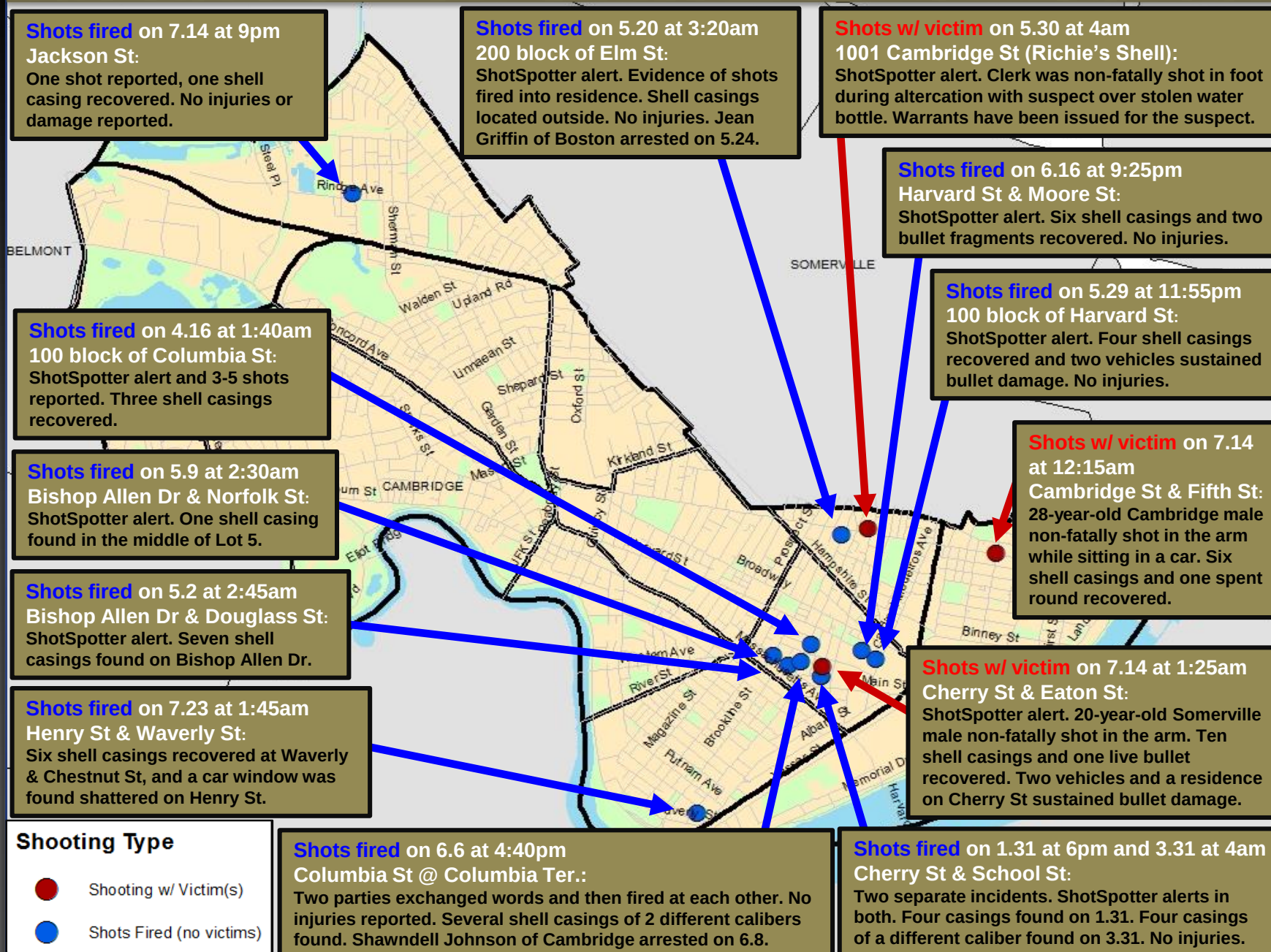
Assault total for Cambridgeport in 2018: 33 incidents – 21% were unprovoked; 21% were domestic

- Aggravated Assault Category**
- Acquaintance
 - Affray/Brawl
 - Bar/Alcohol
 - Domestic
 - Drug Deal
 - Homeless
 - Juvenile/Gang
 - Landlord/Neighbor
 - Police Officer
 - Psychotic Episode
 - Shop Owner/Patron
 - Third Lover
 - Traffic Parking
 - Unprovoked
 - Workplace



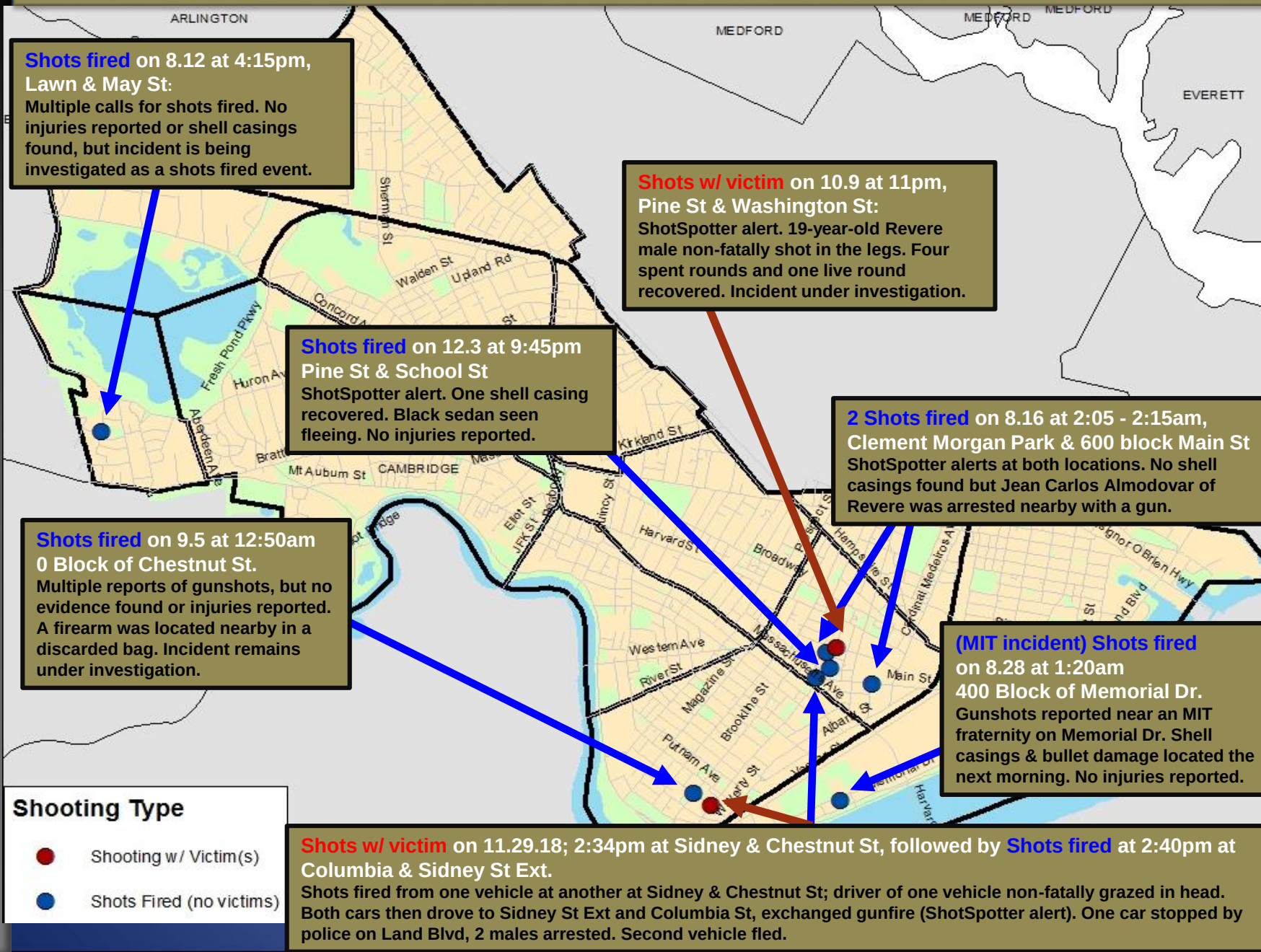


Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.18 - 7.31.18





Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 8.1.18 - 12.31.18





Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first month of the year is five incidents. During January of 2019, three robberies were recorded which translates to a 40% decrease below the projected total and a 50% decline under the six robberies counted for the first month of 2018. There has been only one commercial robbery so far this year, a shoplifting at the Galleria that escalated into a violent confrontation, and two unrelated street robberies: an acquaintance incident at the Mall and a purse snatch in Central Square.
- Street robberies were down 5% in 2018 with three fewer crimes recorded. Since October 1st of 2018 there have been only 20 street robberies recorded in the City of Cambridge. The majority of these incidents were scattered geographically and unrelated with dissimilar methods of operation. The Crime Analysis Unit has not identified a street robbery pattern in the City in over 18 months.
- Final numbers for 2018 indicate that the total of 37 commercial robberies recorded in 2018 represented a 5% decline from the previous year with two fewer incidents registered. All six of the commercial robberies in the City between November 1st of 2018 and January 28th of 2019 have been shopliftings that escalated into violent confrontations. There were two of these types of incidents each in Harvard Square, Central Square and at the Galleria Mall.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

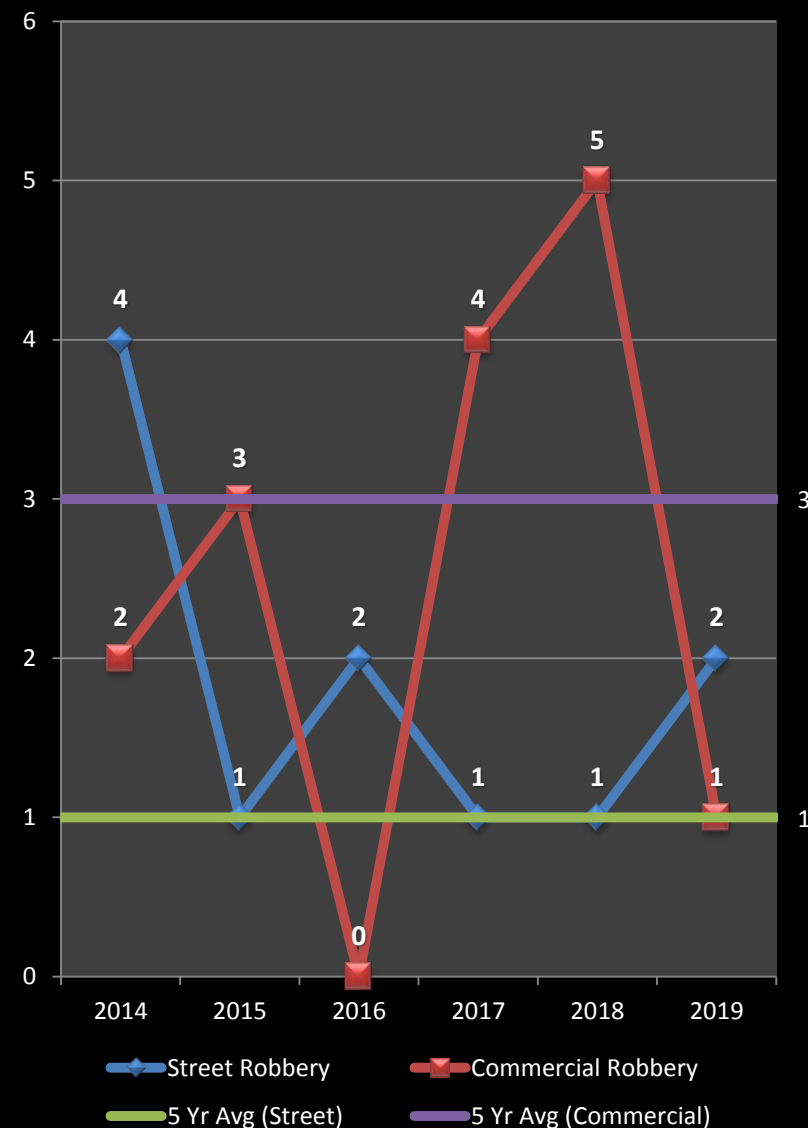
+50%

Previous Year

-50%

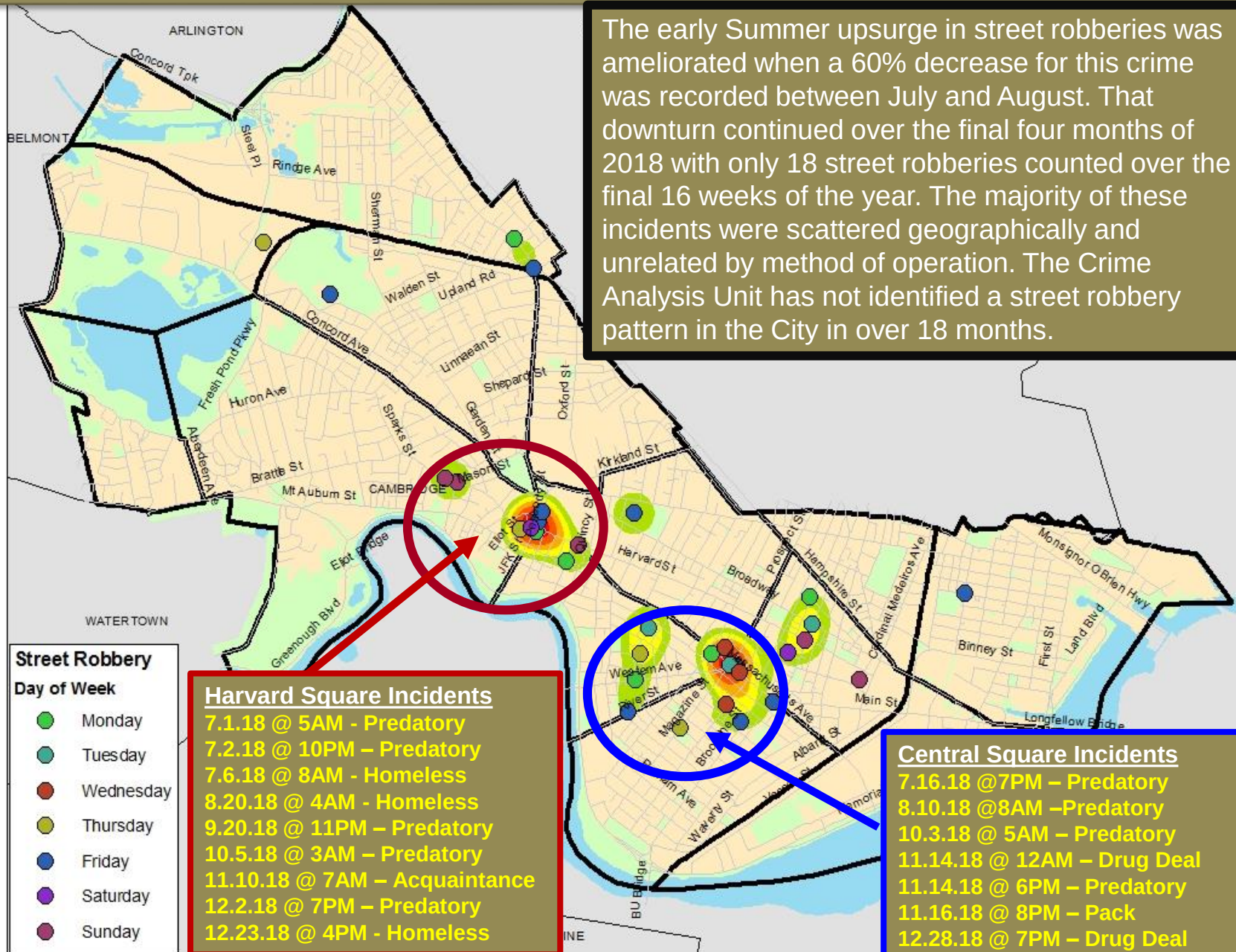
5-Year Average

-40%





Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 7.1.18 to 12.31.18





Burglary

Patterns Cooling

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a significant decrease of 55% in January of 2019 when compared to the five-year average, with 12 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 22 breaks. However, when compared with last year's historically low total of eight incidents for the first month of the year, a 25% increase has been registered (up two incidents in 2019).
- The final 2018 numbers for the property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, point to a rock-solid drop of 21% below the five-year average, with 66 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 318 breaks. When January 2019 figures are compared with January 2018, there was no change recorded with 252 burglaries counted in each of the years.
- A minimal dip in housebreaks was recorded from 203 incidents in 2017 to 196 (-3%) in 2018. When measured against the five-year average for housebreaks, there was a considerable decrease of 24% with 63 fewer incidents recorded than the 259 forecasted for 2018.
- Housebreaks have been on a downward spiral over the past 3 months with 10 forced entries to residences in November of 2018 and a continuing nosedive with seven breaks counted in December and nine in the first month of 2019.
- Since late Fall of 2018, the CPD has been monitoring a regional series of housebreaks in Watertown, Arlington, Newton, Quincy, and Belmont. Three breaks in Cambridge late in 2018 may be related to this series. Nothing additional reported in this City in the past two months.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

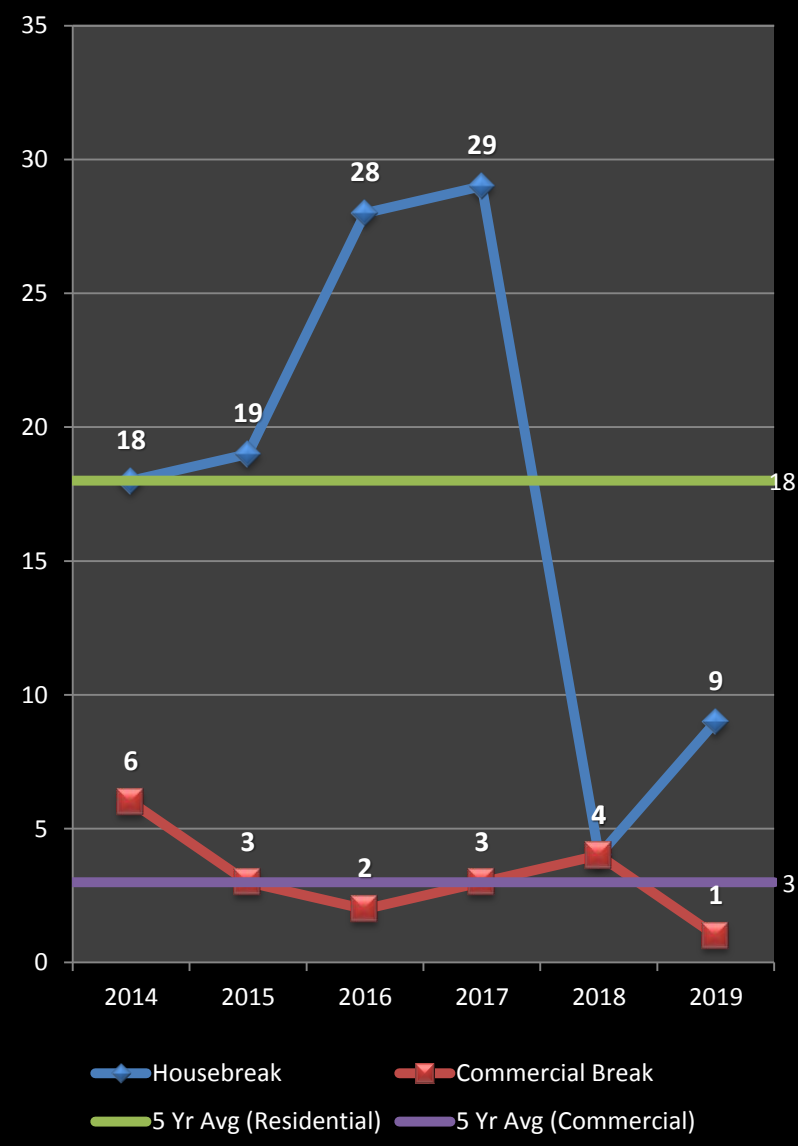
Previous Year

5-Year Average

+43%

+25%

-55%





Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.18 – 6.30.18

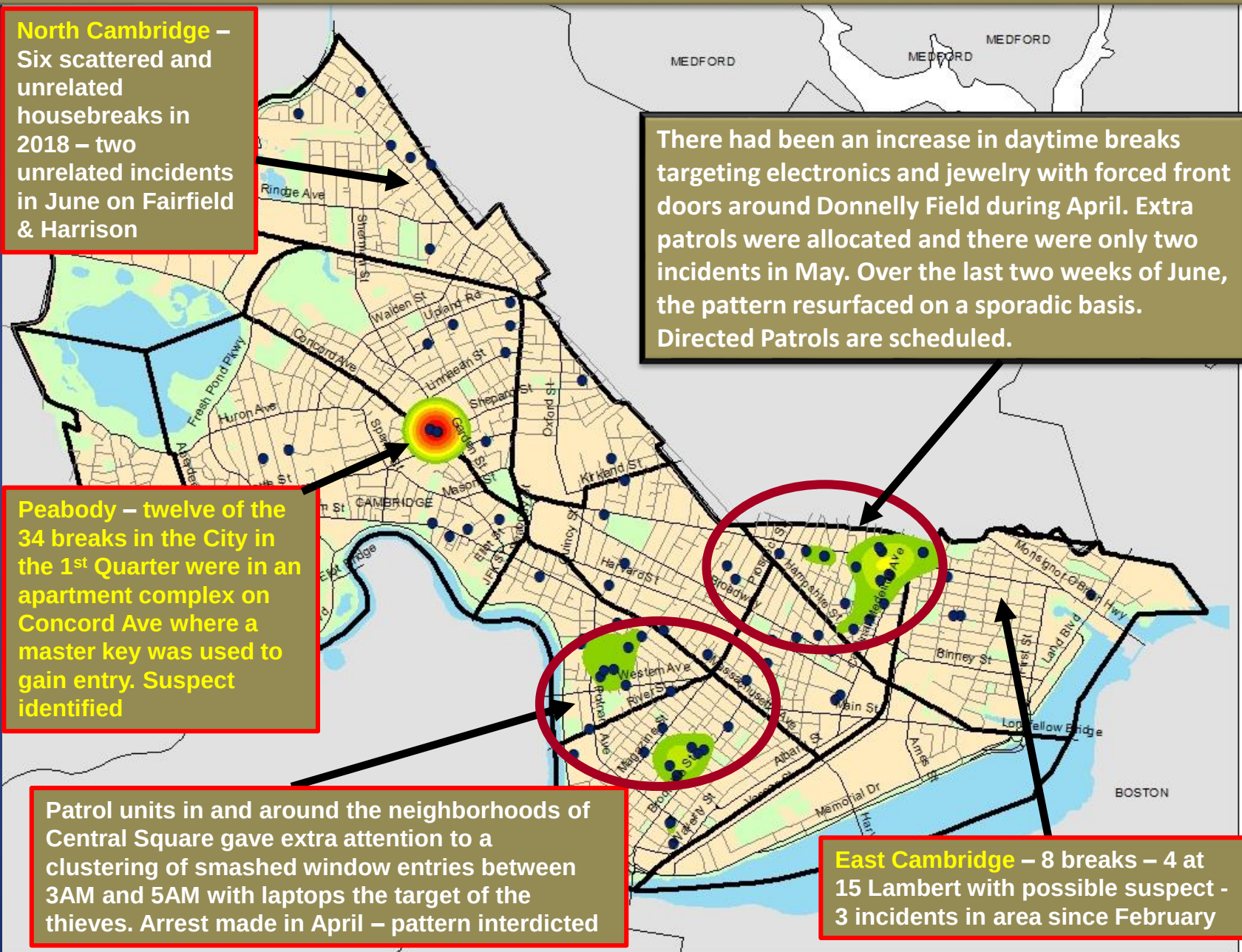
North Cambridge – Six scattered and unrelated housebreaks in 2018 – two unrelated incidents in June on Fairfield & Harrison

There had been an increase in daytime breaks targeting electronics and jewelry with forced front doors around Donnelly Field during April. Extra patrols were allocated and there were only two incidents in May. Over the last two weeks of June, the pattern resurfaced on a sporadic basis. Directed Patrols are scheduled.

Peabody – twelve of the 34 breaks in the City in the 1st Quarter were in an apartment complex on Concord Ave where a master key was used to gain entry. Suspect identified

Patrol units in and around the neighborhoods of Central Square gave extra attention to a clustering of smashed window entries between 3AM and 5AM with laptops the target of the thieves. Arrest made in April – pattern interdicted

East Cambridge – 8 breaks – 4 at 15 Lambert with possible suspect - 3 incidents in area since February





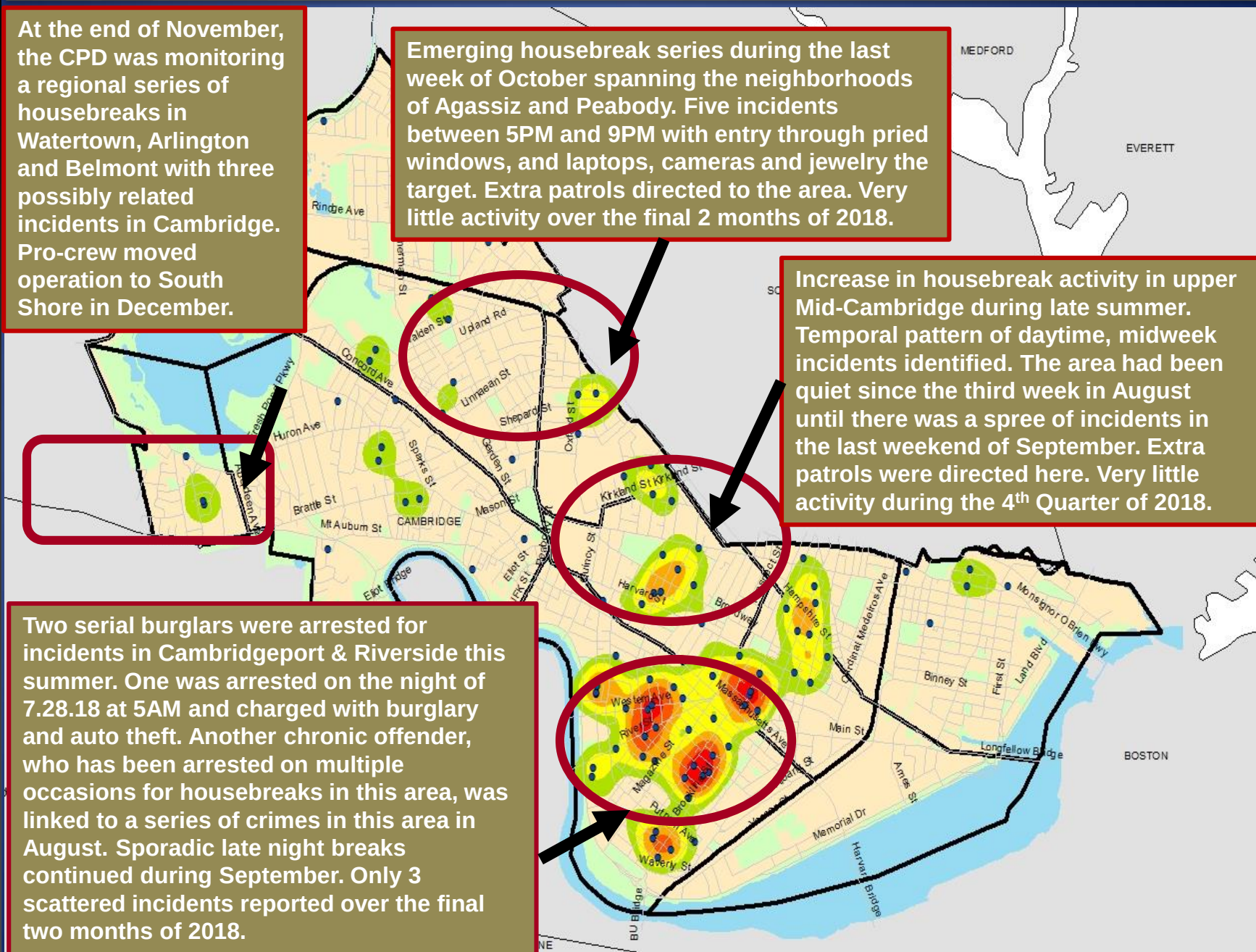
Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 7.1.18 – 12.31.18

At the end of November, the CPD was monitoring a regional series of housebreaks in Watertown, Arlington and Belmont with three possibly related incidents in Cambridge. Pro-crew moved operation to South Shore in December.

Emerging housebreak series during the last week of October spanning the neighborhoods of Agassiz and Peabody. Five incidents between 5PM and 9PM with entry through pried windows, and laptops, cameras and jewelry the target. Extra patrols directed to the area. Very little activity over the final 2 months of 2018.

Increase in housebreak activity in upper Mid-Cambridge during late summer. Temporal pattern of daytime, midweek incidents identified. The area had been quiet since the third week in August until there was a spree of incidents in the last weekend of September. Extra patrols were directed here. Very little activity during the 4th Quarter of 2018.

Two serial burglars were arrested for incidents in Cambridgeport & Riverside this summer. One was arrested on the night of 7.28.18 at 5AM and charged with burglary and auto theft. Another chronic offender, who has been arrested on multiple occasions for housebreaks in this area, was linked to a series of crimes in this area in August. Sporadic late night breaks continued during September. Only 3 scattered incidents reported over the final two months of 2018.



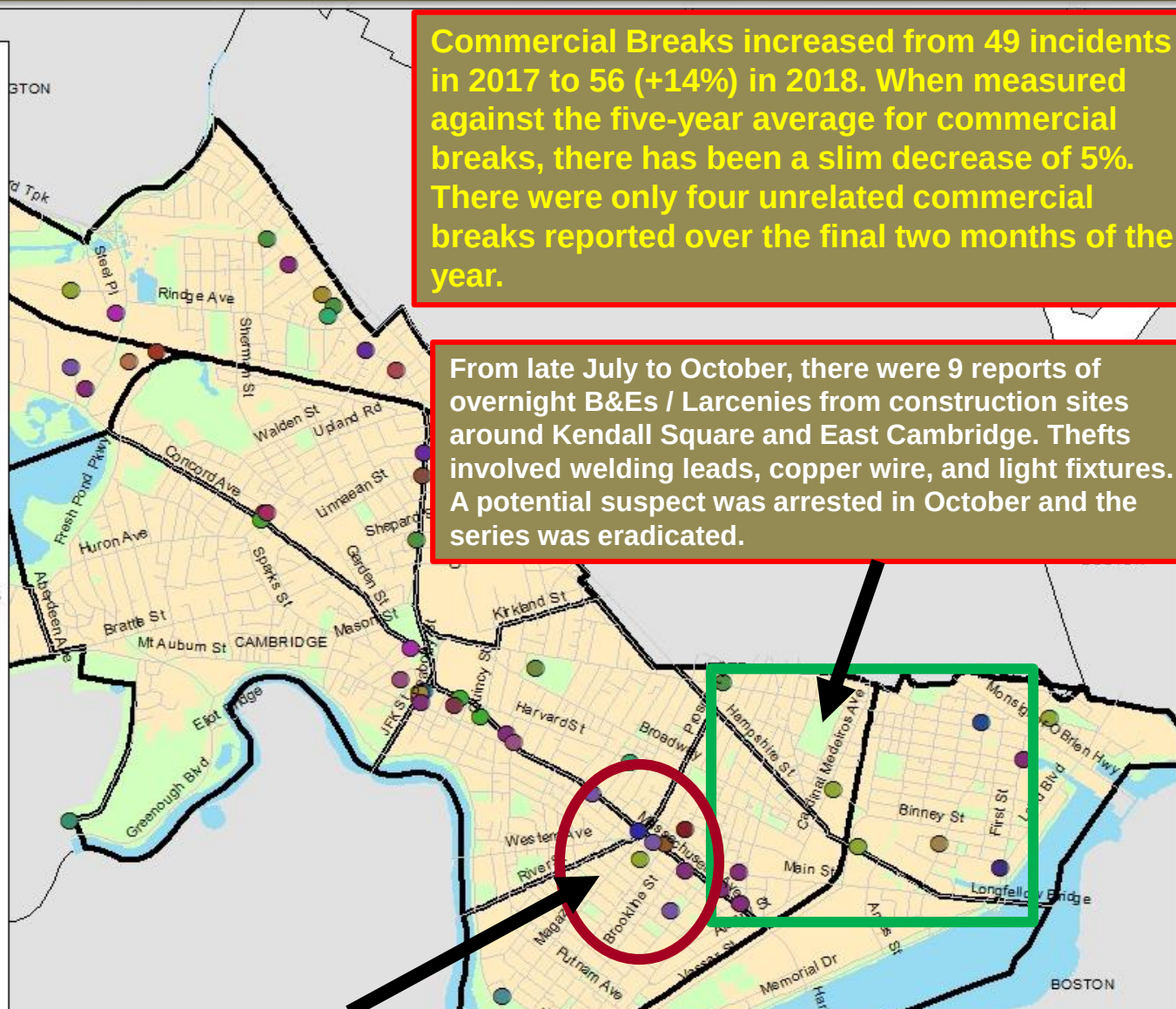


Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.18 to 12.31.18

Commercial Break

Premise Type

- ATM
- Accounting Firm
- Antique
- Bank
- Café
- Cemetery
- Church
- Cinema
- Commercial Unknown
- Construction Site
- Convenience Store
- Drug Store
- Electronics/Computers
- Eyeglass/Optician
- Gasoline Station
- Hair/Beauty
- Hotel/Motel
- Liquor Store
- Office Park
- Parking Garage
- Restaurant/Bar
- Retail Other
- School
- Social Club
- Sporting Goods
- Youth Center



Commercial Breaks increased from 49 incidents in 2017 to 56 (+14%) in 2018. When measured against the five-year average for commercial breaks, there has been a slim decrease of 5%. There were only four unrelated commercial breaks reported over the final two months of the year.

From late July to October, there were 9 reports of overnight B&Es / Larcenies from construction sites around Kendall Square and East Cambridge. Thefts involved welding leads, copper wire, and light fixtures. A potential suspect was arrested in October and the series was eradicated.

Restaurants were the targets of six of the nine commercial breaks in Central Square over the past five months. The temporal trend identified pointed to activity late on weekend nights.



LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny for the first month of 2019 registered at 18 incidents (22%) above the same time frame in 2019.** The total of 101 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2019 is still 4% below the five-year average of 105 incidents through 1/28.
- **After coming off a 7% drop at the end of 2018, larcenies from MVs reversed direction during the first month of 2019 with an increase of 122% (11 incidents)** when compared with January of last year. However, this property crime is still down 5% when compared with the 5-year average, with 1 fewer incident than the projected total of 21 thefts.
- **Through the first month of 2019, larcenies from the person are running even with 2018, with 7 incidents reported in January of both years.** Central Square saw the most activity this January with 3 incidents, followed by the Galleria/East Cambridge area with 2 thefts at the same pizza place.
- **There have been 15 larcenies from buildings reported during the first month of 2019.** This is just one incident below the same time frame in 2018 and six (or 29%) below the 5-year average. There are no patterns of this crime type currently.
- **Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued in January 2019 with another 44% rise (+8 incidents) over last January.** Package thefts are largely responsible for last year's increase and have remained higher than expected in 2019 despite the end of the holiday season. See the package theft map slide for more information on this crime type.
- **Larceny of bicycle numbers in 2018 finished roughly on par with the totals reported in 2017 (307 in 2018 vs 303 in 2017).** However, thanks to the more moderate temperatures and reduced snowfall in January 2019 when compared with January 2018, bike thefts are up 8 incidents so far in 2019.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

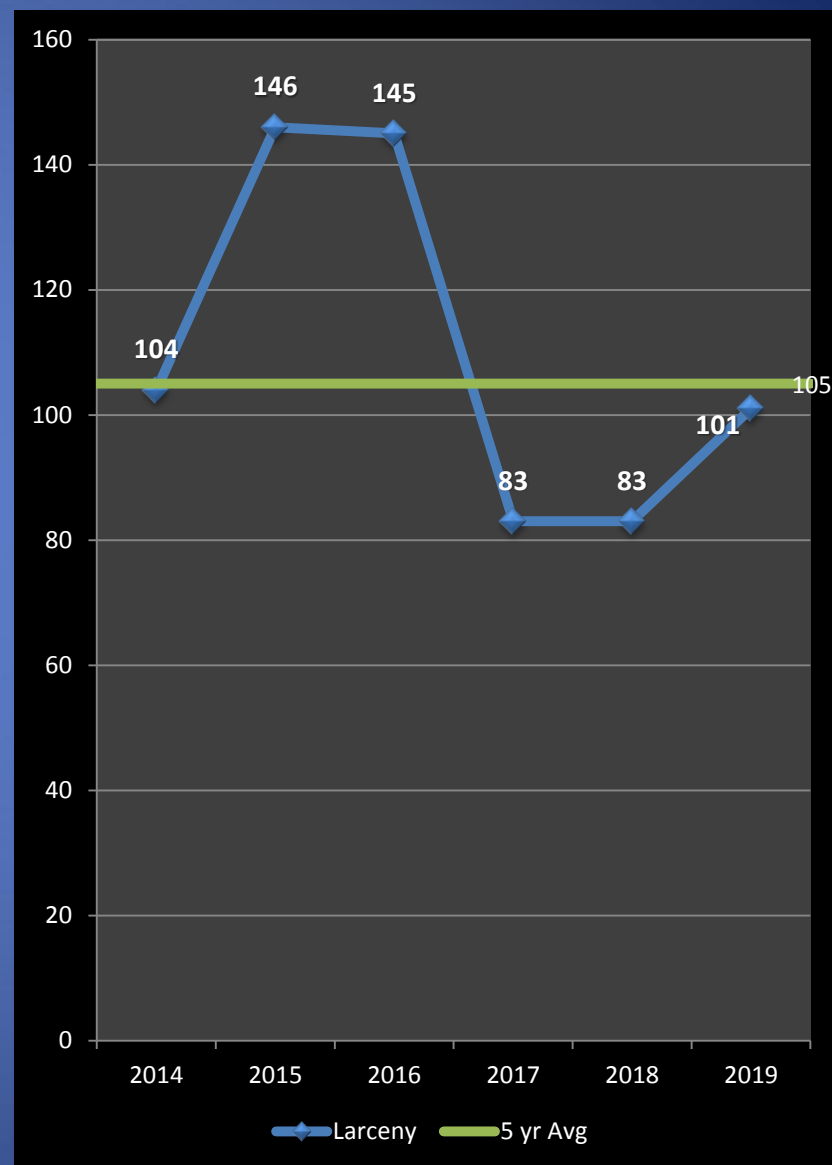
-25%

Previous Year

+22%

5-Year Average

-4%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- For the past two years, the Crime Analysis Unit has defined the total of larcenies from motor vehicles for the month of January, in non-snowstorm-affected months, as stunningly low numbers for this crime type. Despite the fact that the 20 thefts from vehicles for the first month of 2019 is 5% (one incident) below the 5-year average, a 122% increase when compared to last year has been accrued due to the historically low numbers counted in 2017 and 2018.
- The documented 2018 statistics for larcenies from motor vehicles indicate a moderate decrease of 7% for 2018 when compared with the same time period last year, with 19 fewer incidents reported through December 31st. This property crime has declined a prodigious 30% when measured against the five-year average, with 116 fewer incidents than the projected total of 386 thefts.
- During the last week of October in 2018, there were six thefts of catalytic converters from cars in parking lots in North Cambridge and the Peabody neighborhoods. Despite the fact that Boston has been reporting sporadic similar type crimes, these thefts are highly unusual for Cambridge with only one catalytic converter stolen since 2015. There were no catalytic converter thefts reported in the City over the final two months of 2018 or in January of 2019.
- Over the final two months of 2018, a known offender was connected to numerous car breaks and bike and package thefts in the Highlands and North Cambridge. An arrest of this subject has curtailed this activity.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

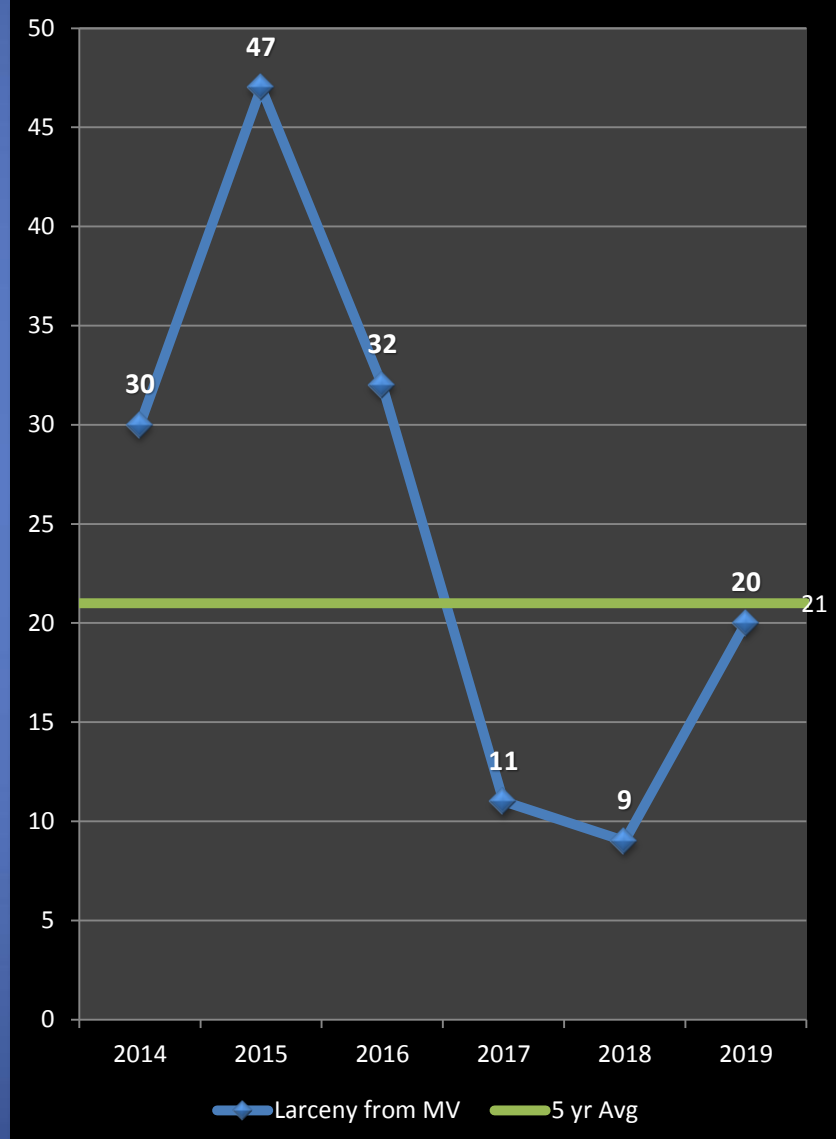
-5%

Previous Year

+122%

5-Year Average

-5%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.18 – 12.31.18

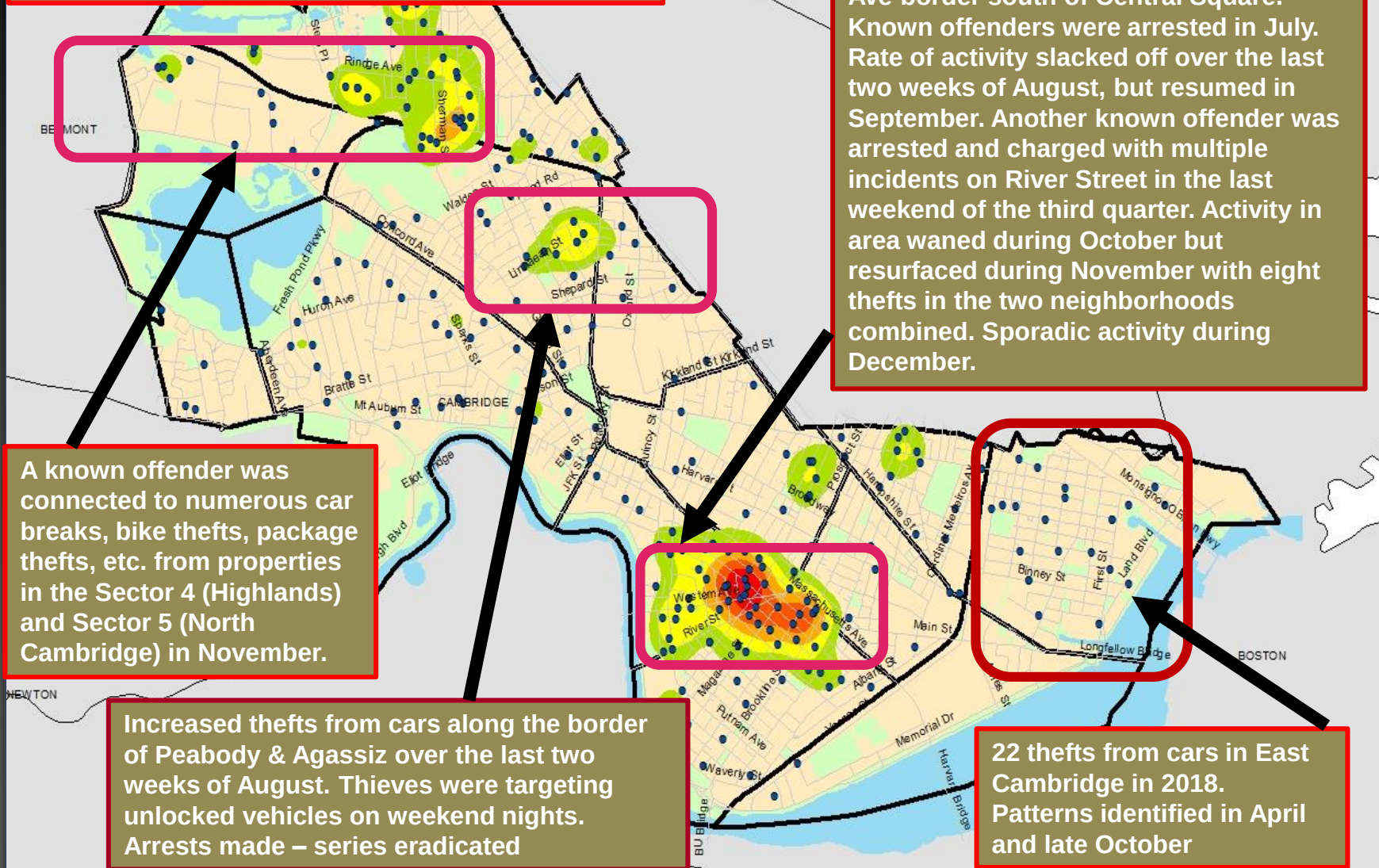
During the last week of October, there were six thefts of catalytic converters from cars in parking lots in North Cambridge. Zero reports over the final 2 months of 2018.

Sixty-five incidents combined in Riverside and Cambridgport in 2018 (25% of citywide total). Majority of incidents clustered along the River St / Western Ave border south of Central Square. Known offenders were arrested in July. Rate of activity slacked off over the last two weeks of August, but resumed in September. Another known offender was arrested and charged with multiple incidents on River Street in the last weekend of the third quarter. Activity in area waned during October but resurfaced during November with eight thefts in the two neighborhoods combined. Sporadic activity during December.

A known offender was connected to numerous car breaks, bike thefts, package thefts, etc. from properties in the Sector 4 (Highlands) and Sector 5 (North Cambridge) in November.

Increased thefts from cars along the border of Peabody & Agassiz over the last two weeks of August. Thieves were targeting unlocked vehicles on weekend nights. Arrests made – series eradicated

22 thefts from cars in East Cambridge in 2018. Patterns identified in April and late October

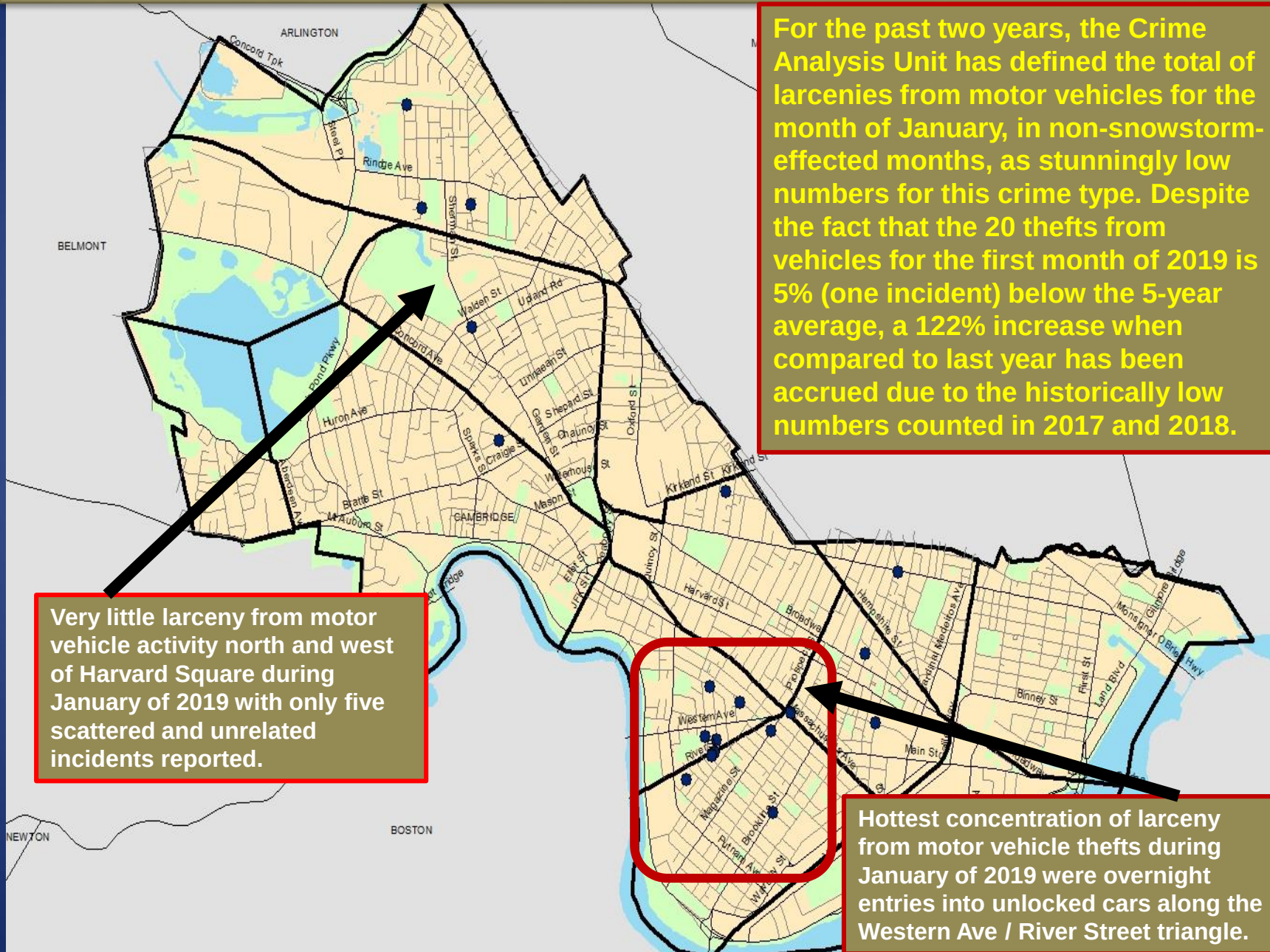




Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.19 – 1.28.19

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LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- Larceny from the person has started 2019 at an even level with the number reported during this same time frame in 2018. Through 1/28 of both years, seven incidents were reported.
- When comparing January 2019 to the previous month of December 2018, we have seen a 30% reduction, or three fewer incidents. The same is true when comparing the first month of 2019 to the five-year average of 10.
- Of the seven thefts reported thus far in 2019, three took place in Central Square (none of which occurred while victims were dining) and two were at the same restaurant in East Cambridge.

2018 Review:

- Larceny from the person in 2018 registered a minor increase of 5% percent above 2017, with eight additional incidents.
- Central Square saw the most activity in 2018 with 63 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 49 and the East Cambridge/Galleria area with 21 incidents.
- The most common scenario for the incidents in Central Square were thefts of nearby but unattended items (22) or pocket pickings (17). In Harvard Square, the dominant category was larcenies from the person while dining (20).
- 22 locations throughout the city reported more than one larceny from the person in 2018. The Galleria Mall saw the most with 16.
- No arrests were made in 2018 at the time of the thefts, but suspects were identified in 19 incidents.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

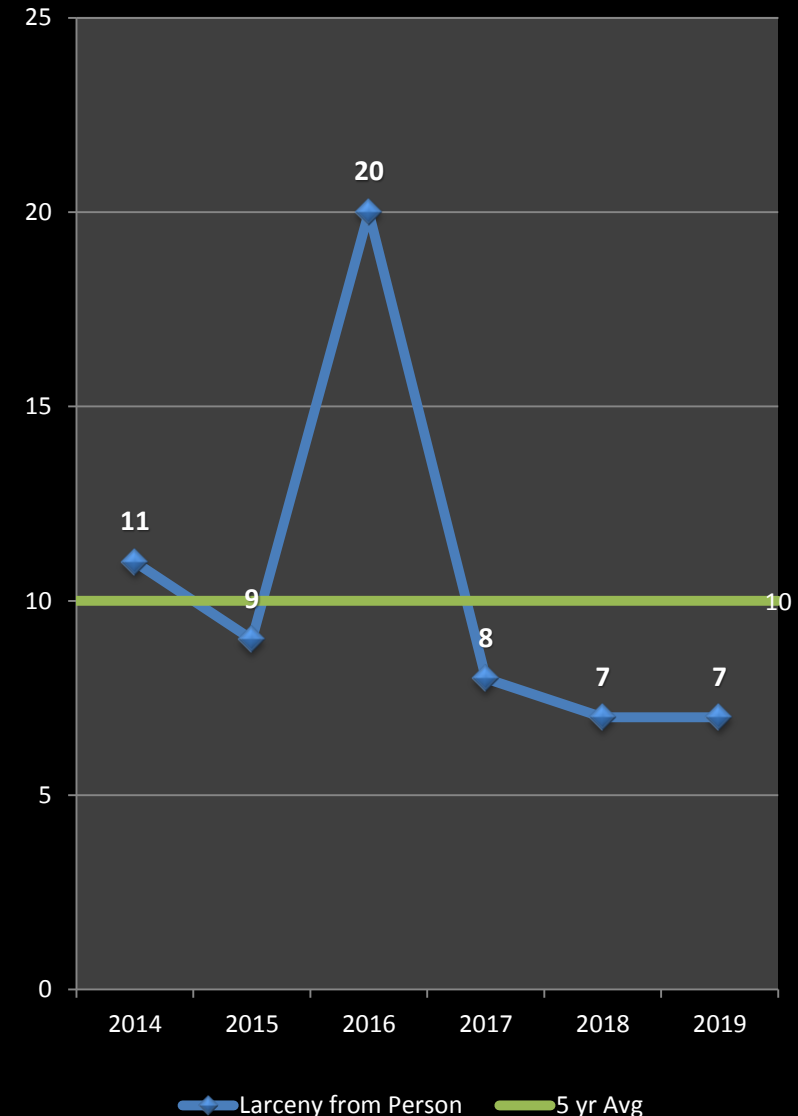
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Previous Year

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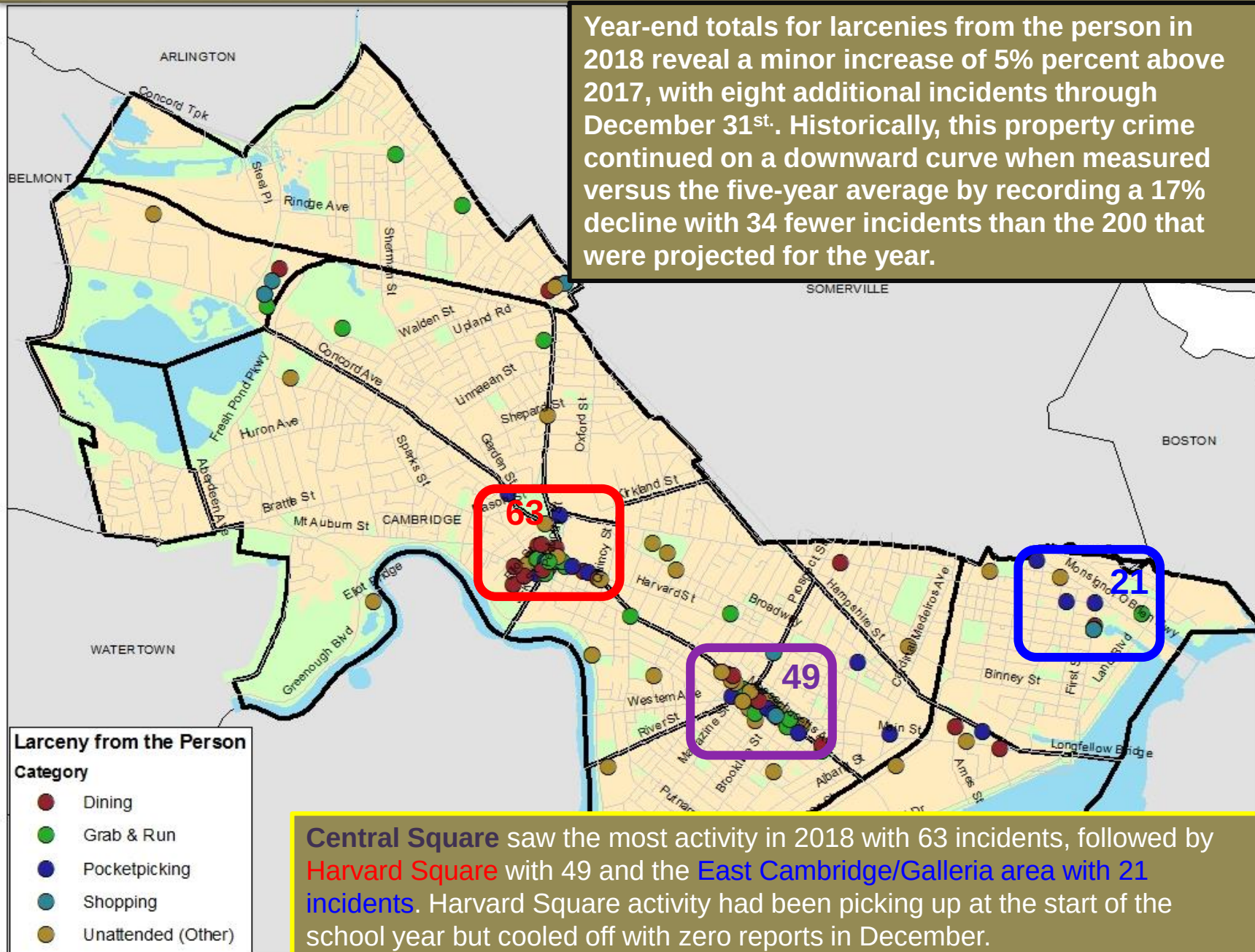
5-Year Average

-30%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Person: 1.1.18 – 12.31.18





LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

Typically, very few bike thefts are reported in Cambridge during the cold winter months due to lower overall ridership. However, thanks to the more moderate temperatures in January 2019 when compared with an exceptionally cold January 2018, bike thefts are up eight incidents so far in 2019. As seen by the chart to the right, the total of nine for this month must be tempered by the fact that the January 2018 total was an unusually low number even for January standards here in Cambridge.

2018 Review:

- The total of 307 thefts reported in 2018 was only four incidents above the number reported in 2017 and was 36 incidents (-10%) below the five-year average of 343.
- Of the 307 bike thefts reported, 224 were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.
- Although there are the typical hotspots for bike thefts in the major squares (Central & Harvard), there were no defined temporal or spatial patterns anywhere else in the city last year.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2018:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
West Cambridge	46	15%
Cambridgeport	44	14%
Riverside	38	12%
East Cambridge	36	12%
The Port	33	11%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

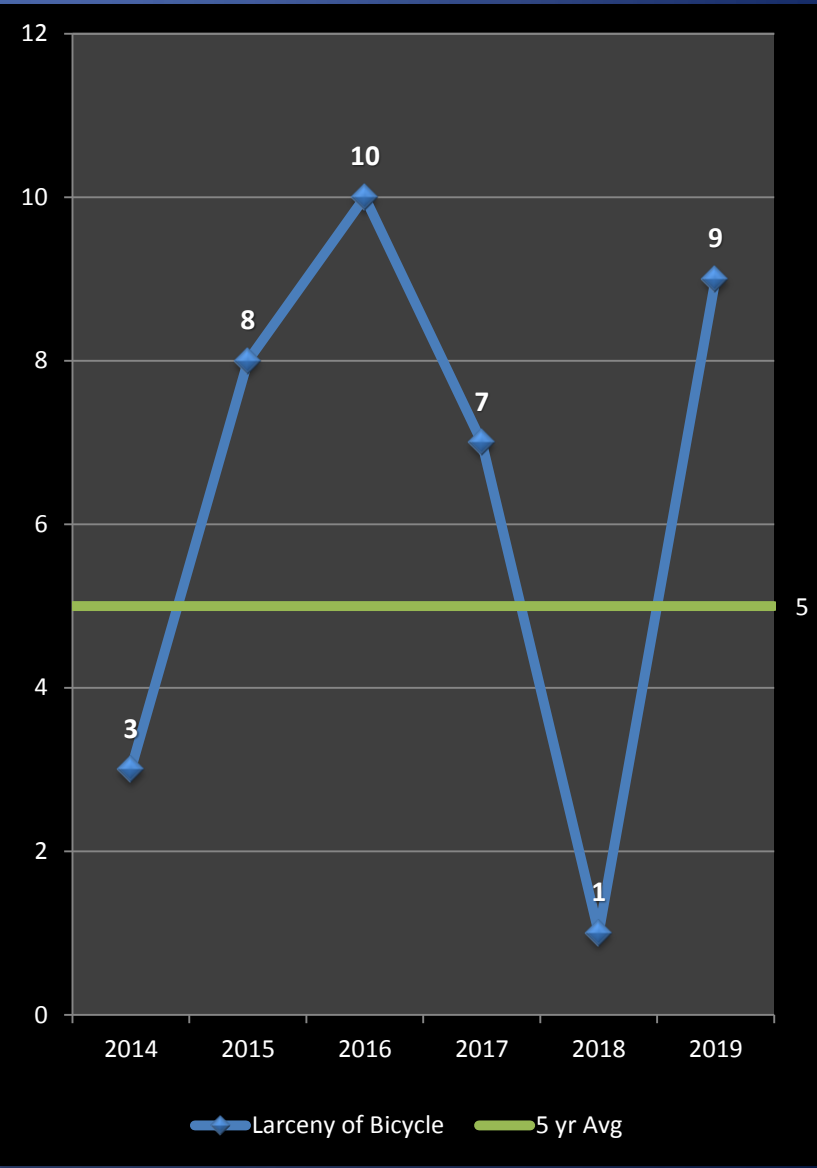
Previous Year

5-Year Average

-31%

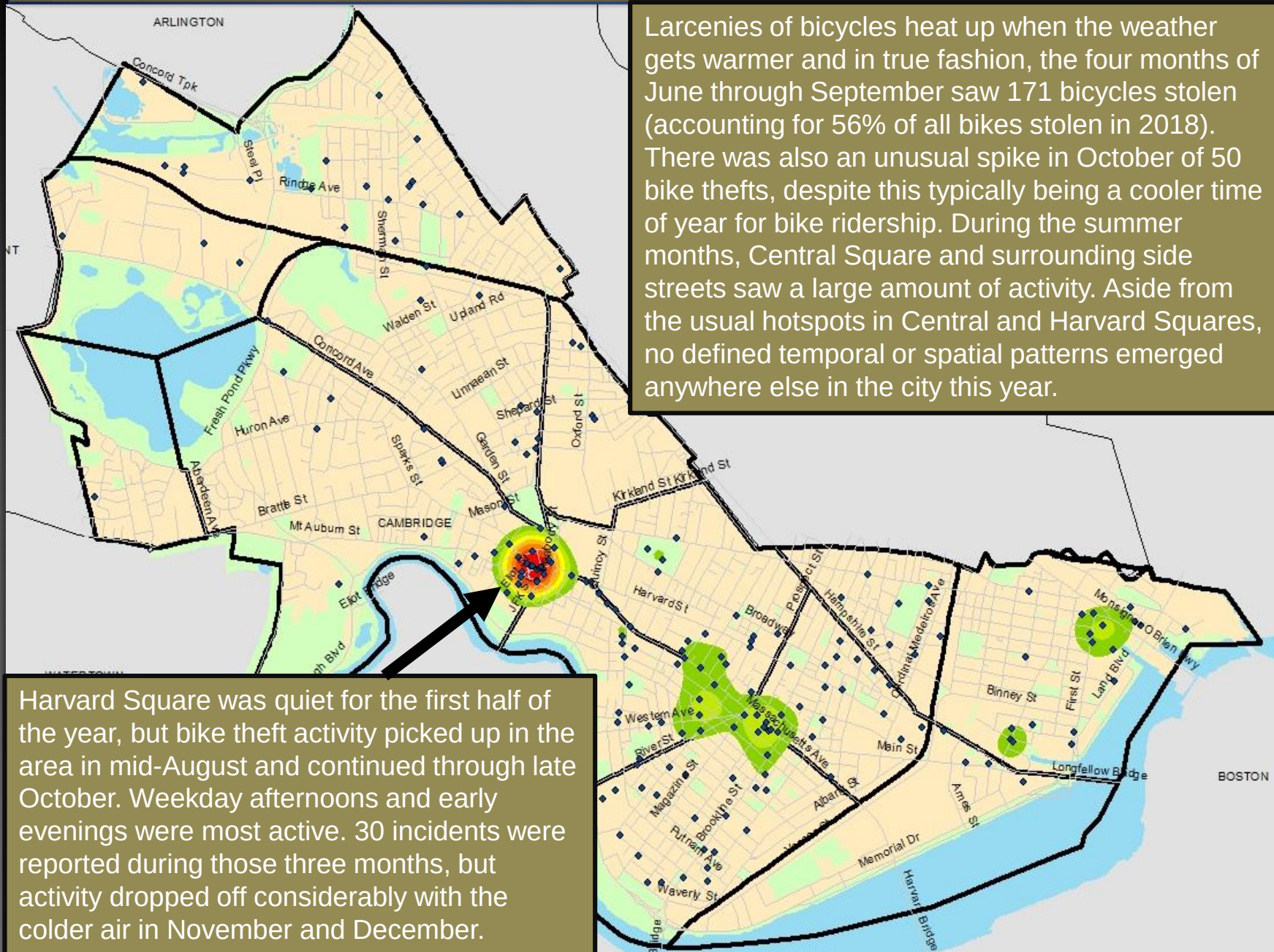
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+80%





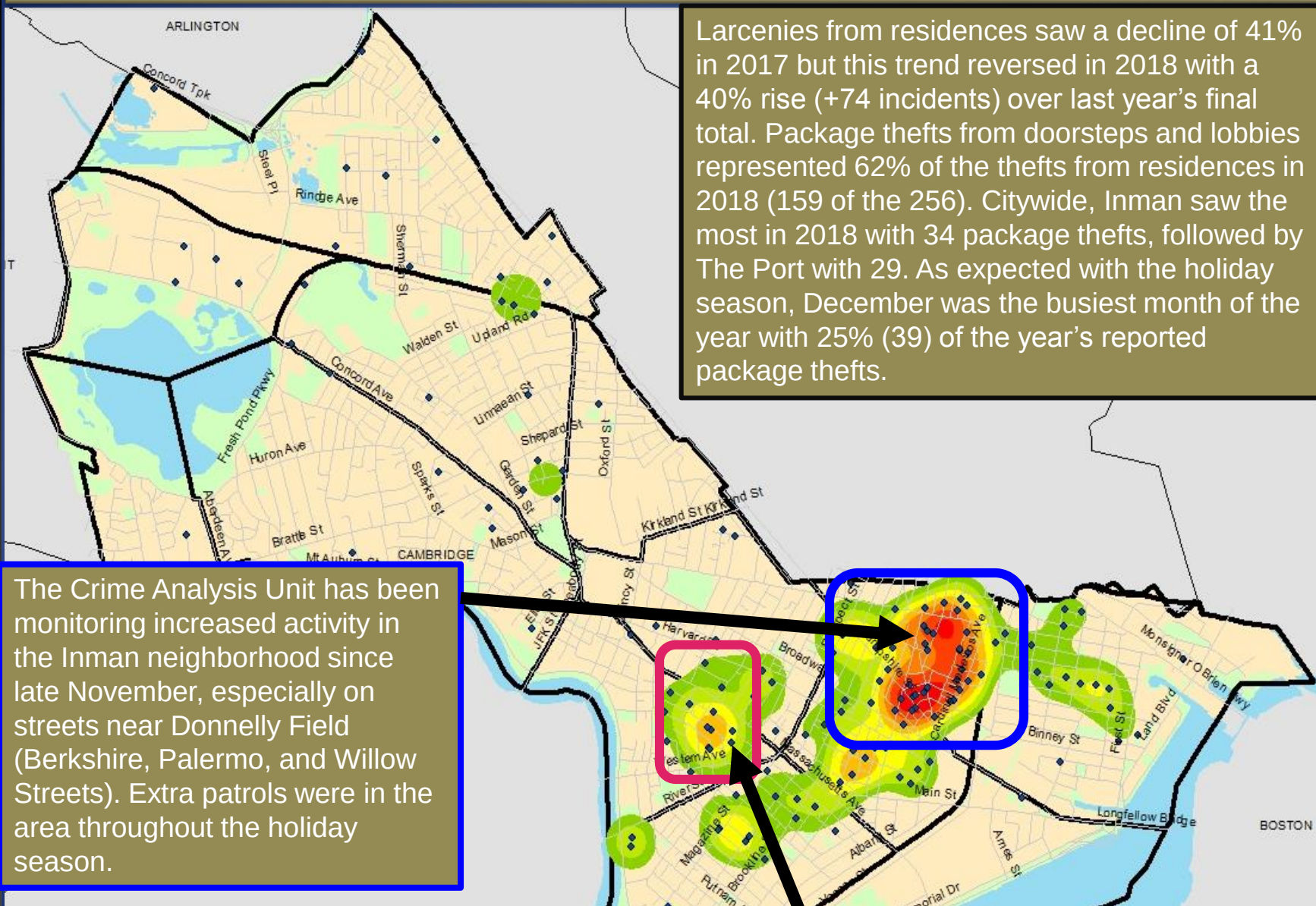
Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 7.1.18 – 12.31.18

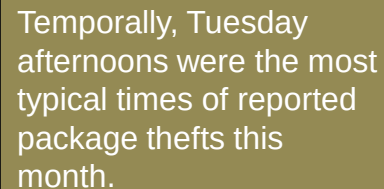




Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.18 to 12.31.18

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AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first month of the year is six incidents. With 11 thefts reported in the first 28 days of January, we are 83% above both the average of six and the six reported during this time frame in 2018.
- Notably, 5 of the 11 auto thefts reported in January 2019 involved Zipcar vehicles that were stolen from a parking garage in the Kendall Square area. This ended with the arrest of a juvenile in Boston who was driving one of the stolen vehicles.
- Only one vehicle in January was stolen from north of the Harvard Square area; the 10 other thefts took place in the lower half of the city.

2018 Review:

- The highest monthly total of auto thefts was seen in October with 20.
- The 111 auto thefts reported in 2018 took place in: Cambridgeport (17), Inman/Harrington (15), East Cambridge (14), West Cambridge & The Port (13 each), North Cambridge (10), Riverside (8), Peabody & Mid-Cambridge (6 each), Agassiz & MIT (4 each), and the Highlands (1).
- Currently, 51 of the 111 reported stolen vehicles, or 46%, have been recovered to date.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

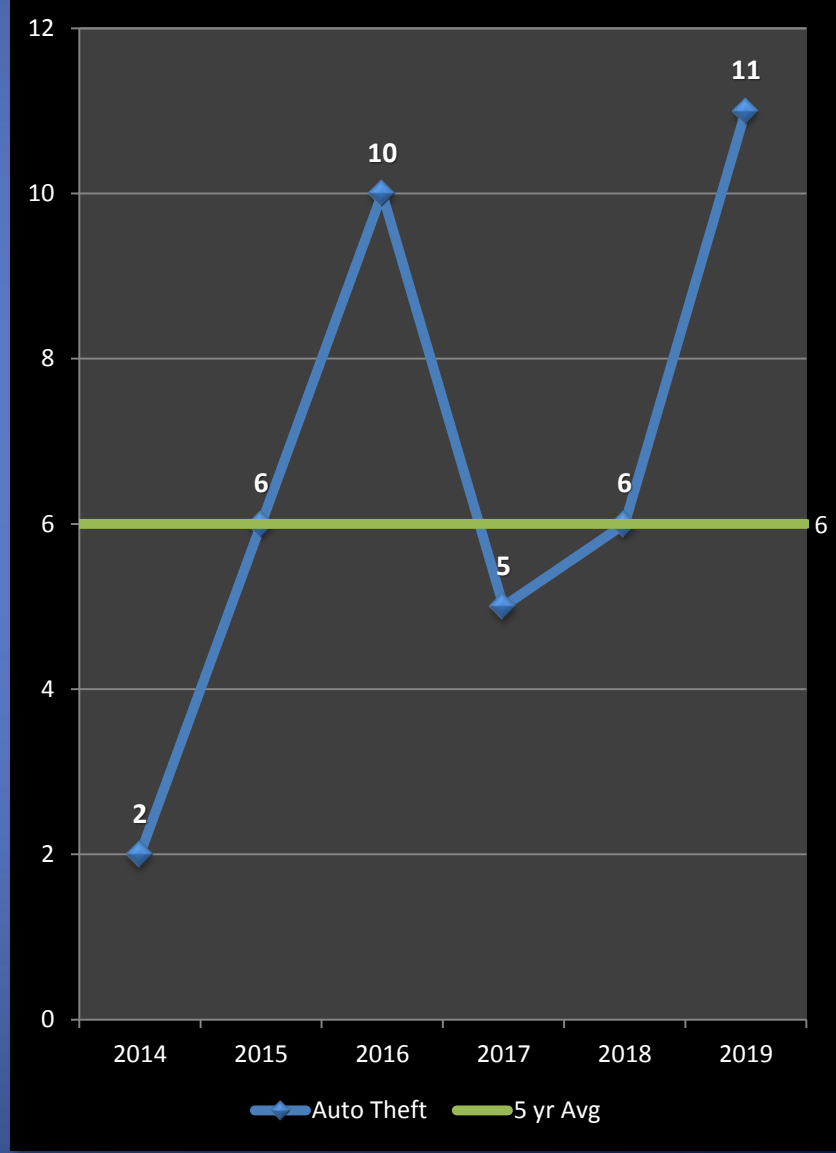
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Previous Year

+83%

5-Year Average

+83%

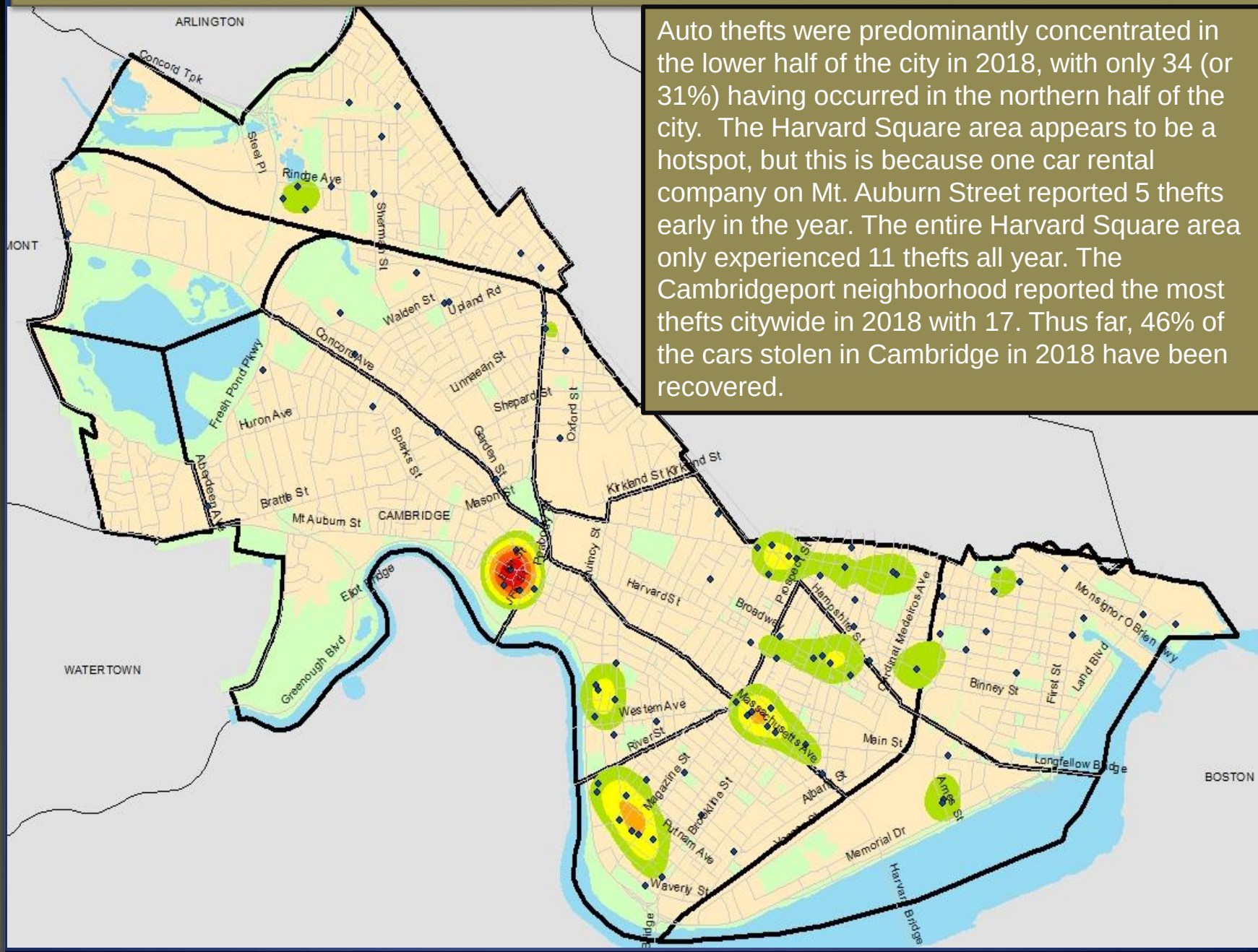




Geographic Breakdown of Auto Thefts: 1.1.18 to 12.31.18

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