

# Neighborhood Crime Stories

## Inman/Harrington

### UPDATE for 9/22 Shooting on Hampshire St.

On October 1, an arrest warrant was issued for another individual for his involvement in this shooting (see previous bulletin, Inman/Harrington, for more information). He was subsequently arrested at his residence, by the Somerville Police Department. As a result of his arrest, the Cambridge Police Department Major Crime Unit executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence. During the search, a loaded firearm was found. The suspect had pictures, writings, and clothing associating himself with "Port Life" in his bedroom. This is the second of three originally unknown males to be arrested in connection with this shooting.

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## East Cambridge

### Street Robbery on Kendall St.

10/2/2007 4:28:00 PM

Victim stated she was walking along the access road between 303 Third St and Broadway when the suspect began calling out to her. The victim first ignored this, however she was followed by the suspect. The suspect stated that she had a knife and to hand over money. The victim continued to walk until the suspect aggressively grabbed her arm. At this point another suspect told her to back off and the two headed toward the Genzyme garage.

**Suspect Information:** White female, age 17-19

**Protecting Yourself:** Please scroll to the bottom of this bulletin to read about how to protect yourself from street robberies.

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## Area 4

### Street Robbery on Bristol St & Hampshire St

10/2/2007 9:39:00 PM

Victim states that three males in front of 65 Hampshire St asked him what time it was and he looked down to his pocket to check. After responding the males asked how he knew that and demanded that he turned over his iPhone. Officers stopped three suspects in the area, however no arrests were made.

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### Drug Arrest on Elm Street

9/28/2007 11:44:00 PM

Two males were arrested after detectives happened to see them exchanging items through a car window. Upon pat-frisking and speaking with one of the suspect's girlfriends, it was found that the driver had delivered marijuana to another individual.

**History:** There have been two other drug arrests within a few blocks since 6/22 in which a total of four people have been arrested.

#### What you can do:

**You do not have to tolerate drug dealers and drug users in your neighborhood. You can be a part of the solution by offering information on suspected activity by contacting the 24-Hour Anonymous Drug Tip Hot Line:**

**617-349-3359**

Please [click here](#) for more information on the hot line.

**Should you witness a drug crime that requires immediate police response, DIAL 9-1-1 and police will be dispatched to the area.**

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## Mid-Cambridge

### Street Robbery on Cambridge St. & Trowbridge St.

9/28/07 1:21 AM

Two males were walking at the above intersection when two other males approached them, one of whom pulled out a handgun and demanded money. One of the victims handed over his wallet and the other had his pockets searched by the other suspect.

**History:** This is the first street robbery within a few blocks of this year.

**Suspect Information:** Both are described as having dark skin, dark hoodies, and baggy jeans.

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## Cambridgeport

### ATTEMPTED HOUSEBREAK on Auburn Park

9/27/2007 4:14 PM

The victim states that on this date and time, a suspect rang his doorbell. Not knowing the suspect, he opened his door at which point the suspect then tried to move into the apartment. The victim closed the door and no entry was gained. The victim states that the suspect was not drunk but “wasn’t right”.

**History/Related Incidents:** There have been two other breaks within a few blocks of this location since the beginning of the year.

**Suspect Information:** African-American male, small afro hair style, yellow t-shirt, grey hoodie, jeans, head phones

**Protecting Yourself:** Be sure to know who is at your door before opening it. Even after the individual identifies himself or herself, if you do not feel comfortable opening the door, do not do so.

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT on Pearl Street  
9/27/2007 4:14 PM

On this date and time, an unknown male assaulted the victim. Witnesses state that the suspect knocked the victim to the ground and assaulted her while yelling at her. The victim was transported to CCH and offered no information about herself or the suspect.

**Suspect Information:** From Witnesses - Tall, middle aged, white t-shirt, light facial hair, alcohol on breath.

**History/Related Incidents:** There have been three other aggravated assaults within a few blocks of this location since 2/13/07.

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## Sector 1

East Cambridge - MIT Area - Inman/Harrington

### Developing Trends

There is a developing housebreak pattern in Sector 1. There have now been 8 breaks since 9/8/07 occurring Thursdays through Sundays. The previous bulletin reported 7. Breaks have been through windows via cutting screens, prying open, or pushing in an air conditioning unit. Stolen items have mostly been electronics.

### 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.
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## **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.