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2006 SECOND QUARTER SUMMARY

MURDER:

- ◆ There were two homicides in the first quarter of 2006 in Cambridge.
- ◆ The first homicide occurred on March 18th on Hamilton St. around 11 p.m. The victim was a Cambridge resident who was fatally wounded during a drive-by shooting.
- ◆ Ten days later, on March 28th, the second homicide occurred at one in the morning. The victim, a Somerville resident, was shot outside the *Phoenix Landing* on Massachusetts Ave. A large group of witnesses observed the shooting and were able to give a description of the suspect and point out his direction of flight. Police were able to locate and arrest the suspected shooter not long after the incident occurred.
- ◆ The most recent homicide conviction was that of Kevin Robinson in September of 2005, for murder and arson. In August, two people died as a result of a fire set in their building by Robinson. Robinson, who was a previous tenant of the same building, allegedly had ongoing problems with the building's landlord.
- ◆ No homicides took place in during the second quarter of the year.

RAPE:

- ◆ Two rapes were reported in the first quarter of 2006 and two in the second quarter. The first quarter incidents were non-stranger assaults; one was an attempted rape by an acquaintance that occurred mid-March where the victim was able to fight back.
 - **Acquaintance Rapes** are non-domestic rapes committed by someone who knows the victim. They include rapes of co-workers, schoolmates, friends, and other acquaintances, including "date rapes."
 - **Blitz Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the rapist assaults the victim on the street with no prior contact. Generally, the suspect "comes out of nowhere."
 - **Contact Rapes** are stranger rapes in which the suspect contacts the victim and tries to gain their confidence before assaulting them. Contact rapists typically pick up their victims in bars, lure them into their cars or houses, or otherwise try to coerce the victim into a situation in which they can begin their assault.
 - **Domestic Rapes** involve rapes between spouses, romantic partners, and family members.

ROBBERY:

FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Street robberies were down by 34% from the last year's first quarter. There were 15 commercial robberies this first quarter, also down 35% over last year.
- ◆ A habitual purse-snatcher was arrested in Harvard Square on January 10th after police stopped the suspect and the victim positively identified him as the man who grabbed her purse and ran with it.
- ◆ There was a notable street robbery pattern that developed in Area 4, which started at the end of February and continued into the beginning of March. In all six cases, there were

multiple suspects threatening the victim with a gun and demanding his or her wallet. In most cases, victims are males walking alone late at night.

- ◆ The first quarter saw only three gas station robberies, down from seven in last year's first quarter.
- ◆ There were three robberies at one convenience store located on Massachusetts Ave. beginning in January and continuing into early February; there were two commercial robberies that targeted dry cleaning establishments on Saturdays in January and February.

SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Six Commercial Robberies were reported in the second quarter of 2006, bringing the year to date total to a 45% decrease over 2005.
- ◆ Street Robberies are also down for the first six months of the year, by a 9% difference from 2005. Pack robberies have, however, doubled during the same time period in comparison to 2005 totals.
- ◆ One bank and two retail store robberies took place during this period. Three of the incidents reported in May took place in convenience stores, two of which involved the same suspect, a regular customer of the store, using a handgun to intimidate the clerk. This suspect was arrested subsequent to the second robbery.
- ◆ Arrests were made at the scene of five of the reported street robberies.
- ◆ **See the Pattern Analysis section for more information on robbery trends.**

BURGLARY:

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: FIRST QUARTER

- ◆ There was an 8% decrease in commercial burglaries in the first quarter, mostly attributed to the decline in professional commercial burglaries targeting safes that were prominent in 2005. Of the 36 incidents, three were attempts where entry was apparently not gained and four were likely inside jobs perpetrated by current or former employees.
- ◆ A Somerville resident was arrested in February after being identified as the suspect who broke into the *Maria Bonita* restaurant on Massachusetts Ave. earlier in the month.
- ◆ Throughout the three months and into the second quarter, there was a sporadic trend of commercial breaks into convenience and drug stores where lottery tickets were removed from the premises. It is believed that the suspects were also involved with additional commercial breaks in Cambridge. **See the Commercial Burglary Pattern Analysis section for a review of this pattern.**

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: SECOND QUARTER

- ◆ There was a 34% increase in commercial burglaries from last year's first half to this year's. This increase can be attributed to the rapid upsurge of commercial breaks at construction sites for their equipment and copper. Of the 91 incidents, six were attempts and 13 were likely inside jobs.
- ◆ A homeless man was arrested in early April after officers were dispatched to *Oleana Restaurant* on a report of a break in progress. When officers arrived, the man was found standing inside the restaurant.
- ◆ Between January and June, there were 35 thefts from construction sites, including both commercial and residential buildings, where expensive tools, piping, appliances, and other equipment were stolen. Locations in East Cambridge accounted for 39% and North Cambridge accounted for 25% of the larcenies.

- ◆ Theft of copper materials has been on the rise in the second quarter. There have been 17 reported copper thefts in the city since the beginning of the year, however, 14 of those were reported after May 1st.
- ◆ **See the Commercial Burglary Pattern Analysis section for a review of these patterns.**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY: FIRST QUARTER

- ◆ Down by more than a half from last year's first quarter total, there were an exceptionally low total of residential burglaries this first quarter. Ten of the 60 residential burglaries were attempts, where entry into the victims' homes was not gained.
- ◆ The four neighborhoods that saw the largest decrease in residential burglaries from last first quarter to this first quarter were East Cambridge by 85%, Cambridgeport by 79%, Peabody by 71%, and Mid-Cambridge by 54%.
- ◆ This low average can be partially attributed to the interdiction of housebreaks before they occur with investigations conducted by the Criminal Investigations Unit combined with information received from the Crime Analysis Unit. Additionally, patrol officers were able to arrest significant known burglars, deterring several housebreaks.
- ◆ Laptops, cash, and jewelry were common targets of housebreaks in the first quarter.
- ◆ Two individuals were arrested in Somerville early April in connection with a series along the Cambridge/Somerville border. They are believed to be involved in over a dozen housebreaks along the border affecting both cities.
- ◆ **For more details on Residential Burglaries this past quarter please see the Pattern Analysis section.**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY: SECOND QUARTER

- ◆ When comparing last year's total numbers from January to June, there has been a 27% decrease in residential burglary. However, in the second quarter alone, from April to June, there was an extremely slight increase with one more residential burglary from last year's second quarter. There were 130 housebreaks from April to June in 2006 and 129 housebreaks from April to June in 2005. This can be solely attributed to the Mid-Cambridge housebreak series where from mid May to June over 20 burglaries were reported.
- ◆ Again, laptops, digital cameras, and I-pods were the common targets of the burglaries.
- ◆ The four neighborhoods that saw the largest decrease in residential burglaries from last year's first half to this year's first have were East Cambridge by 66%, North Cambridge by 59%, and Peabody and West Cambridge both by 52%.
- ◆ Area 4 and Agassiz neighborhoods both saw a slight increase in the number of residential burglaries.

LARCENY:

FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Larcenies have overall increased 13%; the bulk of this increase can be attributed to larcenies from motor vehicles, which is up 47% from last year to this year.
- ◆ The most significant larceny trend of the first three months has been the theft of GPS Navigation systems in cars. The larceny of these systems is a national trend. They are a popular target for theft because they are easy to take and resell, easy to conceal, and very expensive. The State Police arrested an individual who admitted to over a dozen larcenies from motor vehicles in Cambridge. **For more details, see the Pattern Analysis section.**

SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Larcenies from motor vehicles have been by far the hottest crime in Cambridge throughout the entire year. There has been a 24% increase in incidents from last year to this year.
- ◆ The most significant larceny trend during the second quarter was theft of car stereos from the Sector 5 (majority in the Peabody neighborhood). There were three series of these types of larcenies throughout the second quarter. All three months of the second quarter, (April, May, and June) saw a series of these larcenies.

AUTO THEFT:

FIRST QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ In the first three months, the auto theft total was 23% lower than last year's first quarter total. Of the 44 stolen cars, Inman/Harrington and North Cambridge together reported 40% of the auto thefts.
- ◆ Thirty nine percent of the stolen cars have been recovered to date. A majority of them were recovered locally in Cambridge.

SECOND QUARTER SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Auto theft continued to decrease over the second quarter, bringing the year to date total down by nearly 20%.
- ◆ Nearly half of the vehicles stolen in the second quarter were recovered within the same period.
- ◆ Peabody reported the highest number of thefts from a single neighborhood.
- ◆ With such an exceptionally low total, no discernable patterns developed over the three months.

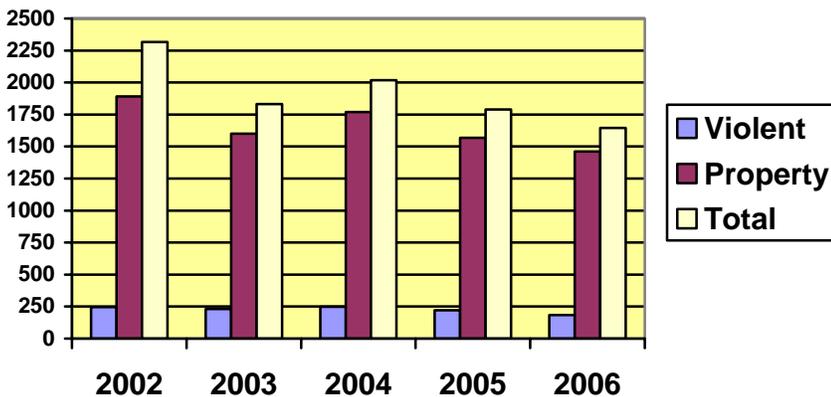
CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

January 1 to June 30, 2006

Part I Crime	2003 1/1-6/30	2004 1/1-6/30	2005 1/1-6/30	2006 1/1-6/30	% Change 05-06
Murder	2	0	1	2	N/A*
Rape	3	7	4	4	N/A*
Stranger	0	1	1	0	N/A*
Non-Stranger	3	6	3	4	N/A*
Robbery	112	113	118	94	-20%
Commercial	23	28	38	21	-45%
Street	89	85	80	73	-9%
Aggravated Assault	114	128	99	85	-14%
Burglary	247	270	330	283	-14%
Commercial	74	47	68	91	+34%
Residential	173	223	262	192	-27%
Larceny	1156	1290	1100	1072	-2%
Building	281	327	264	193	-27%
From Motor Vehicle	318	342	292	363	+24%
Person	142	139	158	139	-12%
Bicycle	62	101	67	66	N/A*
Shoplifting	176	226	207	173	-17%
Residence	101	101	82	106	+29%
MV Plate	39	25	17	14	18%
Services	18	12	8	6	-25%
Misc.	19	17	5	10	100%
Auto Theft	198	209	138	112	-19%
Total Violent	231	248	222	185	-17%
Total Prop.	1601	1769	1568	1460	-7%
Index Total	1832	2017	1790	1644	-8%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.

5 Year Crime Comparison
January - June



Highlights: First Half of the year in Review

Overall, index crimes have declined by 8% compared to the first half of 2005. The most drastic decline has been in commercial robberies, which are down 45%. Street robberies have also seen a slight decrease of 9% compared to last year's first half.

Commercial burglaries have increased since last year, with a 34% rise. This is mainly attributed to the rapid increase of commercial burglaries into construction sites where expensive tools and piping were stolen.

Violent crime is down 17%, which can be credited to a decrease in commercial robberies and aggravated assault incidents. The number of aggravated assault incidents has continued to drop, seeing a 14% reduction.

Property crime totals are down 7% compared to last year, credited greatly to a 27% decrease in residential burglaries and a 19% decline in auto thefts.

However, larceny from motor vehicles is up 24%, driven mainly by the GPS thefts in the first quarter and the stereo thefts in the second.

CRIMES REPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE

Part II Crime	2005 1/1-6/30	2006 1/1-6/30	% Change 05-06
Narcotics	87	64	-26%
Malicious Destruction Total	353	321	-9%
Attempted Theft	5	4	N/A*
Business (Other)	16	13	-19%
Business Window	25	26	N/A*
Car (Other)	54	49	-9%
Car Window	74	84	+13%
Graffiti	38	45	+18%
House Window	16	17	N/A*
Pinstriping	34	30	-12%
Residence (Other)	19	21	+10%
Tire Slashing	58	30	-49%
Revenge	14	2	-86%
Fraud Total	223	188	-16%
Embezzlement	5	3	-40%
Counterfeiting	11	6	-46%
Identity Theft	63	64	N/A*
Forgery/ Uttering Total	120	96	-20%
Application	3	0	N/A*
Bad Check	10	31	+32%
Forged Check	34	13	-62%
ATM/Credit Card	70	49	-30%
Miscellaneous Forgery	3	3	N/A*
Con Game Total	24	19	-20%
Big Carrot Con	7	4	-43%
Utility Impostor	0	0	N/A*
Pigeon Drop Con	3	3	N/A*
Charity	2	0	N/A*
Other Internet Related	0	7	N/A*
Miscellaneous Con games	12	5	-58%
Sex Offenses Total	39	27	-31%
Annoying & Accosting	6	9	+50%
Indecent Assault	12	4	-67%
Peeping & Spying	0	5	N/A*
Prostitution and Soliciting	7	3	-57%
Indecent Exposure	14	6	-57%
Disorderly Conduct	15	23	+53%
Drinking in Public	12	8	-32%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	N/A*
Hit & Run Accidents	408	309	-24%
Kidnapping	2	4	N/A*
Liquor Violations	2	4	N/A*
OUI	23	23	0%
Threats	159	117	-27%
Trespassing	27	23	-15%
Weapons Violations	12	25	+208%
TOTAL Part II Crimes	1362	1137	-17%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading

Highlights: First Half of the year in Review

Overall, part two index crimes decreased 17% from last year to this year. Drug related incidents, fraud incidents, and sex offenses have all been declining. Malicious destruction incidents decreased by 9%; however, smashed car windows and graffiti incidents each recorded a significant increase over last year.

At least ten of the malicious destruction reports involved the use of a BB gun shattering car windows or a house window. Tire slashings were sporadic and saw a decrease of almost 50%.

An increase in Internet related cons were reported. Suspects using websites such as *ebay* or *craigslist* were able to scam victims by not producing items that were paid for. This was the case in four of the con game incidents.

In two of the Internet-related incidents, the victim was told via email that they needed to update their credit card information and in doing so, gave out their personal identification and credit card numbers. It is likely that the actual incidence of this crime is higher than the number of reports made to the police department, due to underreporting.

Weapons violations saw 13 more incidents this year than last year. A majority of these crimes (44%) were concentrated around the Area 4 and Cambridgeport neighborhoods. Weapons violation incidents include reports of gunshots (either from a BB gun or handgun), bomb threats, and suspicious threatening persons.

SECOND QUARTER 2006 PATTERN ANALYSIS AND POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES

SERIOUS CRIME DROPPING:

Over the first half of 2006, there were 146 fewer index crimes when compared with the same time period last year. This decrease translates in to an 8% decline in serious crime. There were 37 fewer violent crimes equaling a 17% reduction. There was also a decline in property crime which driven by dramatic decreases in auto theft (a decrease of 19%) and residential burglary (a decrease of 27%).

COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES ON THE RISE:

There was a 34% increase in commercial burglaries from last year's second quarter to this year's. This increase can be attributed to the rapid upsurge of commercial breaks at construction sites for their equipment and copper. The first quarter saw an 8% decrease, mostly attributed to the cooling of the professional commercial burglary pattern involving the theft of safes in commercial establishments which was active throughout 2005. This pattern was not evident in the first or second quarter of 2006. There was one commercial burglary in the first quarter that resembled the previous year's pattern where the suspects cut a hole in the wall of *Anna's Taqueria* on Somerville Ave. The suspects tried to pry open the safes, but were unsuccessful. The suspects in this commercial burglary were thought to be involved in additional burglaries that occurred in December of 2005 and in an attempted commercial break into a convenience store located on Massachusetts Ave. at the end of March 2006.

Around early April there was a series and a regional pattern of commercial breaks in the early hours of the morning targeting convenience stores with lottery tickets, telephone cards and cigarettes the prizes. Throughout the first and into early second quarter, there was a sporadic trend of these commercial burglaries into convenience and drug stores where lottery tickets were stolen, there were less than a handful of these burglaries in Cambridge. It is believed that the same suspects involved with the commercial breaks mentioned previously, were also involved with the lottery tickets thefts.

A Somerville resident was arrested in February after being identified as the suspect who broke into the *Maria Bonita* restaurant on Massachusetts Ave. earlier in the month. Another arrest was made in connection with two incidents that occurred at *Oleana Restaurant* on Hampshire St. A homeless man was arrested in early April after officers were dispatched to *Oleana Restaurant* on a report of a break in progress. When officers arrived, the man was found standing inside the restaurant.

CONSTRUCTION SITE THEFT:

Between mid-December and June, there were 36 thefts from construction sites, including both commercial and residential buildings, where expensive tools, piping, appliances, and other equipment were stolen. Locations in East Cambridge accounted for 39% and North Cambridge accounted for 25% of the larcenies. The rest were scattered throughout the City. This series was relatively quiet in February and picked up again toward the end of March. It was extremely quiet in April, with only one reported larceny. Nevertheless, the following month of May saw the most incidents accounting for 31%.

There have been numerous arrests in neighboring cities in connection to these thefts. An arrest was made here in Cambridge in late June of a Cambridge resident who was caught inside a construction site on Hampshire St. Although not believed to be one of the more serious offenders involved in these thefts, the offender was prowling around the area taking pictures of numerous heavy construction tools.

LAPTOPS AND COPPER: HOT TARGETS

Laptops were a very hot target in commercial and residential burglaries as well as larcenies from buildings in the first quarter. One specific location on Massachusetts Ave reported a burglary with multiple laptop thefts during one weekend at the end of February. Additionally there were 16 larcenies from buildings where laptops were targeted. Of the 16 locations, 11 were thefts from a company office where victims reported their laptops missing after leaving their offices unattended and their laptops out in the open. A majority of the buildings targeted were in East Cambridge.

Recently, since the beginning of May, there has been a rapid increase in the theft of copper piping and wires from construction sites and other locations where copper is available; including construction companies, stockyards, renovation sites, and the like. Theft of copper materials has been seen in almost all neighboring cities and towns. There have been 17 reported copper thefts in the city since the beginning of the year, however, 14 of those were reported after May 1st. There have been a few arrests in surrounding cities and in Cambridge related to these thefts. The copper can be resold at a lucrative price making this item an extremely attractive target.

STREET ROBBERY DOWN:

Robbery overall was down 20%, street robbery was down 9% during the second quarter with few patterns identified.

What started out as a possible pattern in Cambridgeport, turned out to be more of a hotspot, with unrelated robberies all occurring around Central Square. Starting back in Mid-December and going until Mid-January, five street robberies occurred in that area. In four of the incidents, the victim was a female and there were two suspects in three of the incidents. The suspect descriptions and their method of robbing the victim were different in each incident.

There were two noteworthy street robbery arrests in the first quarter. The first arrest was made in connection with a robbery that occurred in late December. The suspect was later identified as the perpetrator after being arrested on an assault and battery warrant. The second was of a habitual purse-snatcher who was arrested on January 10th in Harvard Square after police stopped the suspect and the victim positively identified him as the man who snatched her purse.

The most notable street robbery pattern in the first quarter involved six robberies in Area 4, which started at the end of February and continued into the beginning of March. The first four incidents occurred on either an early Tuesday morning or a late Tuesday night. The series continued until March 9th, where two robberies occurred within minutes of each other in the early hours of a Thursday morning. In all six cases, there was more than one young suspect threatening the victim (most cases a male, walking alone) with a gun and demanding their wallet. In four cases, the victim refused and the suspects fled without taking anything. This pattern has stopped and no related incidents have been reported since March 9th.

The second quarter saw one significant street robbery pattern, which occurred in April and was labeled a pack robbery series, a total of eight robberies were possibly related. A group of three or more teenage suspects used force to rob the victim. All victims targeted were walking alone late night into the early morning hours. The robbers stayed in the vicinity of Inman/Harrington and Area 4 neighborhoods and continued from April 15th until the last reported incident on April 27th. This series since stopped and

no related incidents have been reported since then. In most of the incidents, the suspects used physical force and/or brandished a knife to threaten their victims into giving them their money.

Arrests were made at the scene of five street robberies. A Clifton St. resident was arrested in April for purse snatching after the victim positively identified him as the perpetrator who fought with her to steal her bag. That same day in April, an acquaintance street robbery occurred. Officers responded to the suspect's house when the victim informed them of who attacked her. He was arrested after turning himself in. A homeless man was arrested in April for street robbery. A Roxbury man was arrested in June for street robbery after assaulting a homeless man with a knife and attempting to rob him. The arrestee approached the victim and asked for a bite of his sandwich and a bottle of alcohol. When the victim refused, the arrestee struck him with his hands and brandished a folding knife. The victim in that incident was then later arrested the evening for street robbery after attempting to rob another homeless man.

DECREASE IN COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES:

Commercial robbery was down an astounding 45% compared to the first half of 2005.

There were 15 commercial robberies this first quarter, down 35% from last year. There were two taxi driver robberies; the first was on Lawn St. in January, where two customers assaulted the driver and robbed him of his cell phone and cash. An arrest was later made in connection with this robbery. The second was a week later, while a cab was idling at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Rindge Ave. A group of 20 young teens surrounded the taxi, opened the passenger side door, and stole the driver's cell phone and wallet. A juvenile later admitted to the theft in this incident.

There was a notable commercial robbery series' that continued from the first into the second quarter. A series of robberies targeted a convenience store on Massachusetts Ave. where there were three robberies between January and early February. In each of the robberies the suspect entered the store, threatened the clerk with a gun and demanded money. This same convenience store experienced two more robberies in the second quarter. In late May, a Somerville resident loitering around the establishment was arrested in connection to a robbery at this location earlier this year.

In the first quarter, a series of incidents targeted dry cleaning establishments. There were two commercial robberies at cleaners on Saturdays in January and February. In both robberies, the suspect entered the cleaners wearing a black mask, brandished a handgun, and demanded money from the register. The suspect then fled in an awaiting motor vehicle operated by a second suspect.

There were only six commercial robberies from April until June, with only one bank robbery. The lone bank robbery was at the *Portuguese Credit Union* on Hampshire St. in early June. Some of the tellers recognized the suspect who robbed the credit union as the same suspect who robbed them a few months prior in March.

LARCENIES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES – GPS AND CAR STEREO THEFTS:

Since the beginning of the year, there has been 363 larcenies from motor vehicles, 184 of those took place over the second quarter. This translates into a 24% increase in larcenies.

There were 179 larcenies from motor vehicles in the first quarter of the year. Nearly 14% of the larcenies targeted GPS Navigation systems. A similarity in a majority of the incidents was the method of

entry, usually by breaking windows. Nearly all the thefts took place in parking garages/lots. The most common time frame was during the day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when most vehicle owners are at work away from their cars. There were over 10 incidents at the Galleria Mall and over 10 at Cambridge Center. Kendall Square and Science Park were also targeted. The State Police arrested a major suspect in these larcenies in early February. This offender admitted to stealing five GPS systems from the Museum of Science parking garage, five to six from the Galleria, 10-12 from Kendall Square, as well as from locations in Boston. Nationally as well as locally, this trend seems to be cooling. There were only a handful of stolen GPS systems in the second quarter of the year.

Three juveniles were arrested on Fresh Pond Parkway at the end of January after witnesses reported seeing three suspects entering cars and removing items. When officers caught up with the suspects, numerous items were found in their possession from a number of previous larcenies from motor vehicles. Two suspects were arrested in Mid-Cambridge in late June after a witness spotted the two individuals removing the tires off of a Honda Civic on Harvard St.

Larcenies from motor vehicles have been by far the hottest crime in Cambridge throughout the entire year. There has been a 24% increase in incidents from last year to this year. There were three larceny from motor vehicle series in the second quarter, all in the same general area in the Peabody neighborhood (Sector 5) and all larcenies targeted stereo systems. There were multiple incidents of larcenies clustered in Sectors 1 and 5 in March and April. Nearly half of those targeted car stereos. Again from May 18th to the 22nd, there were 12 larcenies reported throughout the City. Sixty eight percent of those occurred in sector 5. Windows were smashed in all incidents and radios were stolen. In sector 1 during that same time frame, two juveniles were arrested after they set off a car alarm and officers located the suspects and found burglarious tools in their backpacks. The Peabody neighborhood was hit the hardest this second quarter when a rash of larcenies occurring in the Hubbard Ave. and Richdale Ave. area in June. Thirty motor vehicles were targeted and stereos were being ripped right out of the dashboards. Compared to last year's second quarter, Peabody only saw nine larcenies.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES:

There was an exceptionally low total of residential burglaries this first quarter, down by more than half from last year's first quarter total. The first quarter last year saw 132 residential burglaries; this year there were only 60. Further, when comparing these first quarter totals to the average of the previous eight years, it is still down by 40%. Ten of the 60 residential burglaries were attempts. Laptops, cash, and jewelry were the common targets.

Mid-Cambridge reported four residential burglaries one day in January, where entrance was gained by prying the front door in each residence. Two of the burglaries occurred in the same apartment complex and all four of the housebreaks were in residential complexes. In three of the housebreaks, nothing appeared missing from the residence, but the residences were rummaged through. The highest number of housebreaks was reported in Mid-Cambridge, which is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the City.

A cross-jurisdictional pattern emerged along the Cambridge/Somerville border in the first quarter, during the early days of the week and between noon and 3:00 p.m. Entry into residences was split between forcing front doors and prying side windows. The suspects were targeting electronic equipment, such as laptops and computer accessories. Two individuals were arrested in Somerville in early April in connection with this series. They are believed to be involved in over a dozen residential burglaries along the border.

When comparing the second quarter numbers, this year from April to June saw 130 burglaries while last year during the same time period there were 129 housebreaks. Over the entire year however, there has been a 27% decrease in residential burglary with 192 reported this year. Last year experienced 262 during the same time frame.

The most significant housebreak pattern seen during the second quarter occurred in the Mid-Cambridge neighborhood during the last half of the month of May and June where over 20 burglaries were reported. There were only 19 housebreaks in this neighborhood during the first four months of the year. Entry had been gained by damaging apartment window screens (mostly by cutting) and opening the window from the outside. Electronic items such as I-pods, digital cameras, and laptops were the common targets. These housebreaks were occurring during the daytime between the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. while most resident were away at work. The potential suspect who was involved in these housebreaks was also involved in numerous housebreak in Somerville.

There was a smaller residential burglary pattern seen in Sector 4 in the middle of May. There were six daytime housebreaks within a week of each other in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood. This level of housebreak activity is unusual for this neighborhood. Entry was gained by prying of bottom lock of front doors and jewelry and computer were the targets. From mid April until mid May, the Area 4 neighborhood saw 15 burglaries. Two individuals were stopped in the vicinity of where those breaks were occurring but the witness could no positively identify either one of them as the perpetrator.

A Cambridge Police officer working a detail at the corner of Kirkland St. and Divinity Ave. on May 23rd, when a call came in from dispatch stating that two young suspects were running from a back yard on Sacramento St. with the house alarm sounding. The two juveniles were stopped and identified and arrested for attempted housebreak.

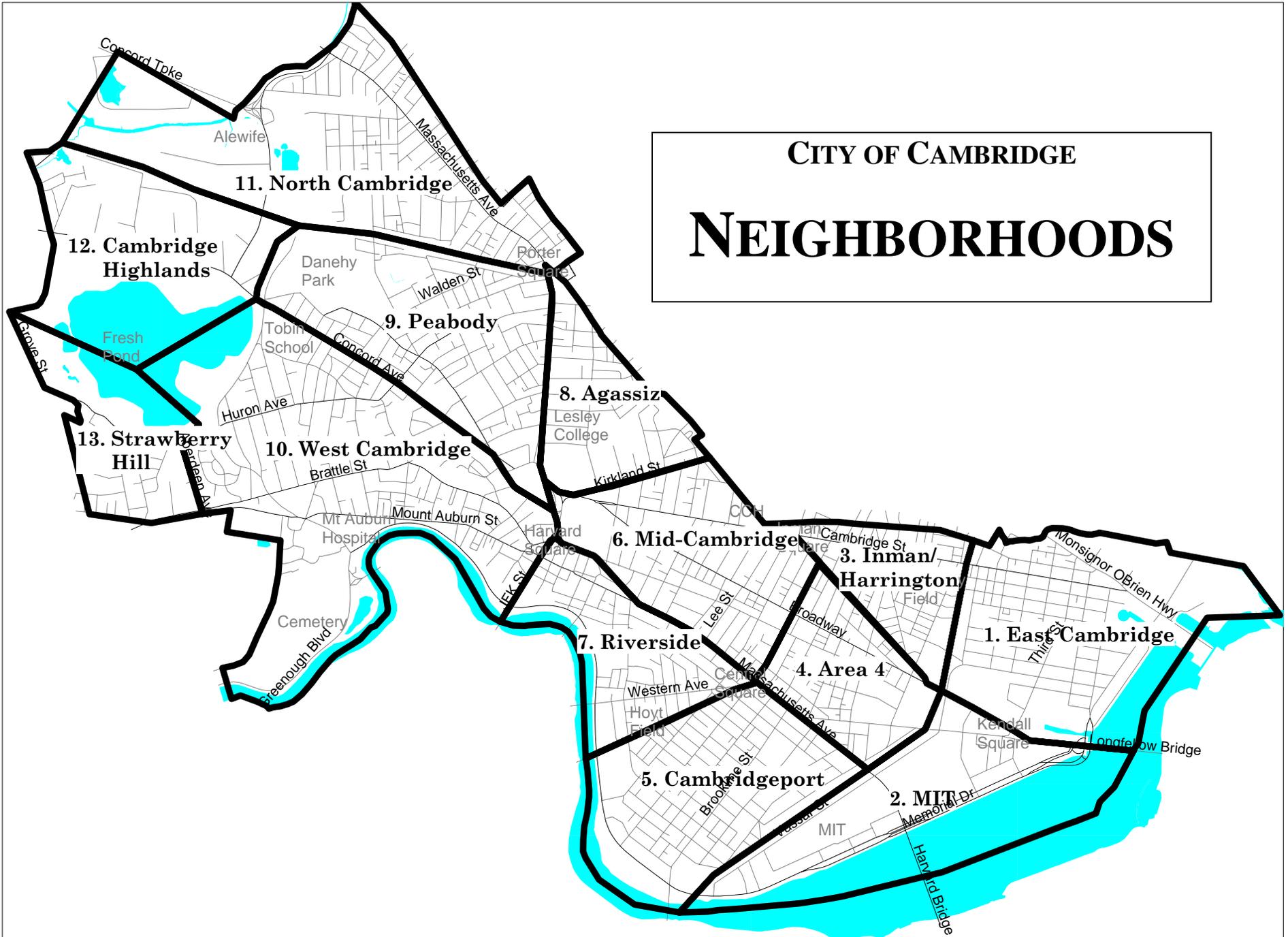
CAMBRIDGE POLICE RESPONSE STRATEGIES

The Cambridge Police Department utilizes a number of different strategies and tactics to identify and interdict crime patterns and trends. *Problem Oriented Policing* is a technique that is employed to combat long-standing crime problems. With POP, the Department analyzes situations, responds employing an array of suitable strategies, and then assesses the outcome of these actions. The community is kept abreast of emerging hotspots in their neighborhoods through scheduled monthly meetings. In more serious cases, a crime alert is dispatched to the affected area.

If ongoing target crime patterns arise, various patrol responses are deployed. Some officers are used as decoys, surveillance units cover potential suspects, and patrol cruisers are directed to specific locations for deterrence and suppression of criminal activity. Regardless of the response strategy, the safety of all citizens remains paramount to the Cambridge Police Department.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

NEIGHBORHOODS



FIVE-YEAR NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME COMPARISON

NEIGHBORHOOD 1: East Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	25	19	6	41	14
Street Robbery	7	5	8	7	10
Auto Theft	30	19	33	16	8
Larceny from MVs	32	70	31	30	54
Malicious Destruction	67	68	41	49	28
Drug Incidents	6	16	5	7	2

NEIGHBORHOOD 2: M.I.T. Area

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	0	1	1	1	1
Street Robbery	0	0	1	2	0
Auto Theft	3	3	8	3	5
Larceny from MVs	6	9	5	8	7
Malicious Destruction	3	10	5	5	4
Drug Incidents	1	0	0	1	1

NEIGHBORHOOD 3: Inman/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	29	4	17	19	12
Street Robbery	6	6	2	8	12
Auto Theft	22	28	22	8	13
Larceny from MVs	12	14	27	14	31
Malicious Destruction	27	34	34	33	28
Drug Incidents	1	7	10	6	7

NEIGHBORHOOD 4: Area 4

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	22	21	26	14	27
Street Robbery	14	17	23	14	20
Auto Theft	25	23	21	14	11
Larceny from MVs	23	22	29	23	26
Malicious Destruction	61	39	33	32	32
Drug Incidents	7	10	8	22	24

NEIGHBORHOOD 5: Cambridgeport

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	38	19	27	34	21
Street Robbery	7	19	15	18	7
Auto Theft	34	33	33	20	13
Larceny from MVs	29	45	51	44	28
Malicious Destruction	59	86	59	35	36
Drug Incidents	8	7	9	13	10

NEIGHBORHOOD 6: Mid-Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	56	29	34	48	42
Street Robbery	5	7	7	7	5
Auto Theft	14	19	16	14	14
Larceny from MVs	55	33	48	30	46
Malicious Destruction	64	40	34	55	27
Drug Incidents	5	3	4	15	4

NEIGHBORHOOD 7: Riverside

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	21	13	16	18	13
Street Robbery	5	9	15	10	2
Auto Theft	18	16	10	9	8
Larceny from MVs	13	8	22	24	17
Malicious Destruction	45	39	21	28	29
Drug Incidents	11	5	7	8	3

NEIGHBORHOOD 8: Agassiz

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	30	5	22	6	18
Street Robbery	1	2	1	1	1
Auto Theft	11	8	3	8	7
Larceny from MVs	18	14	19	18	22
Malicious Destruction	14	5	8	7	10
Drug Incidents	1	1	0	2	1

NEIGHBORHOOD 9: Peabody

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	30	22	28	25	12
Street Robbery	1	7	5	3	4
Auto Theft	10	13	23	10	10
Larceny from MVs	22	20	43	27	46
Malicious Destruction	55	30	50	34	35
Drug Incidents	0	2	5	1	1

NEIGHBORHOOD 10: West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	15	11	21	25	12
Street Robbery	10	4	1	1	2
Auto Theft	13	18	11	12	6
Larceny from MVs	16	26	27	22	37
Malicious Destruction	30	43	33	20	31
Drug Incidents	2	1	4	2	2

NEIGHBORHOOD 11: North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	32	24	22	27	11
Street Robbery	4	11	5	6	7
Auto Theft	20	14	18	18	13
Larceny from MVs	34	35	23	35	24
Malicious Destruction	58	56	37	36	49
Drug Incidents	5	5	10	9	7

NEIGHBORHOOD 12: Cambridge Highlands

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Housebreaks	4	2	0	1	3
Street Robbery	1	1	1	2	1
Auto Theft	4	1	4	3	2
Larceny from MVs	3	14	13	11	11
Malicious Destruction	7	14	26	8	7
Drug Incidents	3	1	1	1	1

NEIGHBORHOOD 13: Strawberry Hill

CRIME	Jan-Mar 2002	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2005	Jan-Mar 2006
Housebreaks	0	4	3	3	6
Street Robbery	1	2	1	1	2
Auto Theft	5	1	5	2	2
Larceny from MVs	6	8	4	6	13
Malicious Destruction	12	11	7	11	5
Drug Incidents	1	3	1	0	1

Neighborhood Crime Comparison Table January-June 2006													
Crime	East Camb	MIT	Inman	Area 4	Camb-port	Mid-Camb	River-side	Agassiz	Peabody	West Camb	North Camb	Camb Highlands	Straw-berry Hill
Auto Theft	8	5	13	11	13	14	8	7	10	6	13	2	2
Drug Incidents	2	1	7	24	10	4	3	1	1	2	7	1	1
Housebreak	14	1	12	27	21	42	13	18	12	12	11	3	6
Larceny from Building	51	3	8	19	20	15	15	6	6	24	21	5	0
Larceny from MV	54	7	32	26	28	46	17	22	46	37	24	11	13
Larceny from Person	18	4	6	11	25	15	18	5	5	20	9	2	1
Larceny from Residence	7	0	7	11	14	16	13	8	14	7	7	0	2
Larceny of Bicycle	3	4	4	4	8	10	5	4	5	6	11	1	0
Larceny of Plate	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Larceny of Services	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Mal. Dest. Property	28	4	28	32	36	27	29	10	35	31	49	7	5
Street Robbery	10	0	12	20	7	5	2	1	4	2	7	1	2

FIVE-YEAR BUSINESS DISTRICTS CRIME COMPARISON

BUSINESS DISTRICT 1: East Cambridge/Galleria

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	43	35	51	38	39
Larceny from Person	15	17	18	25	17
Commercial Burglary	14	6	2	8	12
Commercial Robbery	5	3	5	5	2
Shoplifting	79	67	94	79	46
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	48	32	45	31	31

BUSINESS DISTRICT 2: M.I.T./Kendall Sq./Lower Broadway

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	26	24	17	19	18
Larceny from Person	9	5	4	3	5
Commercial Burglary	3	6	2	3	12
Commercial Robbery	1	4	1	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	2	3
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	5	7	8	10	4

BUSINESS DISTRICT 3: Inman Square/Harrington

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	11	16	20	23	15
Larceny from Person	1	4	4	5	15
Commercial Burglary	10	13	5	7	10
Commercial Robbery	1	2	2	10	2
Shoplifting	5	2	2	2	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	15	22	20	17	19

BUSINESS DISTRICT 4: Central Square Area

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	44	61	49	45	34
Larceny from Person	36	45	30	34	40
Commercial Burglary	16	8	17	6	15
Commercial Robbery	2	4	6	8	2
Shoplifting	60	37	39	46	56
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	33	43	42	42	34

BUSINESS DISTRICT 5: Cambridgeport/Riverside

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	10	7	10	9	7
Larceny from Person	4	2	2	2	3
Commercial Burglary	4	3	1	1	5
Commercial Robbery	0	0	1	4	2
Shoplifting	3	2	5	11	10
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	10	6	4	12	17

BUSINESS DISTRICT 6: Bay Square/Upper Broadway

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	25	25	44	21	10
Larceny from Person	7	6	6	3	4
Commercial Burglary	4	9	2	11	5
Commercial Robbery	1	0	2	0	0
Shoplifting	1	1	2	2	1
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	6	11	13	14	12

BUSINESS DISTRICT 7: Harvard Square

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	39	35	48	45	24
Larceny from Person	89	47	50	67	32
Commercial Burglary	15	13	5	7	7
Commercial Robbery	2	1	4	2	0
Shoplifting	38	45	37	26	34
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	25	27	24	14	16

BUSINESS DISTRICT 8: Massachusetts Avenue (1500-1900 block)

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	21	19	27	31	10
Larceny from Person	6	3	7	6	10
Commercial Burglary	2	1	4	10	5
Commercial Robbery	2	3	1	1	1
Shoplifting	4	4	1	2	3
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	8	11	22	19	16

BUSINESS DISTRICT 9: Porter Square/North Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	17	21	19	10	18
Larceny from Person	15	5	8	4	9
Commercial Burglary	5	9	2	7	14
Commercial Robbery	1	3	4	3	7
Shoplifting	19	5	14	15	9
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	20	19	14	18	18

BUSINESS DISTRICT 10: Alewife/West Cambridge

CRIME	Jan-June 2002	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2006
Larceny from Buildings	30	38	41	22	18
Larceny from Person	24	8	8	8	4
Commercial Burglary	10	6	7	8	6
Commercial Robbery	2	3	2	5	5
Shoplifting	31	13	15	22	10
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	13	23	19	22	23

Business District Crime Comparison Table January-June 2006

Crime	East Cambrid ge/Galler ia	Mit/Kendal Sq./ Lower Broadway	Inman Sq./ Harrington	Central Sq.	Cambridge port/ Riverside	Bay Sq./ Upper Broadway	Harvard Sq.	Mass Ave	Porter Sq./North Camb.	Alewife/ West Camb
Larceny from Buildings	39	18	15	34	7	10	24	10	18	18
Larceny from Person	17	5	15	40	3	4	32	10	9	4
Commercial Burglary	12	12	10	15	5	5	7	5	14	6
Commercial Robbery	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	7	5
Shoplifting	46	3	1	56	10	1	34	3	9	10
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfei ting	31	4	19	34	17	12	16	16	18	23