



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Chief Francis A. Pisani

Date January 24, 1975

From Captain Lawrence J. Brutti

Reference

Subject West Cambridge area housebreaks

Sir:

In the first part of December, the pre-Christmas season, the West Cambridge area was struck with numerous housebreaks.

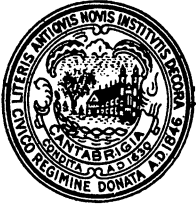
In order to combat the situation, additional coverage was assigned to that area.

The Patrol Supervisor from each platoon was alerted and told to concentrate additional patrol in that area. The Sector Sergeant, sector car, R car, K-9 car and the route men were ordered to give that area special attention. The number of night detectives were increased and maintained a steady surveillance in that sector.

In the first three weeks of December about six arrests were made. This seemed to have some effect, for after the arrest for breaking and entering a dwelling house at 61 Sparks St. on 12-16-74 and at 11 Lowell St. on 12-22-74, the incidence of house breaks dropped sharply.

The above mentioned uniformed officers are still assigned to that area nightly. One team of Detectives ~~is~~ now on duty nightly.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Brutti
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Captain of Police



City of Cambridge

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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

JAMES F. REAGAN

CHIEF OF POLICE

27 January 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Attached please find copies of the reports submitted to this office by Captains James Sugrue and Lawrence Brutti relative to the courses of action they pursued in an effort to combat the problem of housebreaks in the West Cambridge area.

Sincerely,

Francis A. Pisani

Francis A. Pisani
Chief of Police

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

TO: Chief Francis Pisani

January 27, 1975

FROM: Captain James Sugrue

Sir:

Regarding your order of December 16, 1974 regarding recent waves of theft and housebreaks in the North and West Cambridge Area, the following has been accomplished by this bureau.

From approx. July 1974 to December 1974 there have been 92 clearances in housebreaks and other related crimes. There have been seven adults arrested and 4 juveniles. There has been several thousands of dollars of property recovered and returned to owners. Surveillance in the high crime areas of the upper part of the city have been increased and as a result in this same period of time another man was arrested in the Concord Ave. area and sentenced to one year in the house of correction. Another arrest in the Brattle St. area regarding several breaks where silverware has been taken. This is the second arrest for this particular individual who turned out to be a juvenile. Still in another housebreak arrest in the Brattle St. Area a suspect was shot and another found hiding in a closet.

These are just some of the more important arrests that have taken place in this area. There have been others which are all contributing to lowering the crime rate in this particular area. We have maintained constant surveillance in this areas and will continue to do so in a highly professional and legal manner.

Other information is being received as a result of these arrests



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and other arrests will result from this information. We are also engaged in several investigations which consume quite a bit of time involving thousands of dollars in property taken in the more larger burglaries in the area.

From 12-13-74 through 1-14-75 night detective coverage in this area has been increased by assignment of additional BCI and CPD detectives. Currently we have two detectives assigned nightly paying particular attention to this area.

As a result of this increased surveillance a female from ^{Park} Jefferson was arrested and prosecuted and given a lengthy suspended sentence for receiving stolen property. She was subsequently arrested again for the same charges plus possession of narcotic drugs with intent to distribute and is presently before the court.

I feel as the result of this fence who was distributing narcotics in payment for stolen property, that these breaks and thefts will decrease.

Respectfully Submitted

James J. Szygma
Captain



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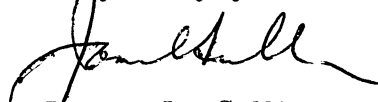
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 3, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 8 of February 3, 1975, and Council order of December 16, 1974, enclosed herewith please find copy of communication from Francis A. Pisani, Chief, Cambridge Police Department, with reports submitted relative to courses of action taken in an effort to combat the problem of housebreaks in the West Cambridge area.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/b

Agenda # 2

RE: Awaiting report re: housebreaks
in the West Cambridge area.

In City Council,

February 3, 1975

Placed on file