

Neighborhood Crime Stories

Central Square Drug Arrest

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The Special Investigation Unit received information that two individuals were selling cocaine in the Central Sq area and that they would be there on 10/23. Surveillance was set up and a male and female fitting the description were seen in front of Footlocker, talking with three known narcotics users. A little while later, a quick hand exchange was seen between the suspects while another acted as a lookout. The parties were stopped and one suspect attempted to flee and shoved 8 small pieces of crack cocaine. The other suspect handed over a cell phone and a small baggie of marijuana. The third individual was not found to have anything in his possession and was allowed to leave.

Street Robbery Arrest

There was a street robbery on 10/21 at 8:53 on 43 Sacramento Pl in which three juvenile males approached a victim and pointed black BBguns at him, stating they wanted his money and cell phone. The victim did not take them seriously and fought over his possessions. Suspects then shot him in the face with the BBguns twice. About an hour later, emergency communications received a broadcast from Somerville stating that they had an armed robbery and had stopped 3 suspects. The suspects were in possession of several black pellet guns. While on scene Officers heard suspect #1 state they had committed several robberies that night within the Cambridge and Somerville border. Somerville PD arrested the three, all of whom are juvenile Cambridge residents.

Two Arrested for GPS Thefts

Please click [here](#) to read a special story on increasing larcenies from motor vehicles in the city of Cambridge.

Arrest 1: John Hillis was stopped for riding a bike without a light and had been riding in the middle of the street, slowly, looking into cars on both sides of the street. He was stopped for a minute in conversation, asked his name, and told about the city ordinance for the light while riding a bike. While being frisked for safety, a hard object, which turned out to be a GPS system and shards of window glass, were found. Hillis denied any knowledge of a break, however upon turning the device on, all the locations were for New Jersey and Hillis stated he did not know anyone from there. He was placed under arrest. There was a GPS location from "Home" and a vehicle with a smashed window was found. The owner was located and stated that it was his property and had been unaware his vehicle was broken into.

Arrest 2: William Randall was arrested after a victim and witnesses saw him inside the victim's truck. Checking the vehicle, they found the GPS system missing and ended up chasing Randall down the street. Randall discarded the GPS and was found hiding in some bushes. Randall fought the victim and witnesses but was eventually detained by them until the police arrived.

There have been 954 larcenies from motor vehicles with 381 involving the theft of a GPS. There have been 24 incidents that have resulted in the arrest of one of or more persons for a larceny from a motor vehicle.

Cambridgeport

Housebreak Arrest on Magazine St.

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A suspect was reported to be acting suspiciously across on Magazine St. He was pacing and constantly looking in the direction of the same house. After a few minutes, the suspect approached the house and tried to enter and then disappeared around the back. When Officers arrived, the reporting person stated he believed the suspect was still inside the residence. Several units set up a perimeter around the residence. Officers approached the front door, and as she did a white male, black jacket, red hair, and black scally cap opened the front door. Upon seeing an Officer, the suspect slammed the door and retreated back inside. Commands for the suspect to exit the residence were given and when he failed to comply after five minutes Officers forced entry into the residence. After a struggle officers were able to handcuff the suspect.

Mid-Cambridge

Threats

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Edward O'Lear was arrested after he was seen hanging out of a window yelling racial epitaphs at people on the street. All parties were African American and stated the man had been yelling at them and threatening them. After stating this, the suspect lifted the window screen and could be seen with an object in his hand. People ran for cover because no one was able to identify the object. O'Lear did not come downstairs when asked and was eventually located and arrested on the roof.

Sector 1 & 2

Area 4 - Inman/Harrington

Developing Trends

Since 9/22, there have been 19 housebreaks within a confined area in the Area 4 and Inman/Harrington neighborhoods. These housebreaks are part of an early evening

housebreak pattern. Common targets are laptops, digital cameras, jewelry, and MP3 players. Entry is being gained through ground windows in which screens are broken or removed.

There are many things you can do to prevent a housebreak. Please see below for tips.

Home Safety Tips

Landscaping

Shrubbery should be 18 to 24 inches away from all exits or entrances. Shrubbery should be no higher than 18 inches. Make sure all possible entrances and exit points and windows are visible, not concealed by shrubbery.

Areas That Should be Well-Lit

- Doorways
- Garage Doors
- Bay Doors
- All other entrance of exits
- Windows for visibility and to detect breakage
- Alcoves or hidden areas
- Basement entries

Types of Lighting

- Continuous Lighting
- Motion-Sensored Lighting/Automatic floodlights that use infrared sensors to detect any type of motion.

Protecting Yourself From Street Robberies

You are always at a higher risk for being robbed late at night and on dark streets. Try to avoid these areas. Avoid public parks and areas with excessive trees and bushes. Avoid deserted areas and shortcuts. Walk close to the curb, except where cars pull in. Always walk briskly and confidently. Be aware of who is around you and what is going on. Have your keys ready so you can unlock your car door, or the door to your home. If you ever feel threatened, draw attention to yourself by making plenty of noise.

If robbed, always treat any firearm displayed by a robber as being loaded. Follow the robber's instructions. It is not worth being seriously hurt by resisting.

Study the robber as closely as possible. Take note of their race, age, height, sex, clothing, speech characteristics and scars. It may help to see if the robber resembles anyone famous that has similar features. Try to note which direction they flee after the robbery. Call 911 as soon as possible and relay this information.

When speaking to the Emergency Communication Center, give the exact address of where the robbery occurred. Describe exactly what happened as clearly as possible.

Describe the robbers and let the dispatcher know if the person is still in view, how long ago they left and if any weapons were shown. Also state whether medical attention is needed.