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TO: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
FROM: Captain Joseph F. Grainger *J.F.G.*
Acting Chief of Police
SUBJECT: City Council Order #6 of 2/4/91

DATE: February 28, 1991

REFERENCE:

In response to City Council Order #6 of 2/4/91 regarding crime activity in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, attached please find a comprehensive analysis of crime trends in Cambridgeport prepared by Richard Sevieri, Crime Analyst.

Several meetings have already been held in the area in conjunction with Councilor Myers. Special bulletins of the area have been included to the Patrol Division in the Daily Crime Report.



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TO: Acting Chief Joseph Grainger
FROM: Richard Sevieri, Crime Analyst
SUBJECT: Crime Trends in Cambridgeport
from 11/15/90 to Present
City Council Order

DATE: February 23, 1991
REFERENCE:

Three disturbing crime trends emerge after analyzing incidents reported in the Cambridgeport area between November 15, 1990 and February 25, 1991.

- 1.) Housebreaks in this area continue to occur above the citywide average.
- 2.) Auto theft patterns that have been confined to the more commercially zoned areas of the neighborhood along Vassar & Albany Streets appear to be moving into residential areas as well.
- 3.) Malicious destruction to motor vehicles, (slashing of tires, smashing of windshields) on weekend nights, possibly by area juveniles, is an immediate problem and is an ongoing pattern.

Housebreaks... Housebreaks actually declined 30% in Cambridgeport in 1990 compared to 1989. However, the 216 breaks recorded here in 89 reflected the highest total for Cambridgeport in eight years. Sixty of the 150 breaks reported in Neighborhood #5 last year were reported between October 1st and December 15th. This increase in breaks can be traced to two distinct patterns.

- 1.) Area A..Upper Cambridgeport - Williams and Auburn, from 20 Magazine down to Chalk Street. A weekday pattern with the majority of breaks going down between noon and 2PM

Area B..Lower Cambridgeport, below Allston St. (Putnam, Chestnut Tufts and Henry). A nighttime pattern on Friday and Saturday nights between 5PM and 8PM

Housebreaks (cont.)...On December 12th, two Boston residents were arrested for a housebreak in progress on Florence Street. After this arrest, housebreaks abated to the 11 to 13 per month that this neighborhood normally averages.

However, during the past two weeks a new pattern commenced in the Chestnut Street area. Seven breaks were recorded on tuesday and wednesday nights between 5PM and 8PM. The last reported break in this pattern was on 2/21/91.

Auto Theft....Auto theft patterns during the daylight hours in the commercially zoned areas of this neighborhood, (Sidney, Pacific, Albany) have been a consistent problem for a number of years. During the past three months, nighttime patterns have been begun to appear along upper Magazine and the Hamilton Street area.

Housebreakers steal the homeowner's vehicle to make getaways with stolen property than in any other neighborhood in the city.

Malicious Destruction...This is a new problem that has popped up in Lower Cambridgeport between Allston and Chestnut Streets. This is a weekend pattern that involves the slashing or puncturing of motor vehicle tires. The arrests that have been made demonstrate that the majority of these crimes are committed by area juveniles.

Street Robbery....The Community Relations Bureau attended a crime prevention meeting at the Parks School on February 12th where area residents expressed concern about a recent rash of street robberies in the area. During January six females were the victims of unarmed robberies between Chalk and Chestnut Streets in the early evening hours. The varying suspect descriptions and M.O. used by the perpetrators point to a series of unrelated crimes. Extra patrols in this area have eradicated this problem for the time being. The last street robbery recorded in Cambridgeport was on January 27, 1991.

Also enclosed in this report are the following:

- Cambridgeport Crime Totals 11/15/90 - 2/25/91
- Cambridgeport Target Crime Totals 1981 - 1990
- Total Arrests-Cambridgeport - 1990
- Street Robbery Pinmap - 1990
- Street Robbery Pinmap - 1991

Cambridgeport Crime Totals

Nov. 15th to Feb. 25th, 1991

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>11/15/90 to 12/15/90</u>	<u>12/15/90 to 1/15/91</u>	<u>1/15/91 to 2/25/91</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ARSON	1	0	0	1
ASSAULTS	2	6	6	14
209A Abuse	1	1	3	5
HOUSEBREAKS	12	13	18	43
Commercial Breaks	2	1	1	4
Street Robbery	6	4	5	15
Commercial Robbery	1	0	0	1
Disorderly Arrests	1	2	2	5
Drug Arrests	3	0	1	4
Larceny from MV	4	8	8	20
Other Larcenies	6	5	7	18
Mal. Destruction	12	10	22	44
Auto Theft	17	8	14	39

NEIGHBORHOOD #5

TARGET CRIME TOTALS

1981 to 1990

YEAR:	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
HOUSEBREAKS	255	146	120	132	145	156	110	133	216	151
COMM.BREAKS	72	60	37	38	62	49	50	31	34	24
STREET ROBS	60	61	74	63	62	63	50	42	48	45
COMM.ROBS	25	24	13	12	13	22	14	14	15	16
AUTO THEFT	240	253	146	158	160	199	133	115	118	130
LARC FR MV	120	194	125	85	122	124	86	145	138	125
MAL.DEST	60	85	84	73	135	145	97	108	130	141

Total Arrests - Cambridgeport

1990

Assaults - 52

Burglary - 14

Disorderly - 28

OUI - 25

Domestic Violence - 32

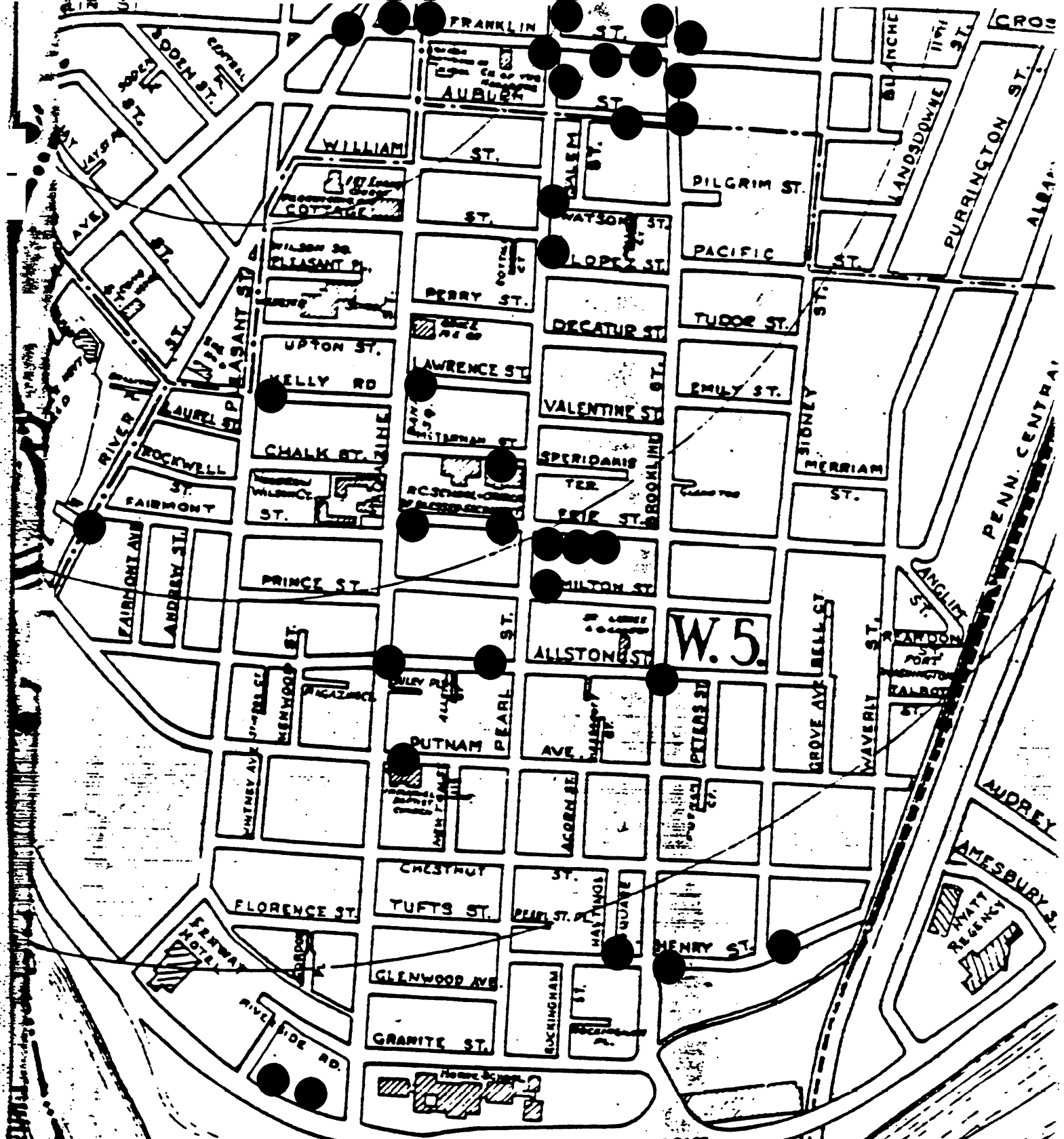
Larceny -

Mal Destruction - 17

Auto Theft - 12

Drug Related - 18

Robbery - 13

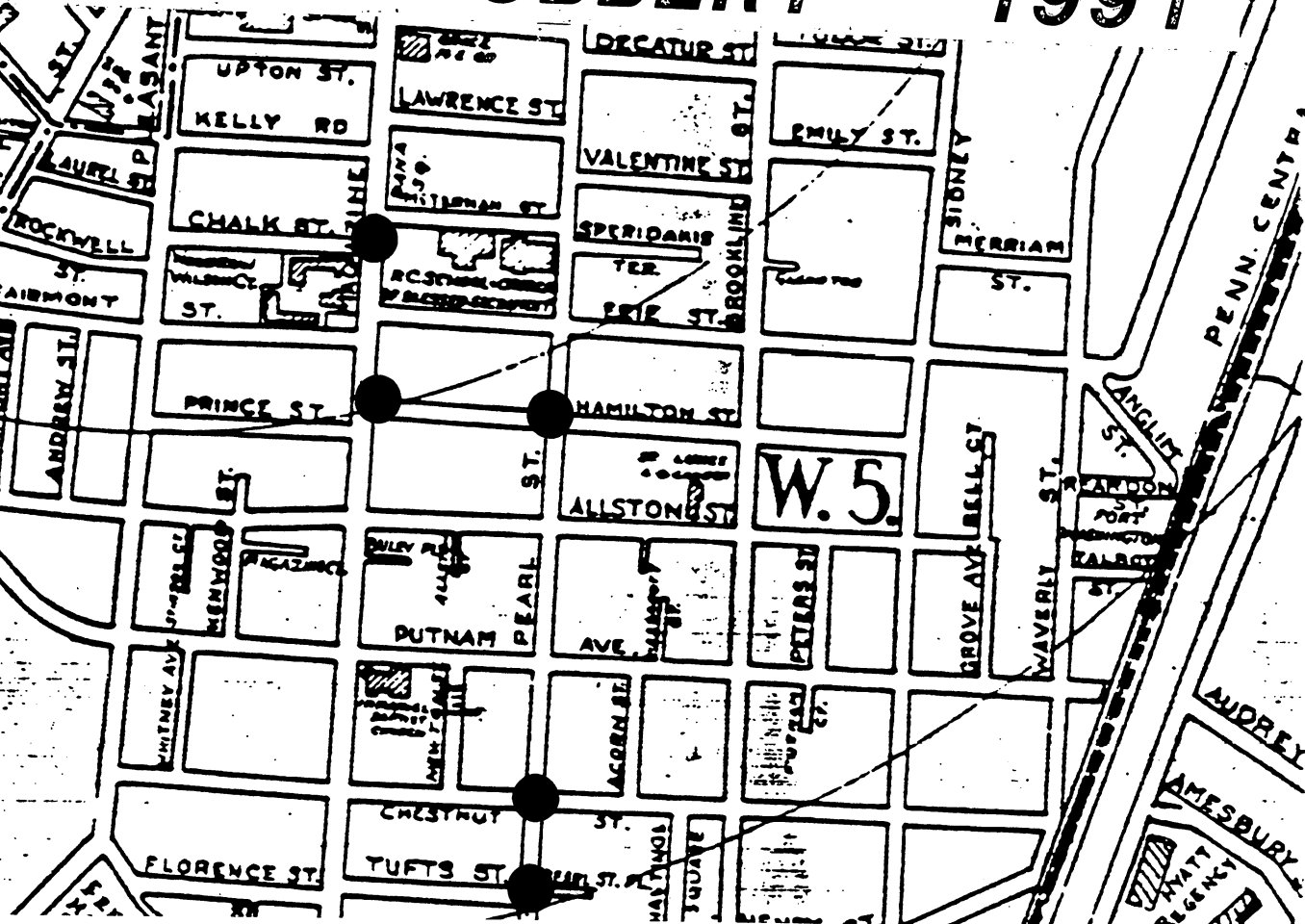


STREET ROBBERY 1990

BREAKDOWN

- Robbery by Gun ...3
- Robbery by Knife7
- Strong Arm Robbery35

STREET ROBBERY 1991



Jan. 4, ... 6:20 PM... female victim... suspect asked see ring, slipped off finger and fled, female suspect

Jan 11... 4 PM... Central Square, purse snap, female victim and suspect

Jan 15, ... 8:20 PM, Hamilton & Pearl, female victim, suspect ran up from behind and snatched purse

Jan 18, ... 11:30 PM... Tufts & Pearl, female vic, suspect asked for directions, snapped purse, fled vehicle

Jan 19, ... 7 PM... Magazine & Hamilton, elderly female victim, suspect punches vic in face, snaps purse, susp. fled to Putnam ave

Jan 27, ... 6:15 PM... Chalk & Magazine, female victim, struggle during purse snap, victim injured



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March 4, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, regarding crime activity in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, please find attached a report from Captain Joseph F. Grainger, Acting Chief of Police, concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA

Response to Awaiting Report Item No. 22
regarding crime activity in the Cambridge-
port neighborhood.

In City Council,

March 4, 1991.

Placed on file.