



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

March 2019

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

An analysis of serious crime statistics for the First Quarter of 2019 (from January 1st to April 1st) reveals an increase of 12% in the Part One index total for Cambridge. Over the first 13 weeks of this year, there were 486 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 434 incidents, 52 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a modest 3% drop in the crime index was recorded.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first 90 days of 2019 indicates that violent crimes recorded a substantial 14% decrease to start the year, while property crimes registered a 16% vault upward with 60 additional crimes reported when compared with the first three months of 2018. There was one incident of confirmed shots being fired in Cambridge during the first 13 weeks of 2018.

When measuring the serious crime totals of March versus the previous month of February of 2019, a rise of 14% in the number of index incidents was seen with 21 crimes added in the third month of this year. The 233% increase in larcenies of bicycles when compared with the previous month was the key indicator fueling this incline.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	2/5/19 - 3/4/19	3/5/19 - 4/1/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	12	16	33%	58	50	-14%	60	-17%
Total Property Crime	136	153	13%	376	436	16%	440	-1%
Total Part I Crime	148	169	14%	434	486	12%	500	-3%



Part I Property Crime

A review of property crime totals for the first three months of 2019 shows a 16% increase when measured against the 2018 totals and a miniscule 1% reduction below the five-year average, with 60 additional incidents above April 1st of last year and four crimes below the 440 reports forecasted for this time period.

Seven of the major property crime categories registered inclines when measured against the first 13 weeks of 2018, most notably a 125% rise in larceny of bicycles. Other property crimes registering upticks when compared with the first 90 days of last year include: larceny from buildings (+10%); larceny from residence (+24%); larceny from motor vehicles (+61%) and auto theft (+92%).

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	2/5/19 - 3/4/19	3/5/19 - 4/1/19	Change	2018	2019	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	13	13	0%	43	36	-16%	67	-46%
Commercial Break	2	2	0%	9	5	-44%	12	-58%
Housebreak	11	11	0%	34	31	-9%	55	-44%
Larceny	120	131	9%	321	377	17%	355	6%
Larceny (Misc)	0	0	IN-CALC	10	2	-80%	8	-75%
Larceny from Building	26	28	8%	67	74	10%	77	-4%
Larceny from MV	33	16	-52%	44	71	61%	66	8%
Larceny from Person	14	12	-14%	32	34	6%	38	-11%
Larceny from Residence	16	26	63%	58	72	24%	52	38%
Larceny of Bicycle	6	20	233%	16	36	125%	19	89%
Larceny of Plate	2	2	0%	3	5	67%	6	-17%
Larceny of Services	2	1	-50%	6	4	-33%	6	-33%
Shoplifting	21	26	24%	85	79	-7%	84	-6%
Auto Theft	3	9	200%	12	23	92%	17	35%
Total Property Crime	136	153	13%	376	436	16%	440	-1%



Part I Violent Crime

From January 1st to April 1st of 2019, there were 50 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, eight incidents below last year (-14%) and ten fewer violent crimes (-17%) than the 60 incidents forecasted for the first three months of the year.

With nine robberies counted over the first 13 weeks of 2019, one categorized as commercial and eight classified as street incidents, there was a decrease of five incidents (-36%) when compared with 2018. After recording six rapes through April 1st of 2018, two sexual assaults have been reported thus far in 2019. The five-year average for the First Quarter of the year projects to six rapes being 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	
	2/5/19 - 3/4/19	3/5/19 - 4/1/19	Change		2018	2019	Change		Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC		0	1	IN-CALC		0	IN-CALC
Rape	0	2	IN-CALC		6	2	-67%		6	-67%
Robbery	3	3	0%		14	9	-36%		16	-44%
Commercial Robbery	0	0	IN-CALC		9	1	-89%		8	-88%
Street Robbery	3	3	0%		5	8	60%		7	14%
Aggravated Assault	9	11	22%		38	38	0%		38	0%
Total Violent Crime	12	16	33%		58	50	-14%		60	-17%



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.

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. In the last recorded homicide in 2017, 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.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

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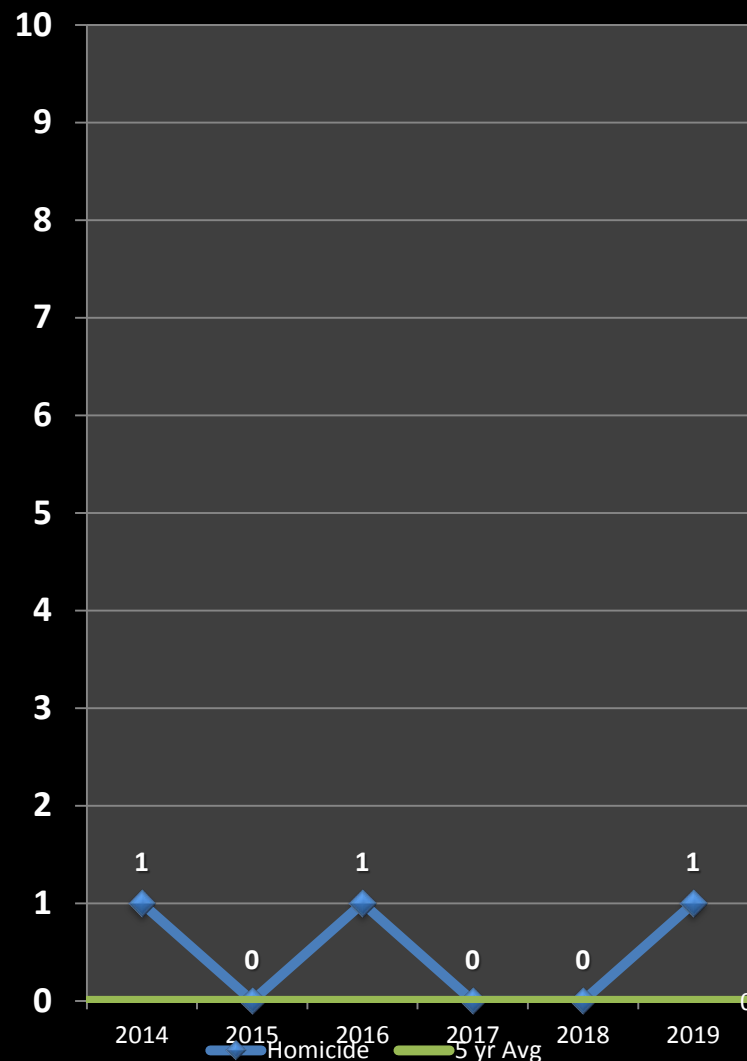
5-Year Average

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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 2018

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.****



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2018

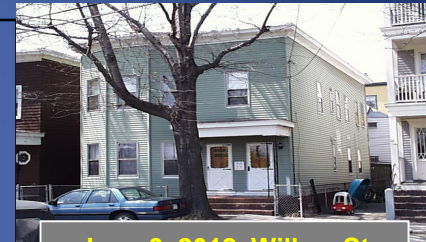
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March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

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.

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.



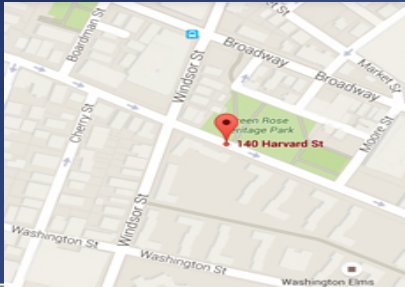
March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St

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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

- After recording six rapes over the first three months of 2018, there were two sexual assaults reported in the First Quarter of 2019. One of these incidents was categorized as a domestic situation, the other crime was classified as an acquaintance assault. The five-year average for rape in Cambridge over the first 13 weeks of the year is six incidents.
- 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 recorded. 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.
- 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.
- Given the tendency for rape statistics to fluctuate each year, projecting future totals is a risky business at best. The actual number of stranger-to-stranger rapes each year in Cambridge—between one and five—remains extremely low.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

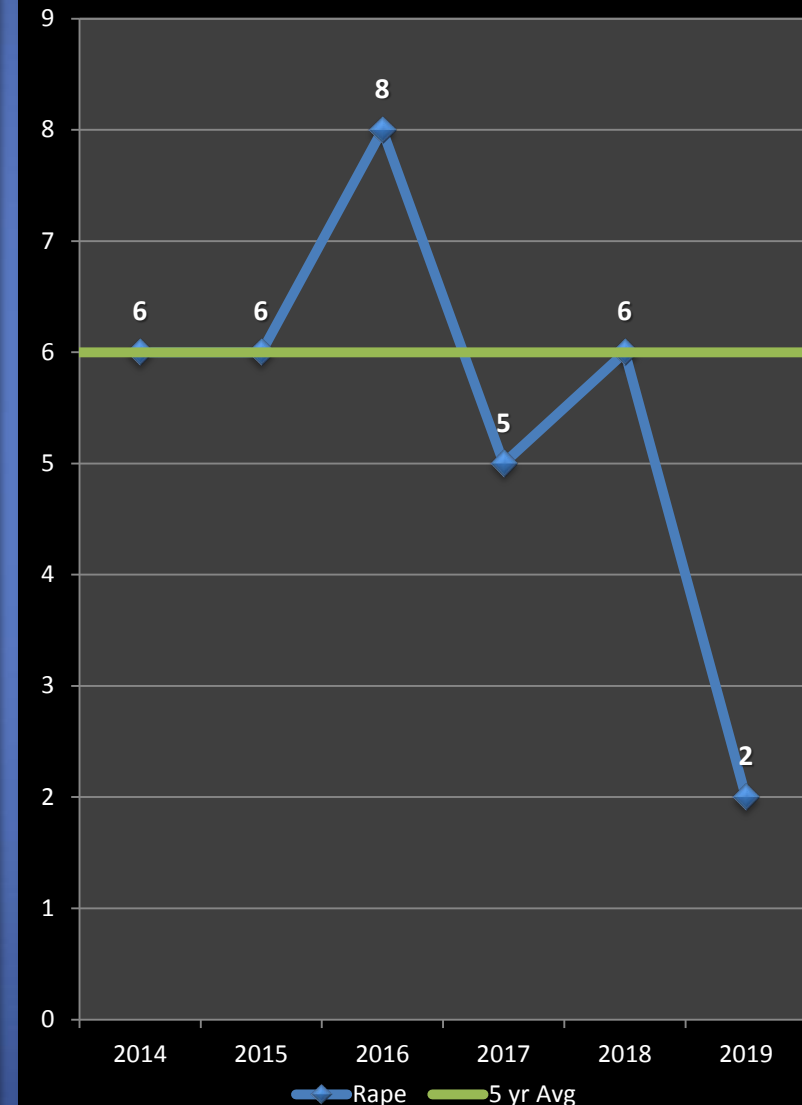
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

- The aggravated assault total for the First Quarter of 2019 mirrors the total of 38 incidents counted in the first three months of 2018. The 38 aggravated assaults reported over the first 13 weeks of the year also equals the exact number forecasted for the five year average.
- The 38 aggravated assaults reported through April 1st of 2019 were composed of the following classifications: 12 domestic altercations; 4 road rage incidents; 6 unprovoked scenarios; 2 homeless assaults; 3 tiffs between shop owners & patrons; 3 juvenile fights; 2 assaults between acquaintances, and one of each of the following: on a police officer, a psychotic episode, a workplace fight, a landlord/neighbor dispute, a fight at a bar, and a brawl that resulted in shots fired. In this last incident, CPD arrested a Somerville man on January 24th in the only gunfire incident so far in 2019 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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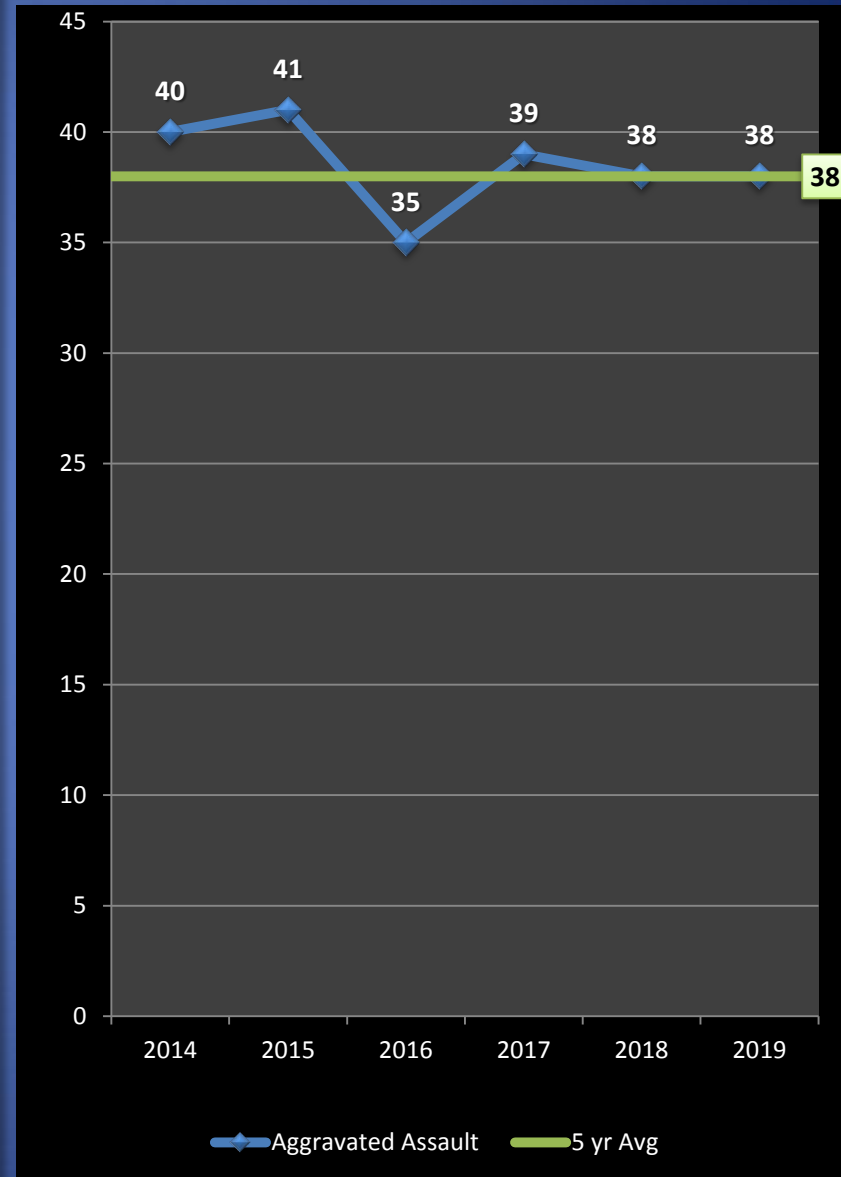
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Previous Year

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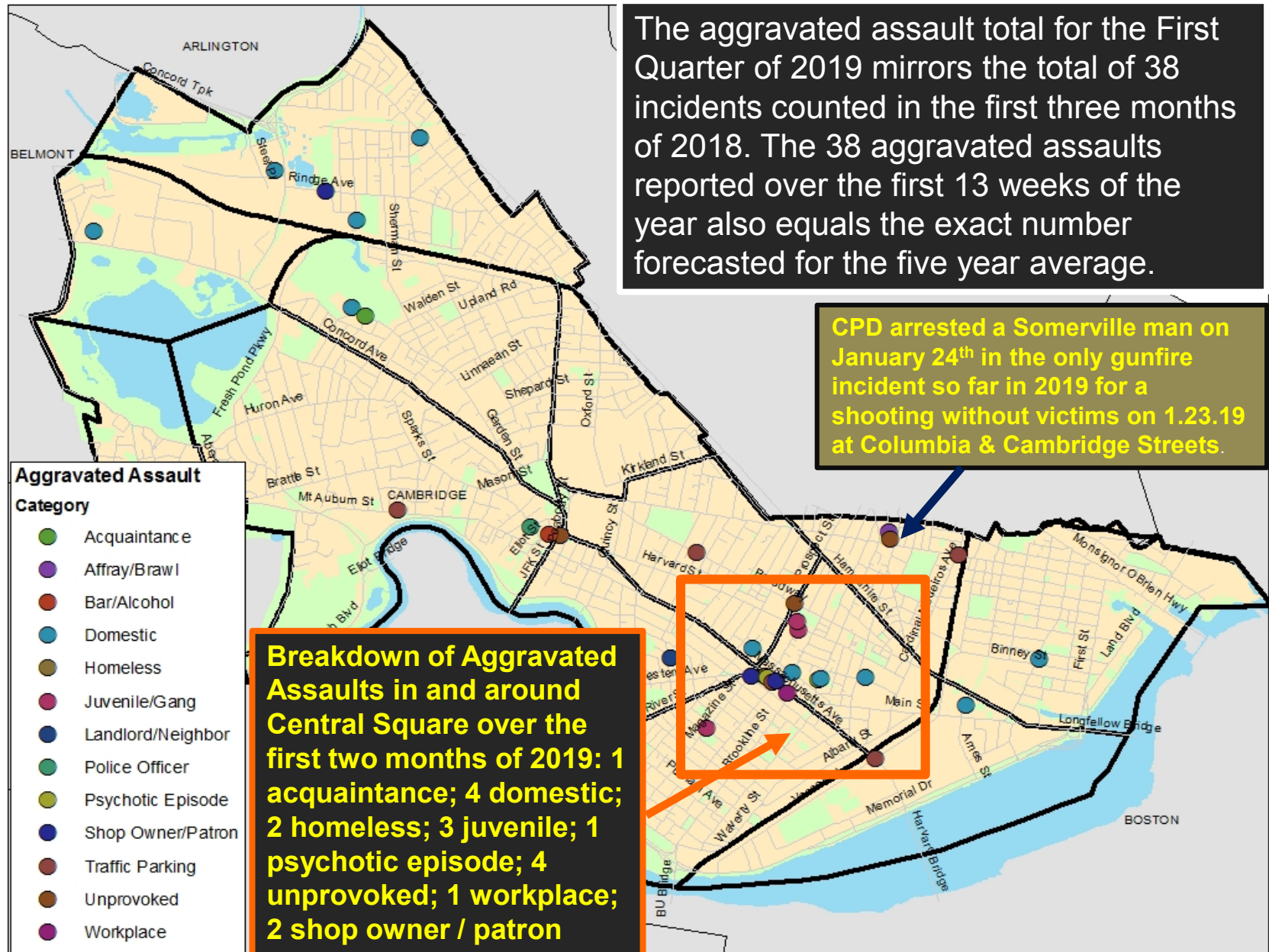
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Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.19 to 4.1.19

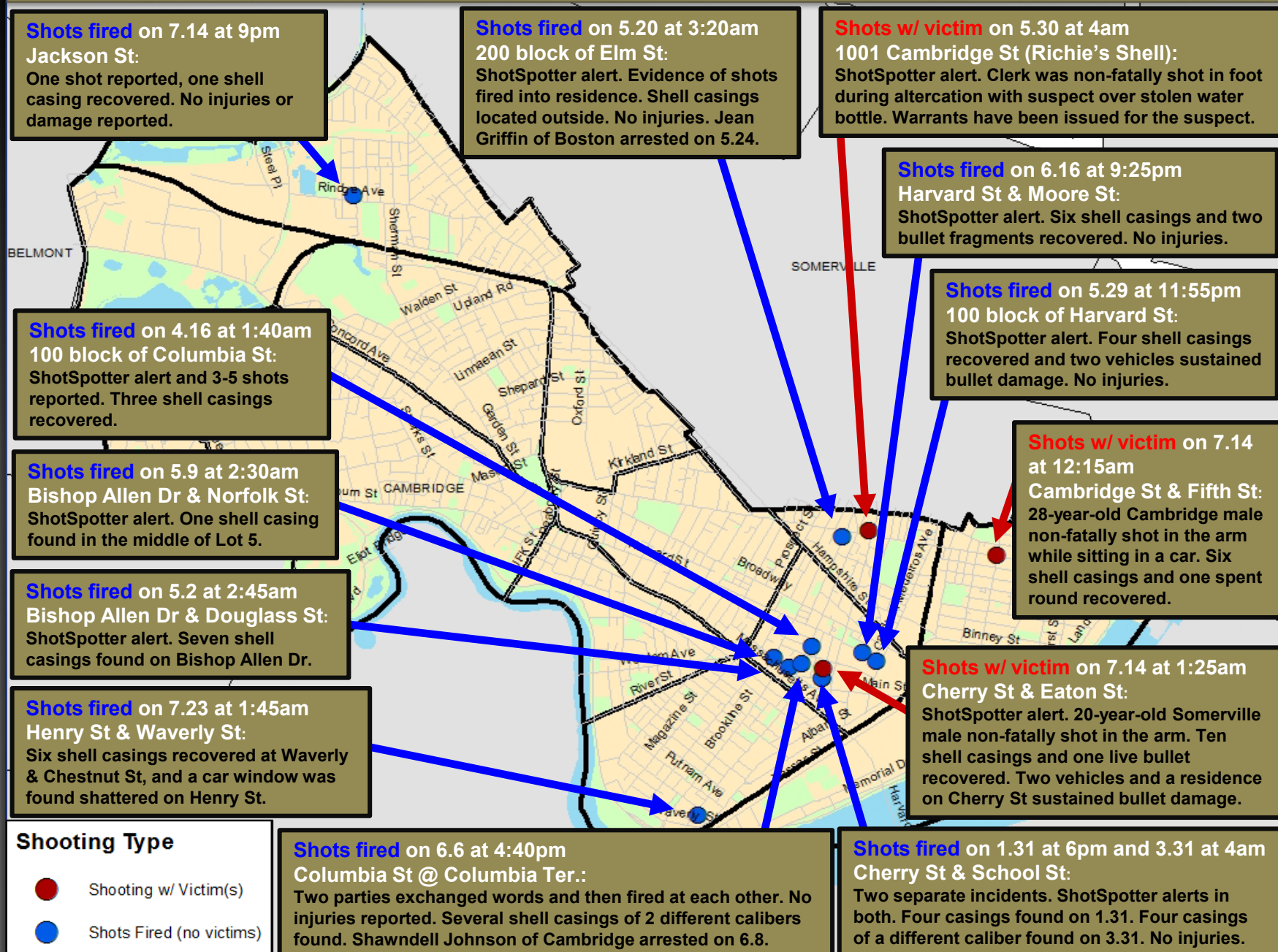




Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.18 - 7.31.18

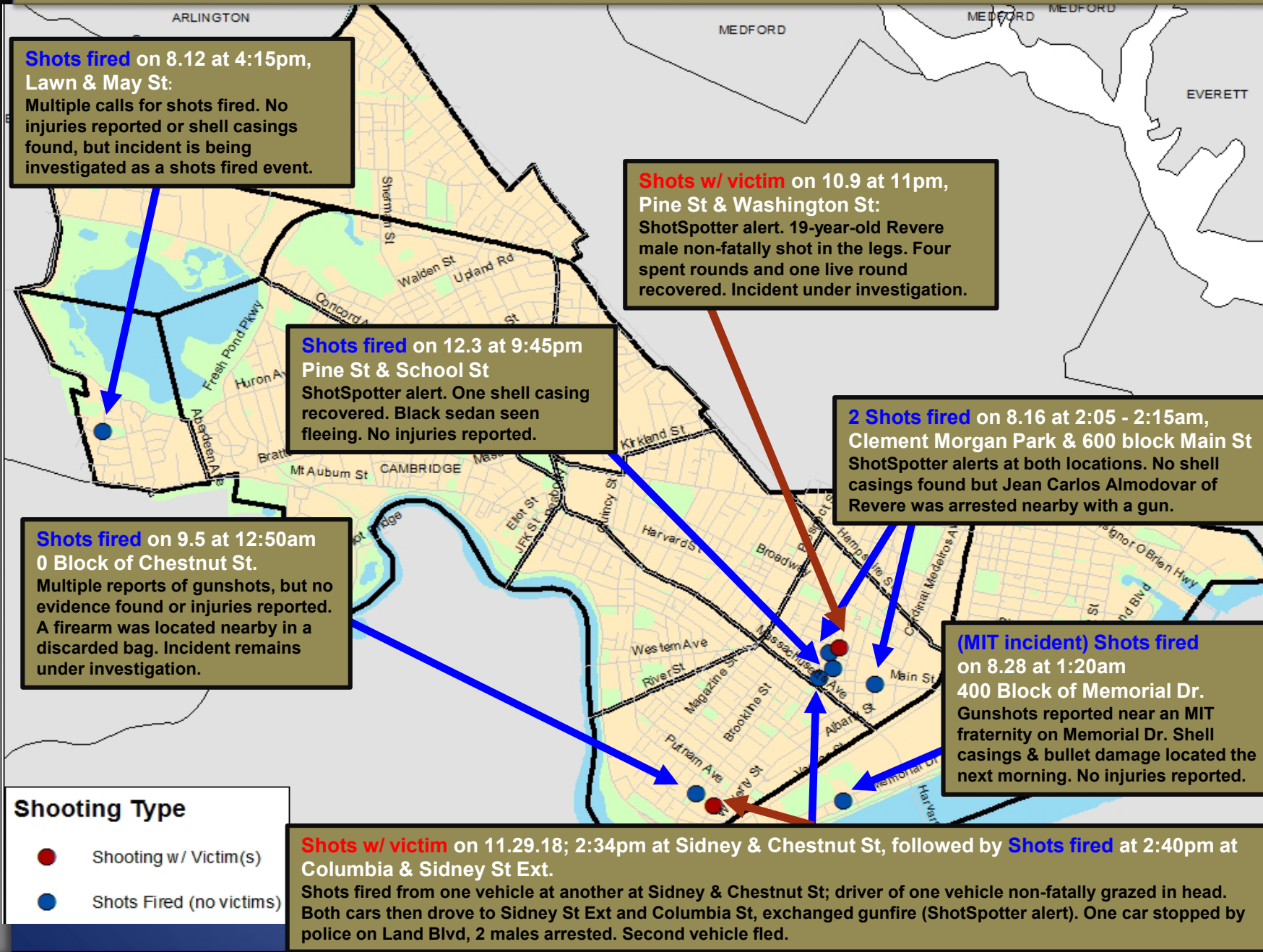
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Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 8.1.18 - 12.31.18





Robbery

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the First Quarter of the year is 16 incidents. Between January 1st and April 1st of this year, nine robberies were recorded, which translates to a 44% decrease below the projected total and a 36% decline under the 14 robberies counted for the first 13 weeks 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 eight unrelated street robberies: an Uber driver confronted by a homeless male; an acquaintance incident at the Mall; a purse snatch in Central Square; an acquaintance crime in Riverside; the mugging of a delivery person in Cambridgeport; a juvenile robbery in Harvard Square; a predatory incident near Sidney Street; and a homeless altercation in Central Square.
- Street robberies were down 5% in 2018 with three fewer crimes recorded. 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

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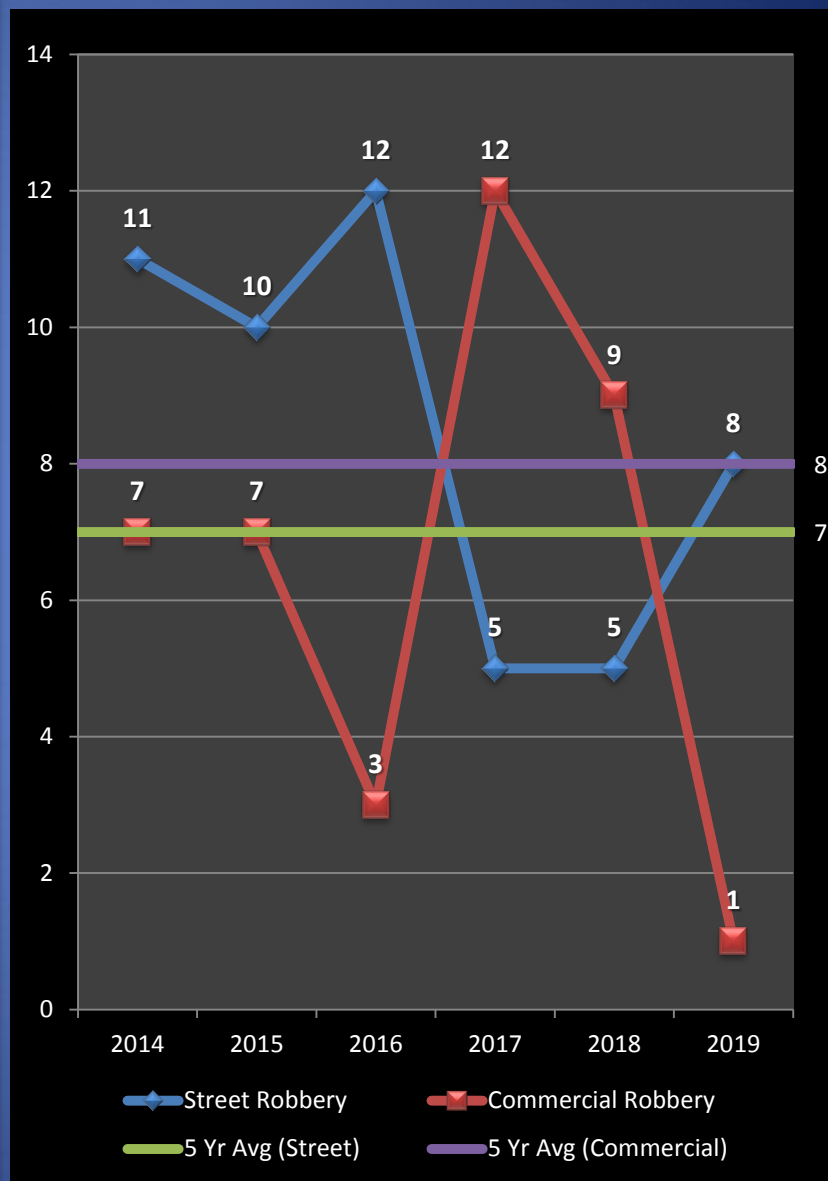
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Previous Year

-36%

5-Year Average

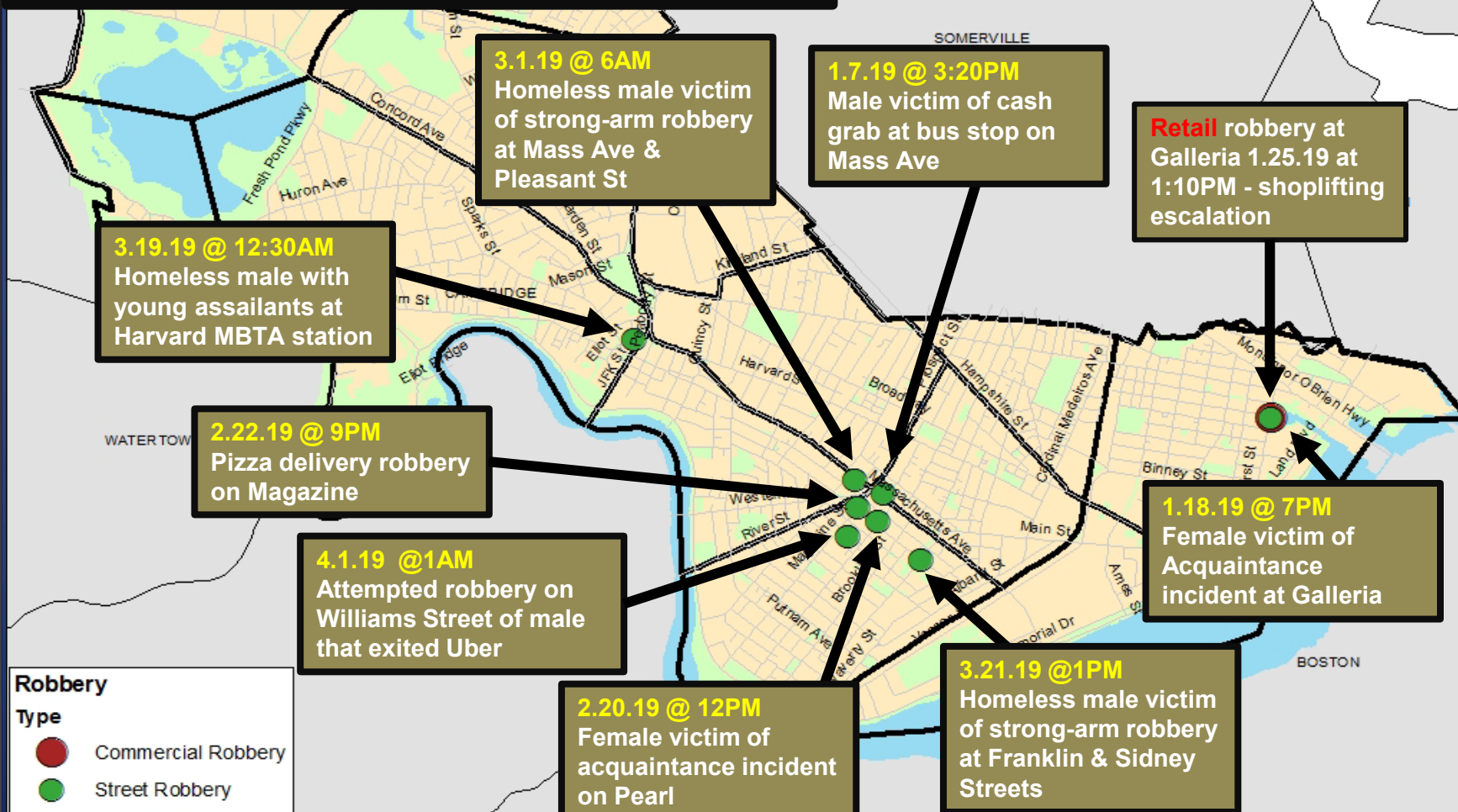
-44%





Geographic Breakdown of Street & Commercial Robberies: 1.1.19 to 4.1.19

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Burglary

No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a meaningful decrease of 46% below the First Quarter of 2019 when compared to the five-year average, with 31 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 67 breaks. However, when compared with last year's historically low total of 43 incidents for the first 13 weeks of the year, a more moderate decrease of 16% has been registered.
- Currently, there are no commercial burglary patterns, hot spots, or concentrations active in Cambridge. There have been only five incidents reported for the first 13 weeks of 2019, which translates to a weighty 44% decline below 2018 and a 56% dive below the forecast for the First Quarter.
- Housebreaks declined slightly when measured against the total for the First Quarter of 2018 with three fewer incidents (-9%), but a sizeable decrease of 44% below the forecasted total of 55 breaks for the first 13 weeks of the year was registered.
- Since the middle of March, the Crime Analysis Unit has been monitoring an emerging series of late afternoon / early evening breaks in Cambridgeport where entry into residences is gained by forcing side windows, and laptops and jewelry are the main targets of the offender(s). There has been a 10-day hiatus in this activity. Any additional incidents in this area will trigger a Neighborhood Alert.
- Since late Fall of 2018, CPD had been monitoring a regional series of housebreaks. On 2.7.19, a Brookline resident was arrested and charged with 19 housebreaks in Arlington, Belmont, Watertown, Brookline, Newton, and Quincy. It is unknown if he was responsible for any breaks in Cambridge.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

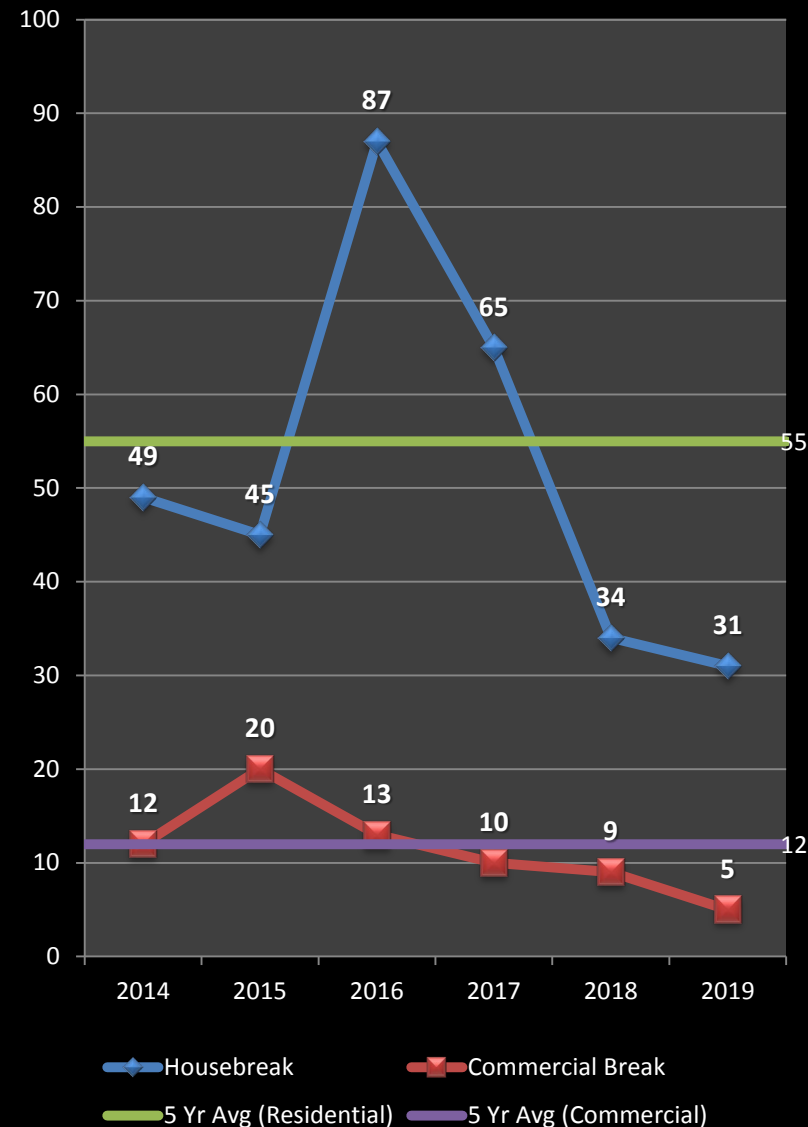
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Previous Year

-16%

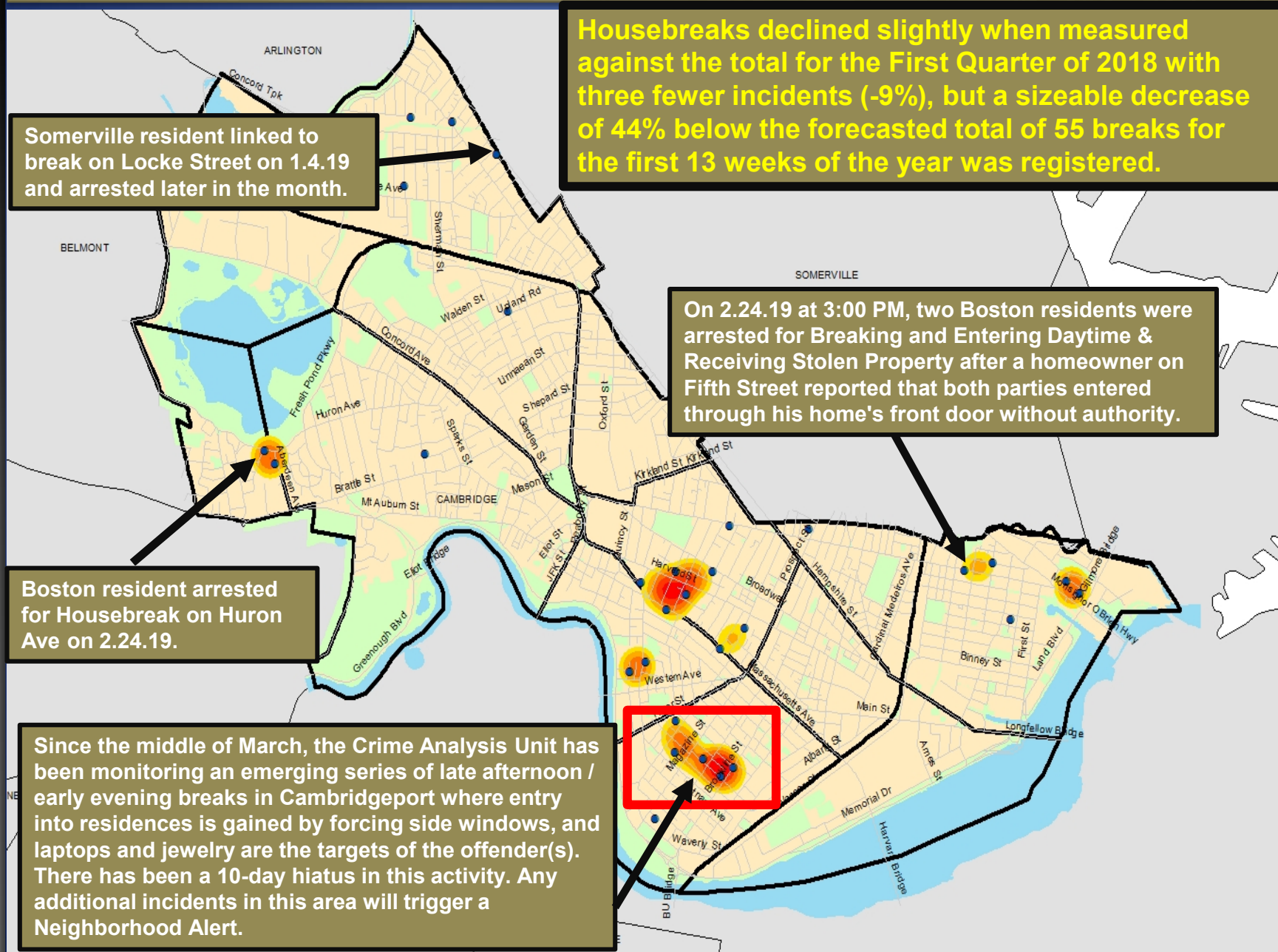
5-Year Average

-46%





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LARCENY

No Patterns

- **Overall larceny for the First Quarter of 2019 registered at 56 incidents (17%) above the same time frame in 2019.** The total of 377 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2019 is also 22 incidents above with the 5-year average of 355 incidents.
- **After coming off a 7% drop at the end of 2018, larcenies from MVs have reversed direction substantially during the first three months of 2019, with an increase of 61% (27 incidents)** when compared with the same time frame in 2018. This property crime is also 8% above the 5-year average, with six more incidents that the projected total of 66.
- **Through April 1, 2019, larcenies from the person are up two incidents over 2018, bringing the total to 34.** Central Sq. has seen the most activity with 15 incidents, followed by the Galleria/East Cambridge area with 7 and Harvard Sq. with 5.
- **There have been 74 larcenies from buildings reported during the First Quarter of 2019.** This is 7 incidents above the same time frame in 2018 and 3 below the 5-year average. We are monitoring an increase in thefts from gym lockers in Porter Square, where a suspect has been identified.
- **Larcenies from residences in 2018 were up 37% over the previous year, and that trend has continued through the first three months of 2019 with a 24% rise (+14 incidents) over last year's First Quarter.** Package thefts continue to dominate this crime category, but have fluctuated this year from 18 in January down to 4 in February and back up to 14 in March, for a total of 36 incidents (level with the 35 seen last year.)
- Due to the more moderate temperatures and reduced snowfall in the First Quarter of 2019 when compared with recent years, **bike thefts are up 20 incidents (+125%) when compared with this time in 2018, and up 17 incidents (89%) when compared with the 5-year average.**

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

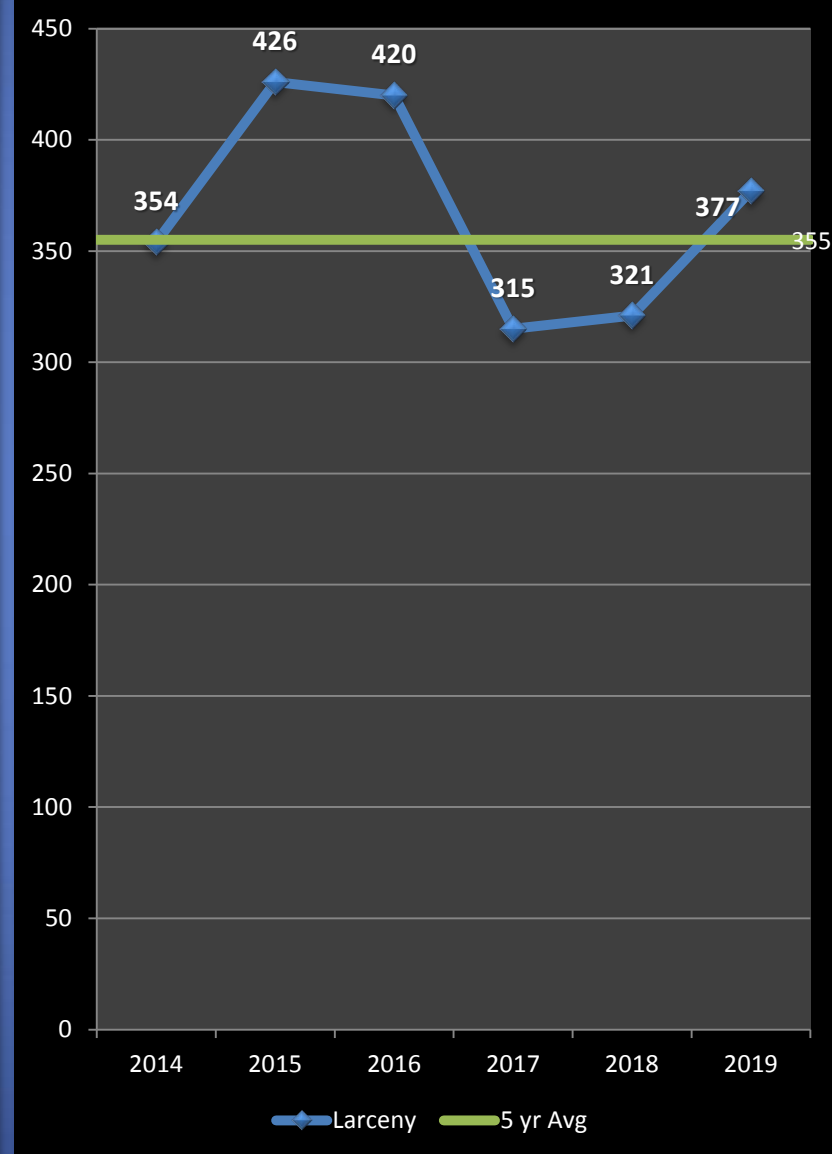
+9%

Previous Year

+17%

5-Year Average

+6%





LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

- The larceny from motor vehicle total for the First Quarter of 2019 is 27 incidents (+61%) above the total for the same time period in 2018. The 71 thefts from cars reported over the first 13 weeks of the year translates to an increase of 5 incidents (+8%) above the number forecasted through the first three months of 2019. This upsurge should be tempered by the fact that the numbers through the end of March for this crime in Cambridge were at historic lows in 2017 and 2018.
- The 2018 statistics for larcenies from motor vehicles indicated a moderate decrease of 7% when compared with 2017, with 19 fewer incidents reported through December 31st. This property crime 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 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 thus far in 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

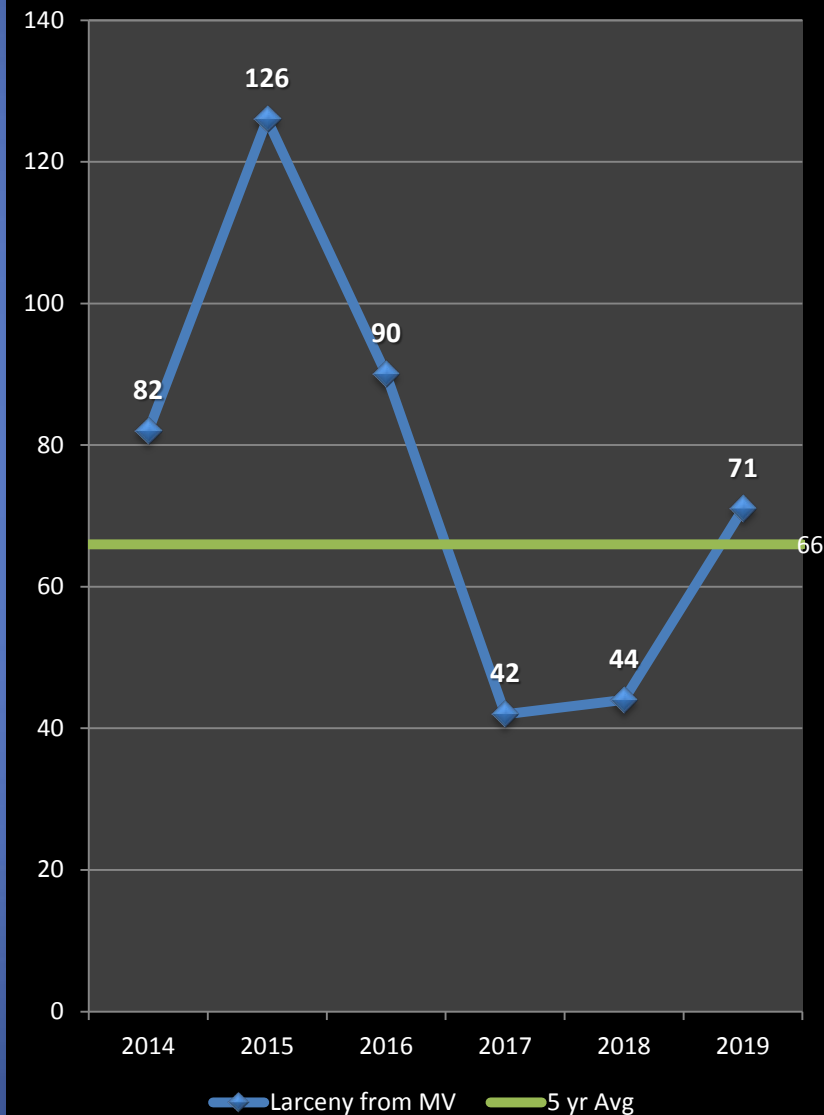
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Previous Year

+61%

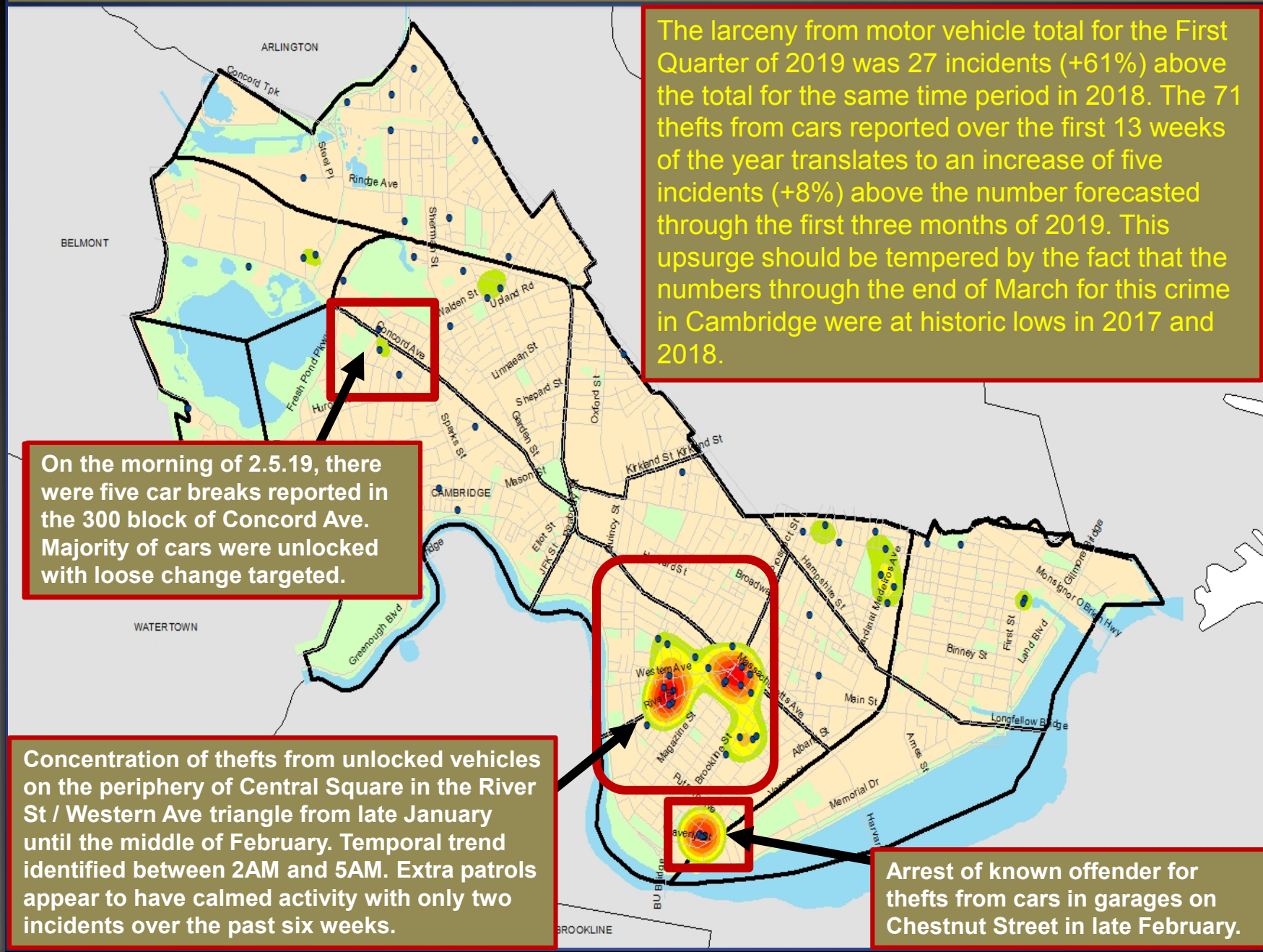
5-Year Average

+8%





Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.19 – 4.1.19





LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

- Larceny from the person is up 6% for the First Quarter of 2019 when compared with the same time frame in 2018, with two additional incidents reported (up from 32 in 2018 to 34 in 2019).
- When comparing March 2019 to the previous month, a 14% decrease has been recorded, or two fewer incidents. When looking at the first three months of 2019 compared to the five-year average of 38, there has been a reduction of 11%, or four incidents.
- So far in 2019, Central Sq. has seen the most activity with 15 incidents, followed by the Galleria/East Cambridge area with seven and Harvard Sq. with five.

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

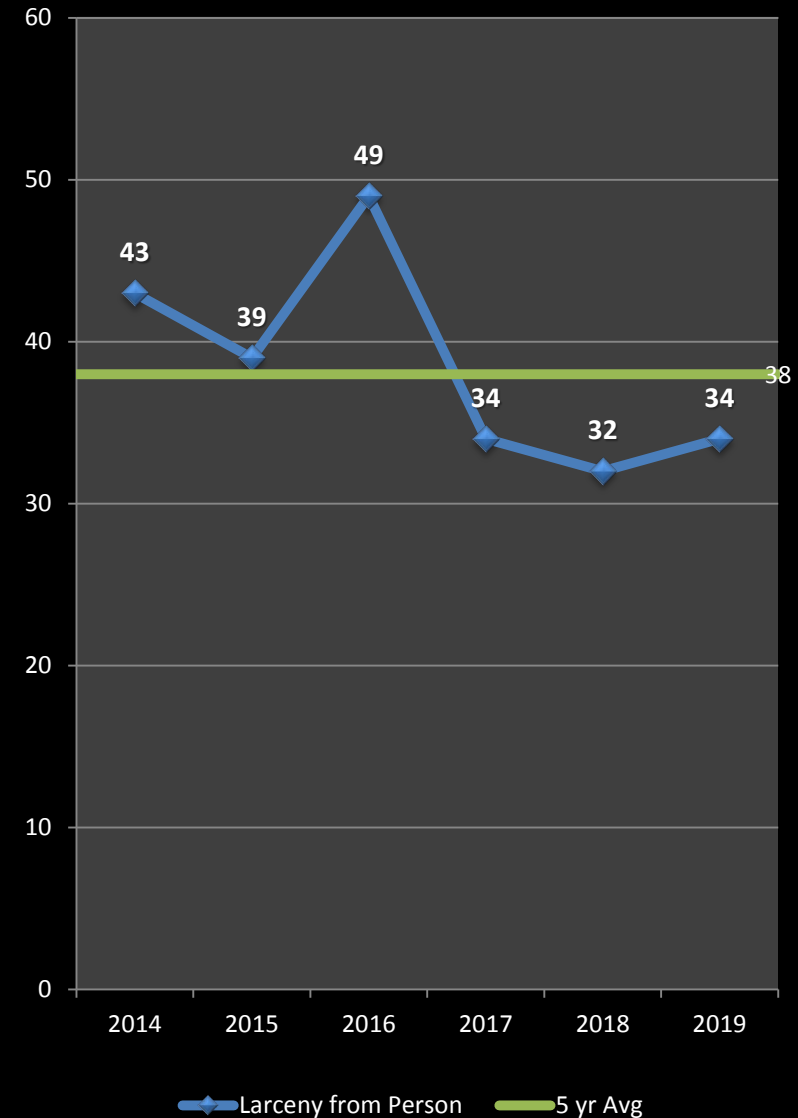
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Previous Year

+6%

5-Year Average

-11%





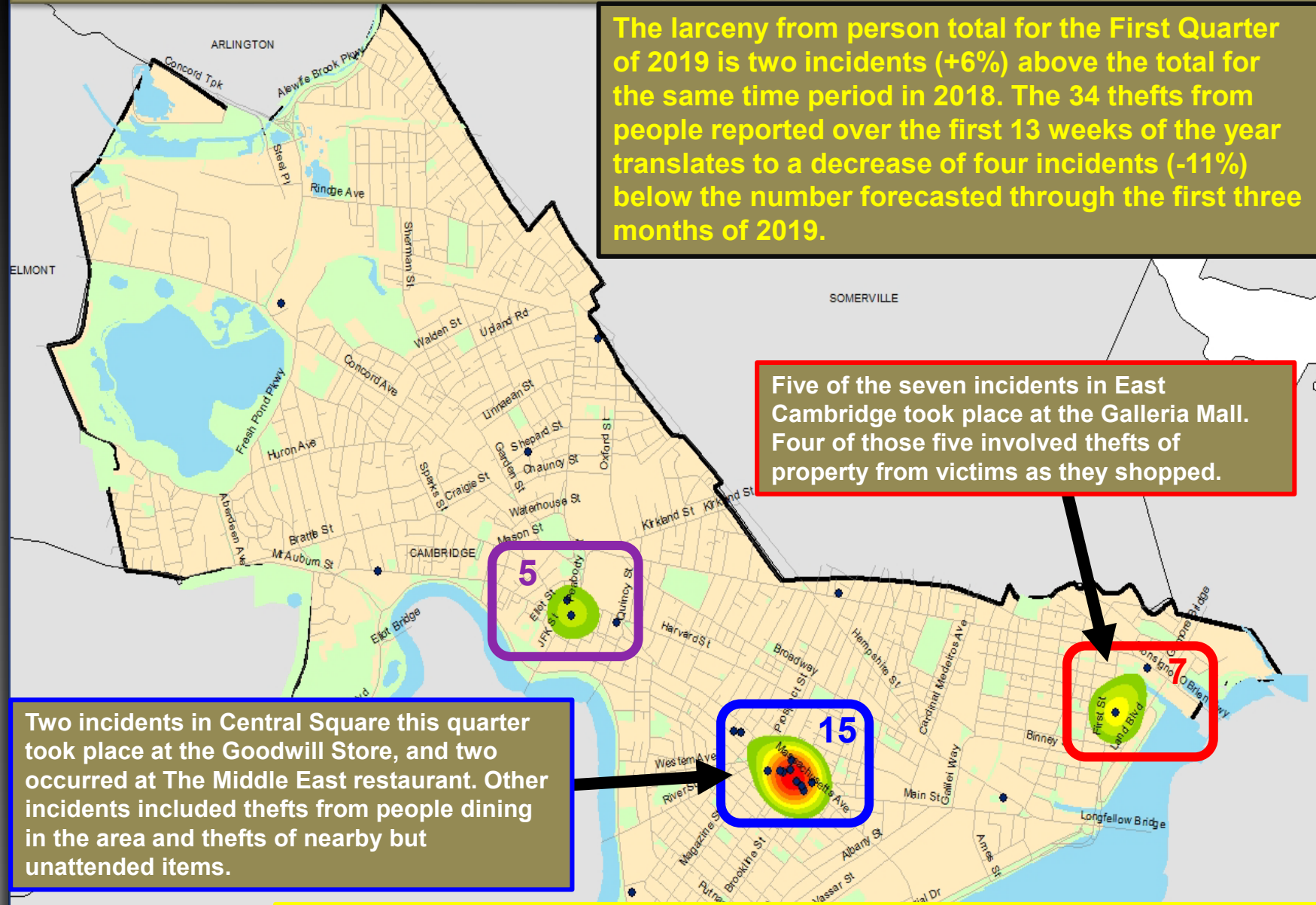
Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Person: 1.1.19 – 4.1.19

The larceny from person total for the First Quarter of 2019 is two incidents (+6%) above the total for the same time period in 2018. The 34 thefts from people reported over the first 13 weeks of the year translates to a decrease of four incidents (-11%) below the number forecasted through the first three months of 2019.

Five of the seven incidents in East Cambridge took place at the Galleria Mall. Four of those five involved thefts of property from victims as they shopped.

Two incidents in Central Square this quarter took place at the Goodwill Store, and two occurred at The Middle East restaurant. 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 15 incidents, followed by the **East Cambridge/Galleria area** with 7 incidents and **Harvard Square** with 5.





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 the first three months of 2019 when compared with an exceptionally cold first three months of 2018, bike thefts are up 20 incidents so far in 2019. There were 10 in January, 6 in February, 19 in March, and one so far in April.
- Of the 36 bike thefts reported so far this year, 27 were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.
- A 35-year-old Boston male has been arrested at least 3 times in the past six months for stealing bikes in Cambridge. He has been linked to bike thefts from parking garages in North Cambridge, the Highlands, and Cambridgeport.

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.
- Although there are the typical hotspots for bike thefts in the major squares (Central & Harvard), there were no defined patterns anywhere else in the city last year.

Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2019:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	10	28%
North Cambridge	8	22%
East Cambridge	6	17%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

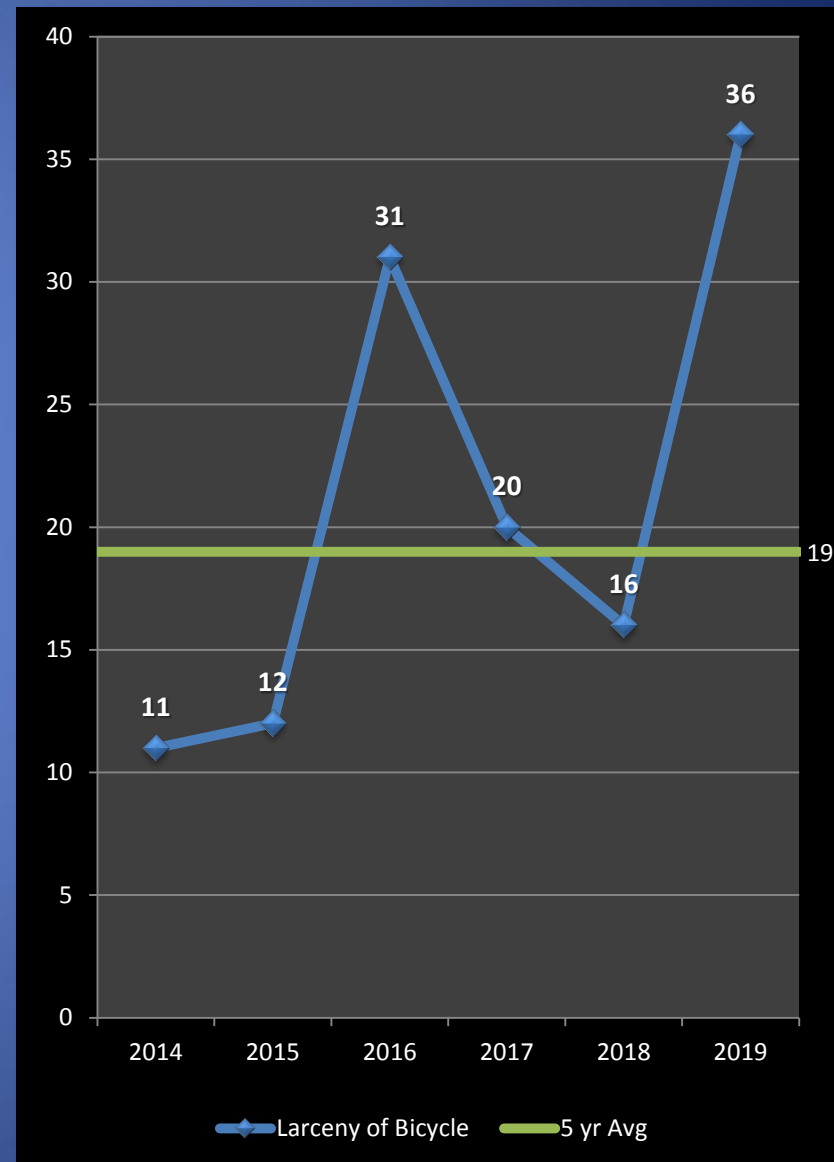
+233%

Previous Year

+125%

5-Year Average

+89%

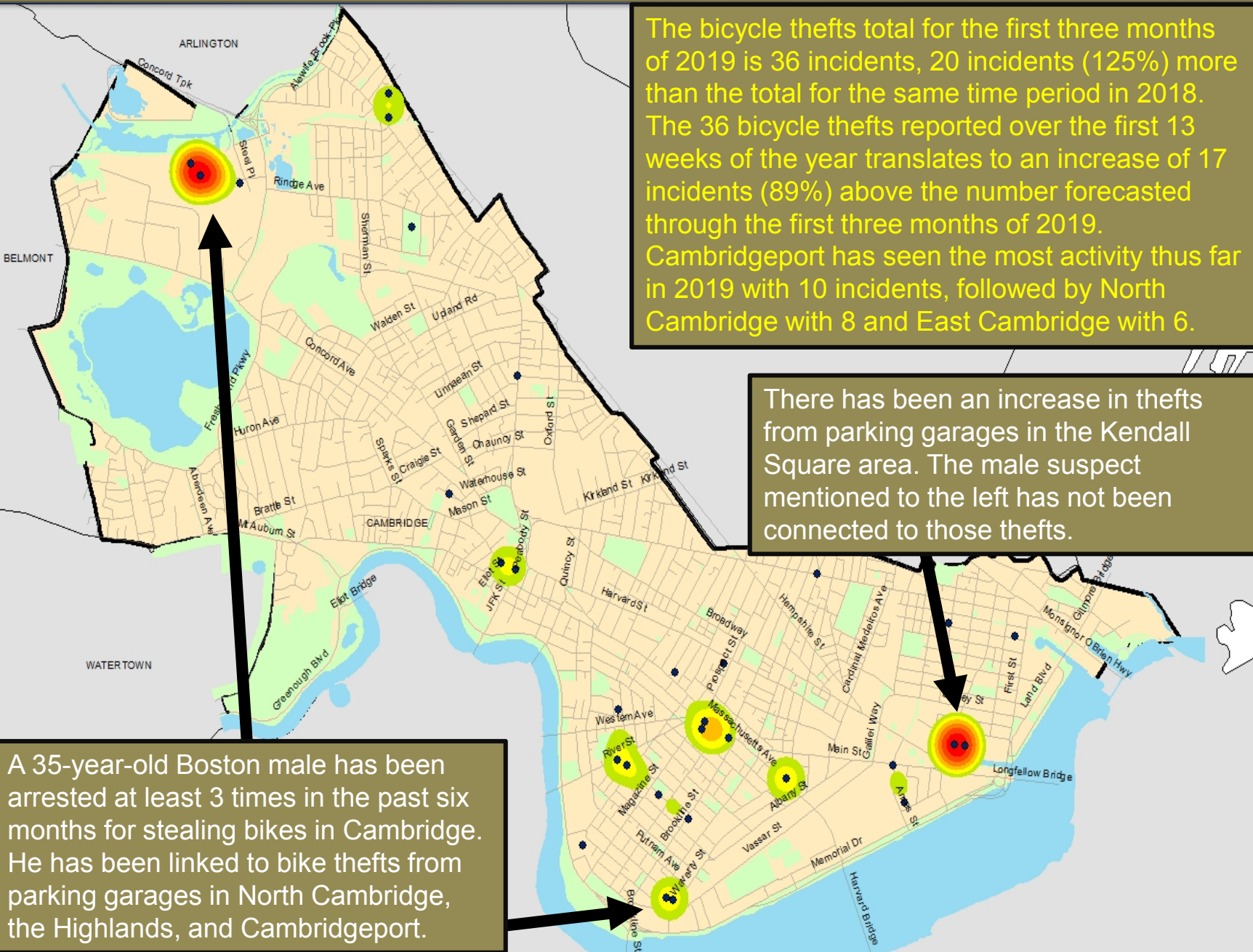




Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 1.1.19 to 4.1.19

The bicycle thefts total for the first three months of 2019 is 36 incidents, 20 incidents (125%) more than the total for the same time period in 2018. The 36 bicycle thefts reported over the first 13 weeks of the year translates to an increase of 17 incidents (89%) above the number forecasted through the first three months of 2019. Cambridgeport has seen the most activity thus far in 2019 with 10 incidents, followed by North Cambridge with 8 and East Cambridge with 6.

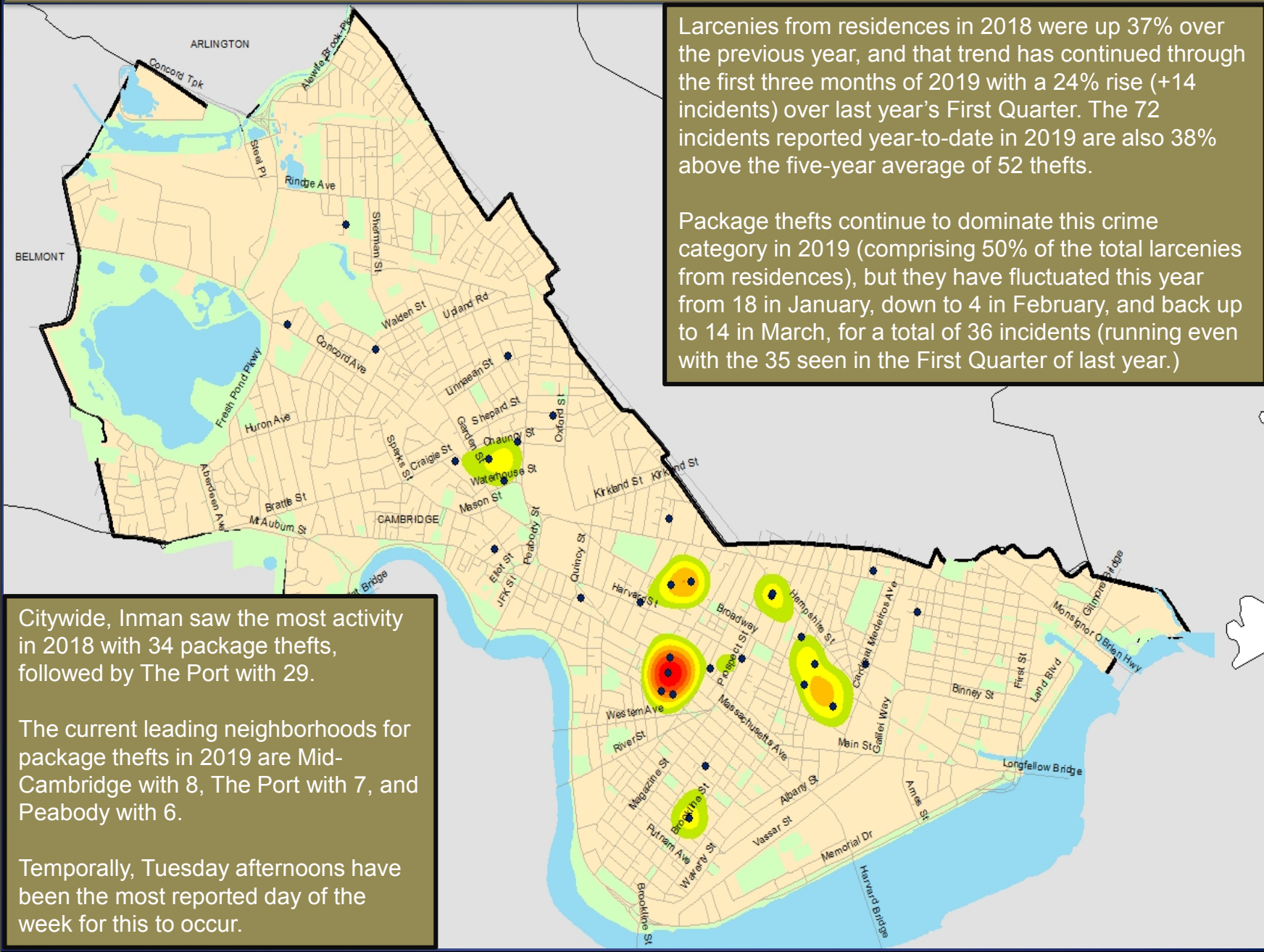
There has been an increase in thefts from parking garages in the Kendall Square area. The male suspect mentioned to the left has not been connected to those thefts.



A 35-year-old Boston male has been arrested at least 3 times in the past six months for stealing bikes in Cambridge. He has been linked to bike thefts from parking garages in North Cambridge, the Highlands, and Cambridgeport.

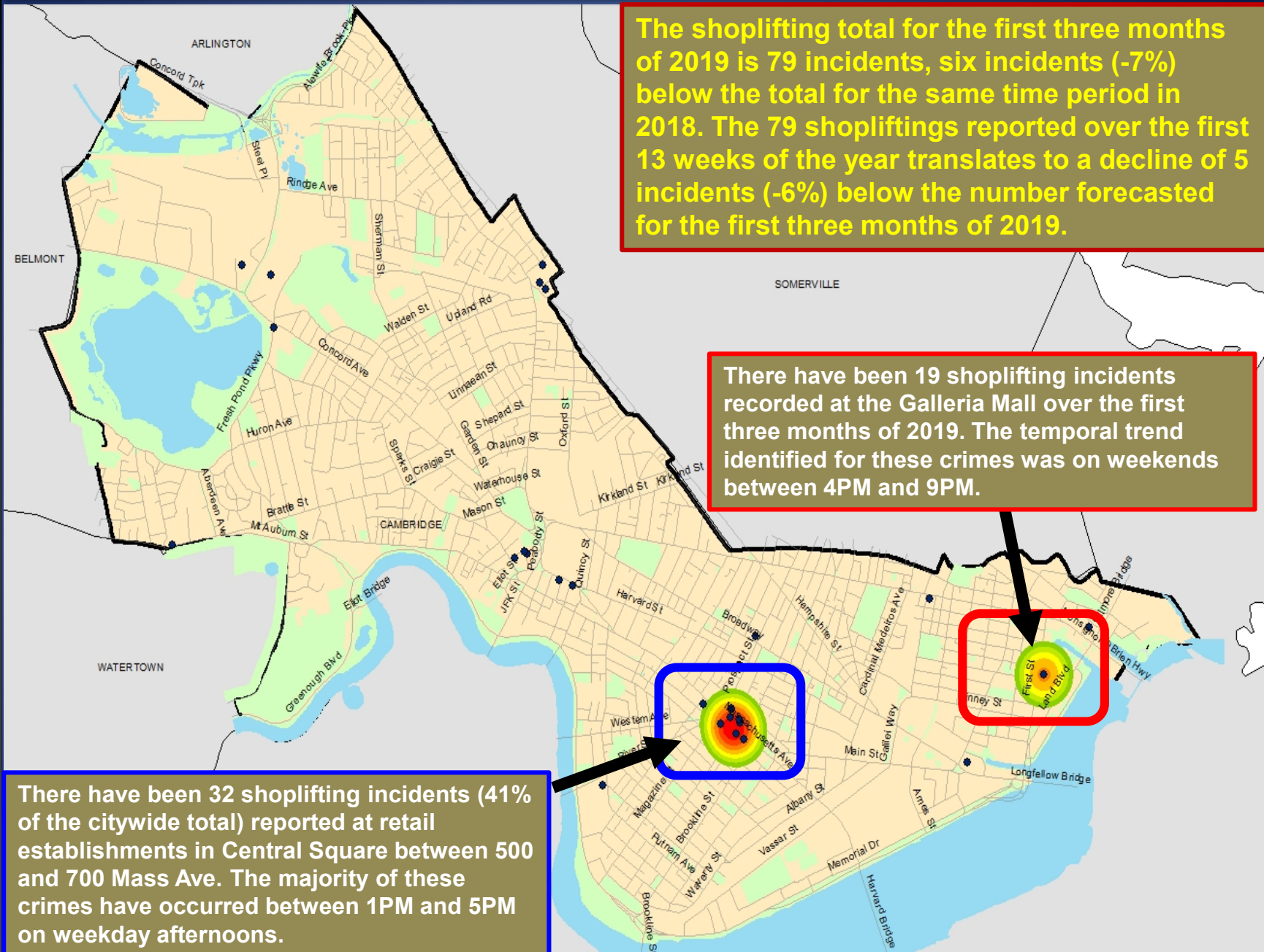


Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.19 to 4.1.19





Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.19 – 4.1.19



The shoplifting total for the first three months of 2019 is 79 incidents, six incidents (-7%) below the total for the same time period in 2018. The 79 shopliftings reported over the first 13 weeks of the year translates to a decline of 5 incidents (-6%) below the number forecasted for the first three months of 2019.

There have been 19 shoplifting incidents recorded at the Galleria Mall over the first three months of 2019. The temporal trend identified for these crimes was on weekends between 4PM and 9PM.

There have been 32 shoplifting incidents (41% of the citywide total) reported at retail establishments in Central Square between 500 and 700 Mass Ave. The majority of these crimes have occurred between 1PM and 5PM on weekday afternoons.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first three months of the year is 17 incidents. With 23 thefts reported in 2019 through the 1st of April, we are 35% above the average and 92% above the 12 reported during this time frame in 2018.
- Auto thefts rose from three reported incidents in February 2019 to nine in March.
- Notably, 6 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.
- Only four vehicles so far in 2019 have been stolen from north of the Harvard Square area; the 19 other thefts took place in the lower half of the city.
- Notably, 14 (or 61%) of the vehicles stolen this year have been recovered.

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

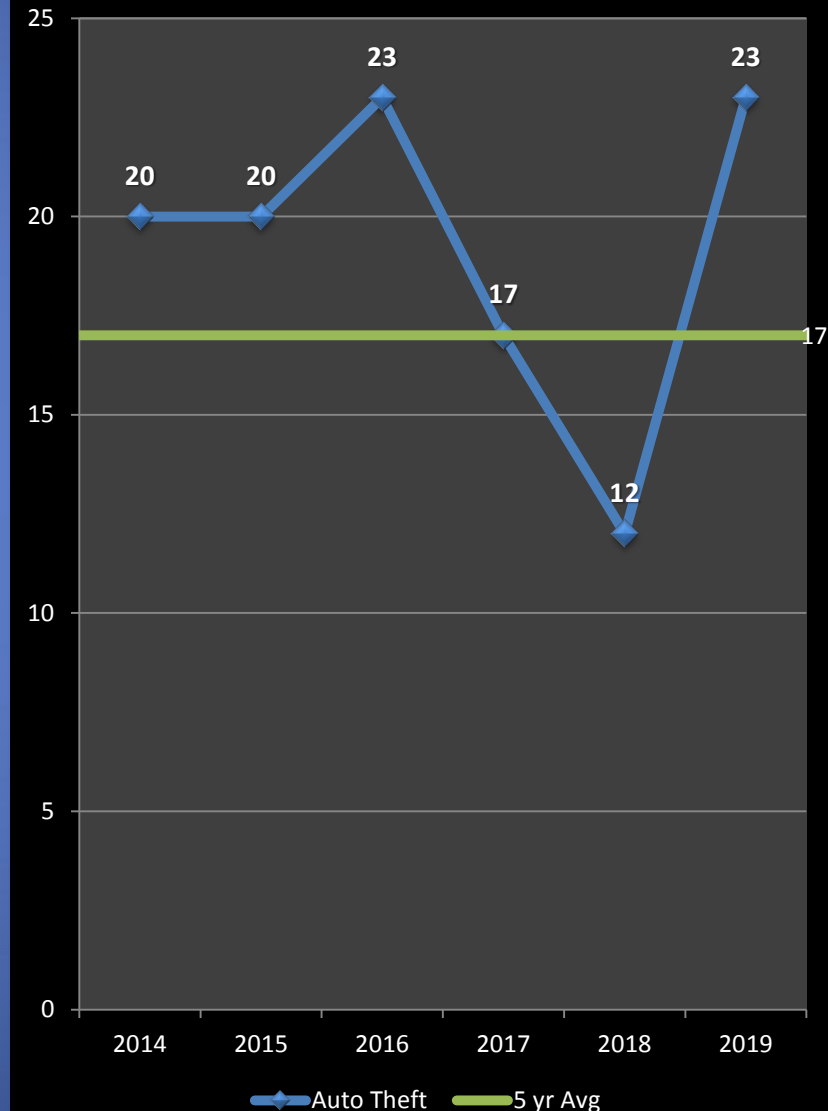
+200%

Previous Year

+92%

5-Year Average

+35%





2018 Overdose Activity Overview

Although overdose incidents are generally medical in nature, police often respond to assist Fire and EMS agencies. In 2018, 278 total overdose incidents of all types (with 11 fatalities) were reported to the Cambridge Police, which is up 11% from the 251 overdoses (with 15 fatalities) reported to the police in 2017, but is down 6% from the 295 overdoses (with 29 fatalities) reported in 2016.

A substantial surge was seen in 2016 in reports of opioid/heroin overdoses across the city, particularly involving overdoses that were fatal. This trend was seen statewide and across the nation. Although the number of suspected opioid overdoses have dropped in Cambridge from 199 in 2016 to 151 in 2017 to 141 in 2018, the concern remains and an intensive effort is continuing to be put forth both within the police department and citywide to fight this epidemic.

When a victim cannot or will not report what substance was involved in an overdose, officers must often rely on witness statements, medical personnel evaluations, and/or evidence at the scene to make a determination. The chart to the top right provides a breakdown of the suspected drug type involved in each overdose report for 2015-2018.*

*This data is only what is available through police reports. Additional overdoses are reported to EMS/Fire agencies in Cambridge, but police are not always alerted to respond as the call is often considered medical, not criminal in nature.

Suspected drug ingested

Drug	2015	2016	2017	2018
Heroin	95	149	104	74
Other Opioids (including opioids used in combination with other drugs)	10	50	47	67
Prescription/OTC Meds	53	56	61	55
Cocaine	1	1	4	5
Marijuana/THC	0	3	9	31
Crystal Meth	3	1	1	9
K2	1	2	1	2
Other (Designer Drugs, Hallucinogens, Mixes not involving opioids, etc.)	11	14	6	20
Unknown	14	19	18	15
Total	188	295	251	278

In 2018, there were 11 fatal overdoses

- 3 likely/confirmed heroin overdoses
- 1 confirmed fentanyl overdose
- 1 overdose involving an unspecified opioid
- 1 confirmed overdose involving cocaine
- 5 possible overdoses with unknown drug types

In 2017, there were 15 fatal overdoses:

- 6 likely/confirmed heroin overdoses
- 1 likely/confirmed fentanyl overdose
- 3 overdoses involving unspecified opioids
- 1 overdose from a suspected mix of cocaine and prescription pills
- 4 possible overdoses with unknown involved drug types



2018 Overdose Activity Overview - Opioids

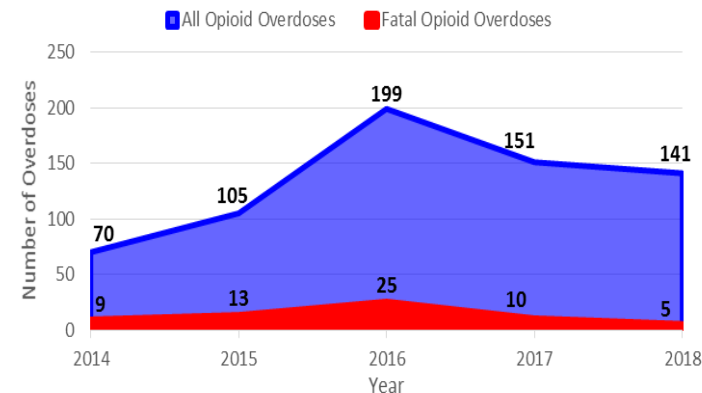
Time and Day of Week of Suspected Opioid Overdoses

Opioid overdoses were reported most frequently on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The vast majority of the opioid overdoses in Cambridge in 2018 (82%) took place between 10am and 11pm, with spikes in overdose reports from 10-11am, 3-7pm (**4pm hour was the most frequent time of day with 16 overdoses reported**), and 8-11pm.

Victim Profile (counting all reported overdoses as separate victims*)

- Median Age = The median age for overall victims in 2018 was 39 (average age 40). Median age for males was slightly higher at 41 (average age 42), while median age for females was lower at 35 (average age 37)
- Sex = Males outnumbered females roughly 2 to 1 in 2018 (95 males, 46 females)
- Resident = Residents made up 26% of overdose victims in 2018 (36 victims) – not including homeless/shelters
- Non-Resident = Non-residents made up 30% of overdose victims in 2018 (43 victims) – Boston residents overdosed 16x and Somerville residents overdosed 4x
- Transient = Transient/homeless individuals also made up 30% of overdose victims in 2018 (43 victims)
- Unknown Residence = The residency of 13% of overdose victims in 2018 could not be determined (19 victims)

Suspected Opioid Overdoses by Year



*The data to the left does not take into account that some victims overdose multiple times. Each overdose incident was counted as a separate victim. However, 17 people experienced more than one suspected opioid overdose in 2018. Of those 17, two people overdosed three times, and 15 overdosed two times. This does skew the statistics above. Although the number of repeat overdose victims was up over 2017, when only 13 people were involved in repeat overdoses, there were two victims in 2017 who overdosed 11 times and five times, respectively, over the course of the year. No one was involved in more than three overdoses reported to police in 2018.



Help Prevent Crime

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- 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



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