

Crimes Reported in Cambridgeport May 1, 2003 and July 18, 2003

Crime	Number of Incidents	Notes
Aggravated Assault	6	Of the six incidents, three resulted in an arrest. One was domestic in nature and the other took place outside of Hi-Fi Pizza when friends got into an argument that got physical. Another incident occurred on Mass Ave. just past Central Square where the victim was waiting for the bus while on his phone and a group of female youths walked by and punched him numerous times. The group of five females fled the area. A bar fight turned violent when a patron was hit with a thrown bottle in the head in another incident. Most recently, a man was stabbed in a domestic dispute by a group of individuals. No arrests have been made so far in the latest assault.
Auto Theft	18	Of the 18 thefts, 12 recoveries have been made in and around Cambridge. One arrest was made during the second week in June when a witness saw the theft-taking place and the State Police arrested the culprit. The most commonly stole car was a Honda (Civic or Accord). Seven of these cars in total were stolen during this time period.
Drugs Arrests (Incidents)	6	Six incidents resulted in 12 arrests. Four people from cities surrounding Cambridge were in a car pulled over for multiple violations and marijuana was found on each of them. Another arrest on May 1 was a result of confidential information received; the Special Investigations Unit set up surveillance and arrested the Cambridge resident. Three teens were arrested after being seen near Dana Park with multiple varieties of drugs on them including crack, cocaine and marijuana.
Gun Violations	0	No incidents reported.
Housebreak	10	No real patterns. Two breaks in the 200 block of Brookline St. over a month apart – entrance gained by cutting the screen to a window in one break and by prying the front door open in the remaining break.
Larceny from Automobile	30	This recent surge in car breaks is concentrated in the center of Cambridgeport, in an area between Pleasant and Pearl Sts., bordered by Lawrence and Watson Sts. The majority of these breaks are early morning breaks between 11pm and 3am. Perpetrators are targeting cars where items are left in plain view. Stolen items range from change left in consoles to car stereo/cd players to gym bags in the trunk. No car alarms have been set off because the culprits are simply breaking windows and gaining access to the car this way; they are not tampering with the car doors. There was a recent arrest.
Street Robbery	11	Of the 12 robberies, 7 occurred on either a Friday or Saturday. An arrest was executed on 6/7 of three late teens (2 males, 1 female) of Boston. One of the males stood over the victim holding a tire iron in a threatening manner while the other male rummaged through the victim's pockets. Three other teens were arrested this past weekend after robbing a VI with a BB gun. Descriptions of the youths match other robberies. Three other arrests were made in July. In total, there have been 12 arrests made as a result of these crimes.



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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-75, regarding a report on street crime in Cambridgeport, Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson reports the following:

During the period of May 1, 2003 to July 18, 2003, there has been street crime in the Cambridgeport neighborhood. The department has actively investigated these crimes and in many instances arrests were made. Department representatives have been actively meeting with community groups and other City officials on a regular basis discussing appropriate strategies and identifying problems within the community.

Long-term plans will be to continue to provide increased visibility and continued dialog with all community members, which include residents, business owners and community leaders. In addition, creating a plan for increased directed patrols by Patrol and assignments by Major Crime Unit (Detectives), Special Investigation Unit (Vice/Narcotics) and Selective Enforcement Unit (Traffic) to assist in addressing concerns in the Cambridgeport neighborhood.

Enclosed you will find a report of recent crime in the Cambridgeport neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #31

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-75**, regarding a report on
street crime in Cambridgeport.

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