



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

July 2020

(Abridged Version)

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An examination of serious crime statistics for the first seven months of 2020 reveals a minor increase of 2% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2019. Over the first 31 weeks of this year, there were 1,347 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2019, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,322 incidents, 25 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a slight decline of 1% has been registered, with 20 fewer crimes recorded so far this year than the projected total of 1,367 incident

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first seven months of 2020 indicates that violent crimes recorded a modest 6% increase so far this year, while property crimes registered a slight 1% upward trend, with 15 additional crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2019.

The slight incline for violent crime (+6%) can be attributed to a series of street robberies (+26% for year) of food delivery drivers during February and the identified trend since the first week of May of homeless-versus-homeless predatory crimes. On April 23rd, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first and only murder in Cambridge since January of 2019.

When monitoring the serious crime totals of July versus the previous month of June of 2020, a 7% dip in the number of index incidents was measured with 15 fewer crimes counted in the seventh month of this year. After 18 weeks of comparative data to analyze the effect that COVID-19 and social distancing are having on the crime rate in our City, the following emerging trends have been identified: larcenies of bicycles (44% over the 5-year average), thefts of packages, psychiatric-related calls, a surging wave of commercial burglaries (90% above 2019 with Harvard Square a hotspot), and the continued increase in domestic-related calls. The explosion in calls for service for fireworks, and a deluge of unemployment frauds that peaked in June, were on the wane over the final two weeks of July.



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May
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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	6/9/20 - 7/6/20	7/7/20 - 8/3/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
Rape	3	3	0%	14	13	-7%	15	-13%
Robbery	6	9	50%	33	41	24%	46	-11%
Commercial Robbery	1	0	-100%	6	7	17%	16	-56%
Street Robbery	5	9	80%	27	34	26%	31	10%
Aggravated Assault	16	13	-19%	107	110	3%	106	4%
Total Violent Crime	25	25	0%	155	165	6%	168	-2%

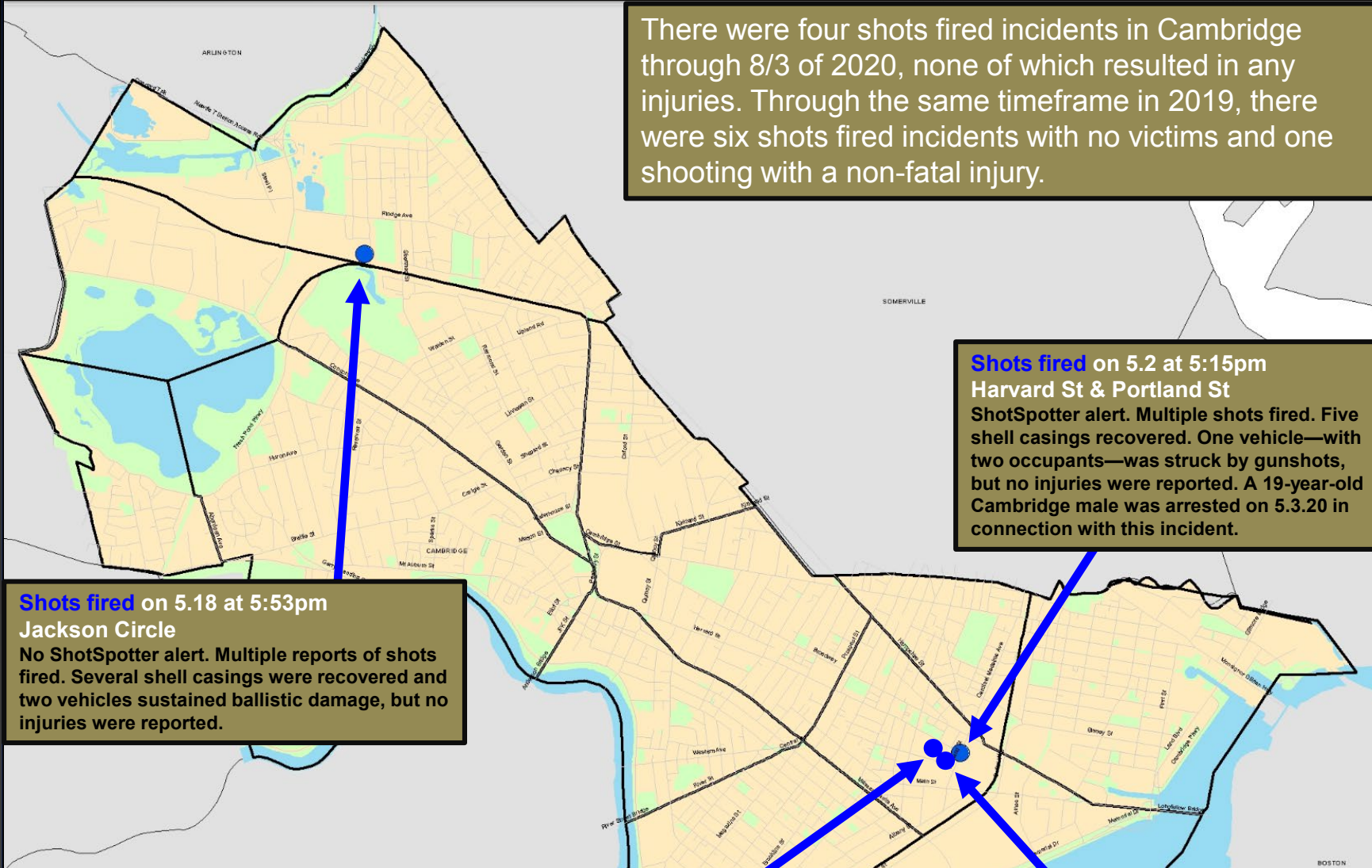
	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	6/9/20 - 7/6/20	7/7/20 - 8/3/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	14	15	7%	86	116	35%	141	-18%
Commercial Break	7	4	-43%	21	40	90%	30	33%
Housebreak	7	11	57%	65	76	17%	110	-31%
Larceny	159	151	-5%	1013	1018	0%	997	2%
Larceny (Misc)	3	6	100%	20	22	10%	22	0%
Larceny from Building	5	10	100%	147	87	-41%	165	-47%
Larceny from MV	37	10	-73%	148	192	30%	157	22%
Larceny from Person	8	5	-38%	88	51	-42%	95	-46%
Larceny from Residence	23	25	9%	142	219	54%	135	62%
Larceny of Bicycle	60	73	22%	245	277	13%	192	44%
Larceny of Plate	2	0	-100%	13	5	-62%	15	-67%
Larceny of Services	0	1	IN-CALC	7	3	-57%	13	-77%
Shoplifting	21	21	0%	203	162	-20%	202	-20%
Auto Theft	14	6	-57%	68	48	-29%	61	-21%
Total Property Crime	187	172	-8%	1167	1182	1%	1199	-1%

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Total Part I Crime	212	197	-7%	1322	1347	2%	1367	-1%



Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.20 – 8.3.20

There were four shots fired incidents in Cambridge through 8/3 of 2020, none of which resulted in any injuries. Through the same timeframe in 2019, there were six shots fired incidents with no victims and one shooting with a non-fatal injury.



Shots fired on 5.18 at 5:53pm
Jackson Circle
No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple reports of shots fired. Several shell casings were recovered and two vehicles sustained ballistic damage, but no injuries were reported.

Shots fired on 5.2 at 5:15pm
Harvard St & Portland St
ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shots fired. Five shell casings recovered. One vehicle—with two occupants—was struck by gunshots, but no injuries were reported. A 19-year-old Cambridge male was arrested on 5.3.20 in connection with this incident.

Shots fired on 7.2 at 9:41pm
110 Harvard St
ShotSpotter alert. Over 40 shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Unknown at this time if related to a shooting in Somerville an hour later.

Shots fired on 8.3 at 12:51pm
Washington Elms / Portland St
No ShotSpotter alert. 8 shell casings recovered. No injuries reported. Black SUV seen fleeing the scene.

Shooting Type

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



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 2018 Cambridge Police Annual Crime Report is available on our website at www.CambridgePolice.org.
- The 2019 Annual Crime Report will be released later this year.
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