

CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PART ONE CRIME REPORTS

AND

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORTS

FOR

JANUARY 1, 1993 TO DECEMBER 31, 1993

This is the 1993 Annual Crime Report of the Cambridge Police Department. Past experience has shown that it will play a part in one of the most important decisions a person can make: the newly-weds deciding to purchase a condo in Cambridgeport, the developer from Chicago weighing the factors whether or not to situate in Alewife, the office managers in Central Square - will it be safe if he extends nighttime working hours. The goal of the Report is to answer as many of these questions as possible.



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After recording three years of serious crime on a downward spiral, The City of Cambridge registered a seven (7) percent increase in the Part One Crime Index when comparing the 1993 total with that of 1992. This seven (7) percent increase in serious crime comes on the heels of 1992's crime index which was the lowest total reported by the Cambridge Police to the Federal Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reporting Program since 1968. The Part One Crime Index of 6384 incidents represents only the second time in the past 25 years The City of Cambridge accounted for less than 6400 serious crimes as an annual total of incidents.

Further analysis reveals that both violent crime (+6%) and property crime (+7%) increased in 1993 when compared with the 1992 figures. Driving the increase in violent crime was aggravated assault (+17%).
11 three of the property crimes, burglary, larceny and auto theft, recorded moderate increases of between 7 to 9 percent.

The continuing decline in robbery (-12%) represents one of the more positive statistics generated during 1993. This decrease comes after a 28% drop in this crime in 1992. The 1993 robbery total (253) replaces the 1992 figure as the lowest total reported for this crime in Cambridge since the mid-1960's. The crime of rape also recorded a 9% decrease in 1993. A complete crime breakdown can be found on the following pages.



DEFINITION

Crime Index Total - The Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. The offenses included are the violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

CRIME BREAKDOWN

<u>JAN 1, 1992 TO DEC 31, 1992</u>		<u>JAN 1, 1993 TO DEC 31, 1993</u>		
<u>CRIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CRIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>
MURDER	2	MURDER	2	N.C.
RAPE	33	RAPE	30	-9%
ROBBERY	286	ROBBERY	253	-12%
ASSAULT	551	ASSAULT	643	+17%
BURGLARY	866	BURGLARY	929	+7%
LARCENY	3326	LARCENY	3563	+7%
AUTO THEFT	887	AUTO THEFT	964	+9%
INDEX TOTAL	5951	INDEX TOTAL	6384	+7%
<u>VIOLENT</u> <u>CRIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>VIOLENT</u> <u>CRIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>
MURDER		MURDER		
RAPE		RAPE		
ROBBERY		ROBBERY		
ASSAULT	872	ASSAULT	928	+6%
<u>PROPERTY</u> <u>CRIMES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u> <u>CRIMES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>
BURGLARY		BURGLARY		
LARCENY		LARCENY		
AUTO THEFT	5079	AUTO THEFT	5456	+7%

INDIVIDUAL CRIME BREAKDOWN:

MURDER

DEFINITION

Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another.

The classification of this offense, as for all other Crime Index offenses, is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.

There were two murders reported in Cambridge during 1993. Both murders took place during the month of September. In the early half of September 1993 in the area of 362 Rindge Ave a young man was shot in the back and arm and subsequently died from his wounds. This case is still in the investigatory stages. In the late September a violent domestic disturbance resulted in the death of an elderly woman. The woman was bludgeoned to death with a blunt instrument by her husband. The husband willingly turned himself in and is being held in custody. This case is involved in the judicial process.

In 1992 there were also two murders reported in the city, both resulting in convictions. In the case of the MIT student, Yngve Raustein who was assaulted by 3 Cambridge men, all three men were convicted and will be serving lengthy sentences in prison. The defendant in the second murder of 1992, a Cambridge man was also convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Over the past 30 years, Cambridge has averaged 4.5 murders per year.

FORCIBLE RAPE

DEFINITION

Forcible rape, as defined by the UCR program, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded.

The Investigation Section reports that in 1993 there was a combined total of 30 rapes and attempted rapes reported in Cambridge. The figure of 27 rapes and 3 attempted rapes represents a 9% decline for this crime when compared with 1992 totals. Fourteen of these cases have been cleared by arrests, suspects were identified but not prosecuted in eleven cases, and five incidents remain under investigation.

Of the 30 incidents recorded last year, four were categorized as stranger to stranger rapes and two of these were street/abduction type situations. The remaining 26 rapes were classified as the victim having a prior acquaintance with the rapists. In 10 of these type incidents the rapist was either a boyfriend or relative. The two stranger to stranger street/abduction rapes are consistent with the annual average for the City of Cambridge.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

DEFINITION

Aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Statistics for the crime of assault were on a roller coaster ride throughout 1993. Assaults rose 14% in the first quarter and leveled off between April and June to record a 2% decline when compared with the first six months of 1992. This crime then soared up over the summer and fall to register a 17% increase against the final 1992 totals.

Assaults with intent to murder increased 60% in 1993 with 24 reported up from 15 in 1992. The majority of these most serious of all assaults were recorded between January and June(19), only five were registered over the last six months of the year. In 1991, there were 30 assaults with intent to murder in Cambridge.

BREAKDOWN OF ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO MURDER BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND SITUATIONAL TYPE

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
#1 EAST CAMBRIDGE	3	(2)domestic,robbery
#3 INMAN SQ/HARRINGTON	5	(2)domestic,robbery,venge, gang
#4 AREA #4	5	(2)domestic,(2)gang,drug rip- off
#5 CAMBRIDGEPORT	1	domestic
#8 AGASSIZ	1	juvenile venge
#9 PEABODY/HIGHLANDS	1	domestic
#10 WEST CAMBRIDGE	2	drug related,venge
#11 NORTH CAMBRIDGE	6	(5)domestic,robbery

The following table is a breakdown of all aggravated assaults into what best describes the precipitating factor that ignites the confrontation.

ASSAULT BREAKDOWN

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% OF ALL ASSAULTS</u>
Domestic	203	32%
Bar/Liquor /Drug Related	65	10%
Traffic/Parking Altercations	56	9%
Revenge Motivated	140	22%
Unprovoked	179	28%

The majority of domestic assaults result from disputes involving financial matters and jealousy and are fueled by liquor and drugs in a high percentage of the incidents.

The three types of situational assaults related to bars/liquor/drugs that were reported on the Quarterly Reports in 1993 decreased substantially over the last six months of the year.

*East Cambridge - the assaults precipitated by alcohol and drugs in and around bars on weekend nights were negligible between July and December

*Central Square - mutual assaults of the homeless, usually involving fights over drugs, alcohol or debts were on the wane over the final two quarters of 1993.

*Harvard Square - the unprovoked assaults on weekend nights by suburban males out for a night on the town after the bars close has also declined. Although isolated incidents occur sporadically.

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE 1ST QTR

January 3, 1993...North Cambridge...A husband chokes his wife to unconsciousness. Wife is later treated and released from CCH. Husband is arrested.

January 24, 1993...Cambridge Common...A Medford man is jumped from behind and beaten with bricks and a stick while walking across the common. Three teenagers from Rhode Island and another from Dorchester are arrested shortly after the incident.

January 31, 1993...North Cambridge...After a violent argument boyfriend chokes his girlfriend and beats her violently about the face. Boyfriend is arrested.

February 8, 1993...1600 block of Mass Ave...Two Somerville teenagers are arrested and charged with attempted murder after jumping a Cambridge teenager and choking him to unconsciousness. Victim was kicked repeatedly in ribs. All subjects had a prior acquaintance and the assault was precipitated over an alleged debt.

March 12, 1993...Prospect & Hampshire...A 40 year old Somerville man and a 23 year old from Stoneham are arrested for stabbing a Somerville man. Argument allegedly started in a bar and ended up in nearby parking lot.

March 12, 1993...North Cambridge...Husband came home drunk and choked his wife and beat his mother-in-law about the head and face. Both victims transported to CCH. The husband was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

March 12, 1993...Harvard Square...A combination of Arlington, Somerville, and Cambridge teenagers are arrested and charged with attempted murder after opening fire with a handgun in the Kiosk area of the Square.

March 12, 1993...East Cambridge...Two thirteen year olds from Somerville are arrested and charged with attempted murder after trying to run down a police officer with a stolen motor vehicle.

March 22, 1993...Washington Street...Boyfriend/girlfriend argument. Boyfriend kicks and chokes victim. The boyfriend is later arrested on warrants.

March 25, 1993...Mass & Norris...Two Cambridge teenagers are arrested after stabbing outside of North Cambridge Catholic.

March 29, 1993...North Cambridge ...Boyfriend attempts to strangle girlfriend. He is arrested shortly after the incident.

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE 2ND QTR

April 3, 1993...Jackson Circle...Victim and boyfriend were walking up the stairs to victims apartment when victims sister charged at both victims and stabbed them. Boyfriend had surgery, victim was treated and released. Sister who lives in Lynn was later arrested.

April 5, 1993...Jackson Place...Boyfriend/girlfriend argument. Boyfriend threw blanket at girlfriend, girlfriend stabbed boyfriend. Girlfriend was arrested.

April 19, 1993...Windsor & Harvard...Group of teenagers involved in a fist fight. One victim later stabbed in head and thigh.

April 20, 1993...700 block of Cambridge Street...Boyfriend threw girlfriend around the house, punched, kicked, picked her up, bounced her head on the floor and attempted to throw her out the window. Boyfriend also threw victims two young children around. Boyfriend was arrested.

April 24, 1993...Roosevelt Towers...Boyfriend/girlfriend argument. Boyfriend choked and struck victim in left ear where victim has implant. Victim was treated at Mass Eye & Ear and released. Boyfriend arrested.

May 11, 1993...700 block of Cambridge Street...Victim attempted to intervene for a friend who was being robbed. Victim was shot in the abdomen.

May 21, 1993...Cambridge & Berkshire...Victim exited motor vehicle to use pay phone. Suspect walked up behind victim stabbed him in the back and stated "give me all you got." Suspect was later arrested.

May 22, 1993...Columbia Street...Victim was shot at by a known assailant because of an altercation that happened days earlier. Warrants sought for suspect.

June 9, 1993...200 block of Columbia Street...Officer injured after controlled buy went bad. One Cambridge man and two Somerville men arrested.

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE 3RD QTR

July 18, 1993...Columbia & Harvard...Victims were sitting on porch when suspect entered court yard and yelled, "where are they." Gun was shown. Three suspects took turns firing at victims. Two Cambridge men arrested and a third Hyde Park man identified.

August 1, 1993...300 block Windsor Street...Domestic assault. Victim and boyfriend were separated, boyfriend went to victims apartment to pick up belongings, victim was stabbed. Boyfriend arrested.

August 29, 1993...Eighth St...Domestic assault...former boyfriend stabbed exgirlfriends new boyfriend.

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE 4TH QTR

October 28, 1993...Walden Sq...Domestic Abuse...axe handle...boyfriend beat and kicked his girlfriend after an argument. Boyfriend was arrested.

November 13, 1993...Magazine St...Domestic...friend tried to intervene for friend during domestic argument. Boyfriend pulled large knife and chased victim down the street and around several MVs but was unable to catch him. Boyfriend was arrested.

ROBBERY

DEFINITION

Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

JAN 1, 1992 TO DEC 31, 1992

JAN 1, 1993 TO DEC 31, 1993

STREET ROBBERY 232
COMMERCIAL
ROBBERY 54

STREET ROBBERY 206 -11%
COMMERCIAL
ROBBERY 47 -13%

Until the dramatic decrease in robberies in 1992, the City of Cambridge had averaged 420 robberies annually since 1980. The 1993 robbery total of 253 incidents was the lowest number recorded in Cambridge since the mid-1960's. The 1993 decrease in robberies of 12% comes on the heels of a 28% drop for this crime in 1992.

For the purpose of analysis, the crime of robbery is divided into two categories: commercial and street robberies. Commercial robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care or custody of a commercial or financial establishment. This crime is the bank heist, the cab stick-up, or the convenience store rip-off.

As in 1992, an analysis of the geographic and temporal distribution of commercial robberies indicates that the practice of direct dispatch Park&Walks to "hot spot" locations is having a significant effect on this crime.

Prior to 1992, the higher probability incident areas of commercial robbery such as Harvard, Porter and Central Squares averaged between 50 to 55 incidents per year. That number fell to 21 commercial robberies in the above mentioned business areas last year and continued well below previous averages with 26 recorded in 1993. The dispatching of walking routes to prime locations at appropriate times appears to be a deterrent to this type of crime.

Another possible reason for the decline in commercial robberies is the advent of crime prevention and security techniques being utilized by convenience store owners.

Convenience store robberies have been on a steady decline from an average of 35 to 40 incidents during the decade of the 1980's to 25 in 1992, down to 10 reported incidents in 1993. Bank robberies (6), gas station stick-ups (2) and drug store robberies (1) have all recorded totals well below averages for the 1980's. In an age when the City of New York had 47 cab drivers murdered, and Boston counted hundreds of cab robberies, this urban nightmare has eluded Cambridge with only 2 cab robberies reported for the second year in a row.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES

JANUARY 1, 1993 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>
EAST CAMBRIDGE	10	3	-70%
CENTRAL SQUARE	12	9	-25%
CAMBRIDGEPORT/BAYSQUARE	7	5	-28%
HARVARD SQUARE	6	9	+50%
WEST CAMBRIDGE/ALEWIFE	8	7	-12.5%
NORTH CAMBRIDGE/PORTER SQUARE	6	8	+33%
KENDALL SQUARE	1	5	+400%
MASS AVE(1500 to 1900)	0	1	+100%

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY: TYPE OF PREMISE

Convenience Stores	10
Banks	6
Gas Stations	2
Cab/Taxi	2
Hotels	2
Parking Garages	2

(1 incident each) record store, bar, arcade, drug store, liquor store, shoe store, copy center, jewelry store, thrift and furniture stores.

Street robbery is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence, and/or putting the victim in fear. In the mind of the public this is the mugging, the purse snap, the confrontation on the street at gun, knife point or when strongarm tactics are used.

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF STREET ROBBERIES

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>	<u>% CITYWIDE TOTAL</u>
#1 EAST CAMBRIDGE	21	25	-16%	12%
#2 MIT AREA	10	7	-30%	3%
#3 INMAN/HARRINGTON	14	6	-57%	3%
#4 AREA 4	48	48	N.C.	23%
#5 CAMBRIDGEPORT	37	35	-6%	17%
#6 MID-CAMBRIDGE	14	14	N.C.	7%
#7 RIVERSIDE	20	7	-65%	3%
#8 AGASSIZ	4	3	-25%	1%
#9 PEABODY/WALDEN SQ.	20	3	-85%	1%
#10 WEST CAMBRIDGE	15	13	-13%	6%
#11 NORTH CAMBRIDGE	21	36	+71%	17%
#12 HIGHLANDS	0	7	+700%	3%
#13 STRAWBERRY HILLS	8	4	-50%	2%

Geographically, the major stories associated with street robberies in Cambridge during 1993 were the 71% increase in this crime in North Cambridge and the 85% decrease in Area #9. The majority of the increase in Cambridge can be traced to street robbery pattern in the area of Linnear Park last January and a dramatic surge of incidents in the parking lots near 364 Rindge Ave and the surrounding area.

Nearly 50% of the robberies in this neighborhood from April to December were in the vicinity of Rindge Towers. North Cambridge had averaged 30 street robberies per year throughout the decade of the 1980's. The 1993 total of 36 incidents is in sharp contrast to the 1992 total of 21 robberies, a figure that was lowest for North Cambridge since 1985.

The most startling statistic associated with the 1993 street robbery totals was the drop from 20 incidents in Area #9 (Peabody/Walden Square) in 1992 to 3 street robberies in 1993. This neighborhood has consistently averaged over 20 robberies annually since 1980. Part of this decline can be attributed to increased crime watch activities in the area and directed patrols in the vicinity of Lincoln Way and Walden Square. Although the total number of street robberies remains unchanged from last year in Area #4(48 incidents), this total still represents a 40% reduction from the decade long average of 75 per year that plagued this area.

***"Dial a Victim"** - These are the robberies of service delivery personnel which have been on the increase in the past two years. Take-out orders, predominantly pizza, are placed over the phone. A fraudulent address is given. The delivery person is intercepted before entering the phony location by suspects brandishing either a knife or a gun. Night depositors of store receipts have also been victimized at a higher rate since 1990. East Cambridge and Cambridgeport are the hot spots. (5% to 8% street robberies annually 15 to 25 per year)

***"The Homeless"** - A sad reflection of urban life in the 1990's. These are the incidents of the homeless robbing the homeless. The majority of these robberies occur in the vicinity of Central Square. The victim is acquainted with the perpetrator and in many cases both are intoxicated. Property taken runs the gamut from a bottle of wine, to a blanket, to a pair of shoes. In some of the incidents it is precipitated over a real or imagined past debt. Most likely this type of robbery is greatly under reported. (10% of street robberies annually - 20 to 35 per year)

***"The Lone Wolf"** - This robber works alone and stalks the city at night. He seldom will roam from his territory which is composed of Area 4, Cambridgeport, Riverside and Mid-Cambridge. His prey is a female between 25 to 40 years of age. He is between 20 to 30 years of age, a career criminal with 10 years of purse snapping experience. He is unarmed, with no intent to cause injury. He approaches from behind, strikes, and flees with the cash. Priority prosecution is endangering the lone wolf and is responsible for the dramatic reduction in this type of crime in Cambridge. (20% of street robberies annually - 40 to 70 incidents annually)

***"The Predator"** - This situational street robbery type has the greatest effect on the public safety consciousness of the citizens of the City. The typical scenario - two suspects armed with a knife or gun working in consort, in a predatory confrontation on the street. The elements of serious injury is ever present. The unexpected sometimes occurs - The Raustien murder in 1992. The predatory pairing comes in all shapes and sizes and employs a variety of M.O.'s: two juvenile partners from North Cambridge robbing female victims returning home from work. A dangerous pairing from Dorchester who cruised - Central Square drug haunts robbing dealers of their entrepreneurial endeavors at gunpoint, the team from Medford that preyed on students leaving bars to rob at knifepoint on the outskirts of Harvard Square, and a couple of career criminals from Cambridgeport ambushing victims at gunpoint on upper Magazine and Pearl Streets. All of the above combinations of predators have been active in Cambridge over the past two years.

On the positive side is the fact that these predatory street robberies have been decreasing dramatically over the past three years. From an annual average of over 120 incidents of this most violent street crimes per year, to less than 60 being reported in 1993, represents a more than 50% reduction. Predatory street

robbery patterns (same suspects involved in multiple robberies) has fallen from an average of 10 per year to only two discernible patterns in 1993. Cambridge has also been spared from the predatory patterns that have affected other urban areas: ATM robberies (only 2 in '93), carjackings (1 in '93) and shooting victims (2 in '93).

The following are synopses of the two major street robbery patterns in Cambridge during 1993:

1993 STREET ROBBERY PATTERNS

January 1993

Neighborhood 11

A series of armed street robberies in North Cambridge stormed the area in early January. Male and female victims were targeted as they exited the Alewife T Station by the Russell Field exit. Victims were also targeted as they walked through Linneer Park. Suspects demanded money and any items of value from the victims. The time of many of the robberies was 5:30PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The series of robberies spilled over into the first week of February and culminated with the arrest of two Cambridge men from the North Cambridge area.

October 1993

Neighborhood 2, 4, 5 and 11

A series of street robberies plagued the areas of Neighborhood 4, MIT, Cambridgeport and North Cambridge in the month of October. A total of 17 street robberies were reported in a week's time. Two suspects targeted victims in the MIT area along Mass Ave, the Neighborhood 4 area along Columbia and Harvard Street, Bishop Allen Drive, Essex Street, Washington Street and Kendall Square, and the Cambridgeport area along Brookline and Erie Street, Vassar Street, and Memorial Drive. Suspect demanded money and anything of value from the victims. The city was hit hard with this series of street robberies for approximately two weeks. The arrest of teenagers from the Cambridge area in the area of Broadway in the later half of October ended the pattern of street robberies.

BURGLARY

DEFINITION

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. Burglary in this Program is categorized into three subclassifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

JAN 1, 1992 TO DEC 30, 1992JAN 1, 1993 TO DEC 31 1993

HOUSEBREAKS	580	HOUSEBREAKS	643	+11%
COMMERCIAL BREAKS	286	COMMERCIAL BREAKS	286	N.C.

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF HOUSEBREAKS

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>% CHG 92/93</u>	<u>%CITYWIDE TOTAL</u>
#1 East Cambridge	35	35	N.C.	5%
#2 MIT Area	8	6	-35%	1%
#3 Harrington/Inman	42	49	+17%	8%
#4 Area 4	59	78	+32%	12%
#5 Cambridgeport	87	70	-20%	11%
#6 Mid-Cambridge	98	158	+61%	25%
#7 Riverside	38	38	N.C.	N.C.
#8 Agassiz	25	26	+4%	4%
#9 Peabody/Walden	59	44	-25%	7%
#10 West Cambridge	47	39	-17%	6%
#11 North Cambridge	68	78	+15%	12%
#12 Highlands	2	8	+300%	1%
#13 Strawberry Hills	12	14	+16%	2%

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF COMMERCIAL BREAKS

<u>BUSINESS AREA</u>	<u>92 TOTAL</u>	<u>93 TOTAL</u>	<u>%CHG 92/93</u>
E Camb/Galleria	32	27	-15%
Kendall Sq/Lower B'Way	19	17	-22%
Harrington/Inman Sq	23	27	+17%
Central Square	28	42	+50%
Bay Square 800-1100 Mass	9	16	+43%
Harvard Square	44	36	-25%
Cambridgeport/Riverside	34	23	-32%
Mass Ave (1500-1900blocks)	19	15	-21%
Porter Sq/N Camb(1900-2500blocks)	24	31	+29%
Alewife/West Cambridge	13	33	+153%

After a two year trend in declining burglary rates, and the lowest total for this crime in Cambridge in over 25 years being recorded in 1992, a 7% increase in breaks was reported through the fourth quarter of 1993. Neighborhoods that continue to register declines include MIT(-35%), Cambridgeport (-20%), Peabody/Walden(-25%), and West Cambridge(-17%). The three contiguous neighborhoods 3,4 and 6 account for 45% of the citywide total of housebreaks. Below you will find synopses of the major housebreak patterns during 1993.

1993 HOUSEBREAK PATTERNS

February 1993

Neighborhood 4 & 6

A pattern of daytime housebreaks emerged with incidents occurring every weekday beginning with the first of February. The time frame identified in this pattern was between the hours of 10:30AM and 2:00PM. It is suspected that the pattern began on or around the 22nd of January with multiple breaks in the area of 872 Mass Ave, 30 Inman St, and 35 Bigelow St. The series of breaks reconvened on February 1, 1993 with three apartments broken into at 18 Amory St. Other activity was centered in the area bordered by Inman, Harvard, Dana and Mass Ave. In the majority of the breaks entry was gained via prying open the front door. Pry marks have indicated that a screwdriver was the instrument of choice. Main targets were VCRs, camera equipment, assorted jewelry and loose cash.

July 1993

Neighborhood 4 & 6

A pattern of nighttime housebreaks emerged during the month of July along Harvard St. The time frame for the majority of the breaks was between the hours of 2:00AM, and 4-4:30AM. The M.O. and suspect description given in most of the breaks were also very similar. Toward the end of the month a variety of suspects were victimizing the area. The main point of entry was through a side window. All victims were asleep at the time of the incidents. The suspect went out of his way to awaken them by rummaging through drawers of bureaus with loose cash as the main target or turning on a light before exiting the premises. Locations targeted in this series of breaks include 142 Pine St, 258 Harvard St, 262 Harvard St, 23 Elm St and 122 Elm St. Approximately 30 housebreaks were reported during the months of July and late August in the Neighborhood 4 Area due in large part to this pattern.

August 1993

Neighborhood 10

There were several reported housebreaks in the area of Sectors 23 & 24R during the first week of August. There was a break on 8/1 at 3:00PM at 25 Lowell St/New School of Music, 8/6 between the hours of 6:00 to 7:30PM at 12 Alpine St, 63 Aberdeen Ave on 8/7 between the hours of 12:00-4:00AM, and 8/9 125 Coolidge Hill Ave between the hours of 9:00-9:30PM. Signal 86/Park & Walks and directed patrols quickly curtailed the rash of breaks.

November 1993

Neighborhood 5

Sector 3 was hit with a series of housebreaks in mid-November. Suspects targeted houses in the area stealing tvs, VCRs, jewelry and cash. Houses on Prince St, Putnam Ave, Tufts St, Pearl St, and Chalk St were a few of the residences hit during the pattern.

December 1993

Neighborhood 4 & 6

A series of housebreaks surfaced in Mid-Cambridge in mid-December in the area of West St, Amory St, Clinton St, Hancock St and Dana St. The only time frame in the series of breaks is 1:00PM reported from the first break on West St. In the

majority of the breaks front doors were being used to gain entrance. As in previous cases, jewelry, VCRs and stereo equipment were the main targets. By the end of the year, the total number of housebreaks connected with this pattern reached to between 15 and 20 breaks.

Commercial breaks recorded the same percent increase (+8%) from the third quarter to the fourth quarter in 1993. However, half of the business areas in the city have recorded an increase through the fourth quarter. Business areas to recorded an increase include: Harrington/Inman Square(+17%), Central Square(+50%), Bay Square(800-1100blocks), Porter Sq/N Camb(1900-2500blocks), Alewife/West Cambridge(+153%). A portion of the fifty percent rise in the Central Square business area can be attributed to street people or the homeless persons looking for shelter during the winter months. The dramatic increase of 153% in the Alewife/West Cambridge area is due in large part to breaks at and around construction sites where tools and other equipment were targeted, office buildings on Alewife and Cambridge Parkway where computers and computer equipment were the property targeted, and warehouses on Smith Place.

LARCENY- THEFT

DEFINITION

Larceny-theft is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession of another. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, thefts from motor vehicles, thefts of MV parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., in which no use of force, violence or fraud occurs. In the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, this crime category does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery and worthless checks. Motor vehicle theft is also excluded from this category in as much as it is a separate crime index offense.

LARCENY BREAKDOWN

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>%CHANGE</u>
Larceny fr Person	422	437	+4%
Shoplifting	353	425	+20%
Larceny fr MVs	837	881	+5%
Larceny of Bicycles	457	575	+26%
Larceny fr Buildings	1191	1116	-6%
Larceny fr Coin Machines	59	131	+111%

The crime of larceny recorded an increase of 7% when comparing the 1993 totals with those of last year. Throughout the decade of the 1980's, larceny accounted for between 45 to 48 percent of the Part One Crime Index. That statistic rose to 51% in 1991 and in both 1992 & 1993, larceny's share of the crime index was 56%. While other index offenses (robbery, burglary and auto theft) have declined dramatically over the past five years, the crime of larceny continues to rise.

All of the individual categories of larceny reported increases in 1993 with the exception of larceny from buildings. Larceny from buildings decreased 6% when compared with the 1992 figures.

Heavy concentrations of Signal 86 direct dispatches to hot spots appears to be effective in combatting larceny from buildings. Incidents of this type have been soaring in numbers since 1989. The trend that developed at that time, and reported on in previous annual reports was the professional career criminal's entry into this crime category. These professionals have altered their modus operandi and are targeting offices, health clubs, and public buildings hoping for quick scores from stolen wallets, credit cards and office equipment. The consistent pattern over the past two years is for the perpetrator to pose as a maintenance or delivery worker. This criminal hits establishments at opening times, lunch and closing with unattended purses and office equipment the main targets.

Larceny from buildings are concentrated in four geographic areas. Similar M.O.'s as described above are used in the following locations:

- *Galleria Mall: 50 to 70 incidents - wallets, purses, items of employee's clothing are the target.
- *Kendall Square: 60 to 80 incidents - wallets from office workers desks.
- *West Cambridge: 50 to 60 incidents, wallets and office equipment.
- *Harvard Square: 170 to 200 per year, wallets from offices, also employee's property from rear of stores.

The larceny category of theft from the person increased 4% in 1993. Pickpockets have altered previous patterns of rifling of unattended purses in restaurants and moved their operations to supermarkets, malls and onto the street. The four most significant larceny from person trends to emerge in Cambridge during 1993 were:

*Supermarket dippers - The M.O. of these thieves is to distract or bump an elderly female victim while she is shopping in a supermarket. The perpetrators partner working in consort will lift the victim's wallet from a purse in the shopping carriage. Undercover officers have made arrests, but these type of patterns refuse to die. The best time frame for this crime is on tuesday, thursday and saturday nights between the hours of 4:30PM to 7PM. The projected 1994 total is between 60 to 70 incidents.

*Central Square Pickpockets - The best time frame is weekdays between 2PM and 6PM at bus stops, in retail stores and along the street. This area averages 50 to

60 incidents of this type annually.

*Galleria Mall - Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 5PM and 7PM. Females between 15 to 25 are the target - 30 incidents per year.

*Harvard Square - Pickpockets use public transportation and historically Harvard Square has been their favorite stop. Their target is someone who is preoccupied, browsing in a bookstore, watching street performers or overloaded with packages. The best time frame for these incidents is on weekdays between 2PM and 5PM and on weekends between 4PM to 7PM. Tourists have frequently been victimized.

Larceny of bicycles - this type of theft climbed 26% in 1993. As projected, the period between May and September produced nearly 80% of the 575 bicycles stolen. This crime is also becoming professionalized. Arrests have been made of suspects working out of vans stealing 4 to 8 bikes a night. As in auto theft bicycle parts are now a very fenceable item. The theft of bicycles is very highly concentrated around Harvard Square and its immediate adjacent neighborhoods.

AUTO THEFT

DEFINITION

Defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, this offense category includes the stealing of automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motorscooters and snowmobiles. This definition excluded the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by persons having lawful access.

BREAKDOWN OF AUTO THEFT BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>%CHG 92/93</u>	<u>%CITYWIDE TOTAL</u>
#1 East Cambridge	92	125	+36%	13%
#2 MIT Area	80	105	+31%	11%
#3 Harrington/Inman	65	67	+3%	7%
#4 Area #4	98	80	-20%	9%
#5 Cambridgeport	82	110	+34%	11%
#6 Mid-Cambridge	117	126	+8%	13%
#7 Riverside	55	70	+27%	7%
#8 Agassiz	23	32	+39%	2%
#9 Peabody/Walden	71	46	-35%	3%
#10 West Cambridge	72	72	N.C.	8%
#11 North Cambridge	102	91	-10%	9%
#12 Highlands	18	30	+66%	2%
#13 Strawberry Hills	12	10	-16%	1%

For the first time in 3 years, the crime of auto theft recorded an increase in Cambridge with a 9% escalation over the 1992 figures. Auto theft had registered a 25 year low last year when 887 vehicles were reported stolen in the City. During the decade of the 1970's, the annual average auto theft total in Cambridge was 3400 incidents per year. That number has fallen so drastically due to more strict reporting procedures, preventative measures taken by the public, technological advances made in anti-theft systems, and the collaborative efforts of the C.P.D.'s Auto Theft Unit and the Governor's Auto Theft Strike Force.

The lower half of the City, neighborhoods #1 through 6, accounted for 64% of the auto theft total in 1993. Auto Theft increased in all six of these neighborhoods last year with the exception of Area 4 where a 20% reduction was recorded.

The hot spots for auto theft in Cambridge in 1993 were:

*#1 East Cambridge - daytime thefts on Third, Seventh and Eighth Street between January & June. Over the last six months of the year, lots on Linskey Way and Binney Street were targeted.

*#2 MIT Area - the theft of late model foreign vehicles on the side streets near Kendall Square (Wadsworth and Hayward, the 200 to 400 block of Vassar Street, and the 100 to 200 block of Memorial Drive). The best time frame for these auto thefts is between 11PM to 3PM.

*#5 Cambridgeport - the majority of auto theft in Cambridgeport is concentrated in the Stop&Shop and Howard Johnson Hotel lots, as well as, the triangular connection between Pleasant, River and Allston Streets including Fairmont, and Andrew Streets. Highest concentration of nighttime auto theft in the City is in this neighborhood.

*#6 Mid-Cambridge - blocks between 300 to 400 on both Harvard and Broadway are the hot spots for auto theft in this area.

The recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles from Cambridge in last year was 82%. This figure represents one of the higher percentages of cars returned to owners in recent years. Over 40% of all vehicles stolen in Cambridge were recovered in Boston. The majority of these cars were located in an area bordered by Columbus Ave, Franklin Field and Mattapan Square. Most vehicles are recovered within 48 hours partially stripped with tires and stereos the favorite targets of the thieves.

The following types of vehicles were stolen with the highest frequency in 1993: Honda Accords, Toyota Camrys, Jeep Cherokees, Chevy Blazers, Buick Regals, Mazda (323, 626) and Ford Escorts.

DRUGS

BREAKDOWN OF DRUG ARRESTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

<u>AREA</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>%CHG 92/93</u>	<u>%CITYWIDE TOTAL</u>
#1 East Cambridge	12	16	+33%	8%
#2 MIT Area	1	1	N.C.	1%
#3 Harrington/Inman	23	12	-48%	6%
#4 Area 4	84	76	-10%	38%
#5 Cambridgeport	22	22	N.C.	10%
#6 Mid-Cambridge	12	11	-8%	8%
#7 Riverside	13	13	N.C.	6%
#8 Agassiz	1	2	+100%	1%
#9 Peabody/Walden	9	0	-100%	-
#10 West Cambridge	15	7	-53%	3%
#11 North Cambridge	8	41	+412%	20%
#12 Highlands	0	0	N.C.	-
#13 Strawberry Hills	1	0	-100%	-

BREAKDOWN OF DRUG ARRESTS BY TYPE:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Possession of Hypodermic Syringe	6
Possession of Marijuana	51
Possession of Cocaine	70
Possession of Heroin	10
Sale of Cocaine	48
Sale other Narcotics	9
Sale of Heroin	2
Sale of Marijuana	5

Drug arrests decreased from 210 in 1992 to 201 incidents registered in 1993. Street level sales of drugs continue to be concentrated in Area #4 and upper Cambridgeport where 48% of the citywide drug arrest were made. Crack cocaine remains the driving force and the product of choice on the street. One of the major investigations during the first three months of 1993 was an attempt to disrupt the cocaine flow into the Central Square area. This case led to five arrests, two for trafficking in cocaine and three for the distribution of cocaine along with the seizure of four motor vehicles. One of the dealers arrested was considered to be one of the major crack cocaine distributors in Massachusetts. One of the Central Square players was arrested on three separate occasions during the first quarter of 1993.

During the second quarter of last year an investigation into the drug activity around an Inman Street rooming house led to five arrests and the seizure of a motor vehicle . "Operation Spring Cleaning" netted 23 prostitution related arrests in Central Square.

In late November, 50 officers from Cambridge's Narcotics Unit and Special Response Team, assisted by Medford, Malden and Chelsea Police, took a dozen suspects into custody after drug buys and apartment searches at and around a high rise complex on Rindge Ave in North Cambridge. Eight men and four woman, all street level dealers between the ages of 15 and 44 were arrested on charges of narcotic trafficking and distribution. The undercover operation code-named "Operation Northern Exposure" focused on the Rindge Ave area after residents had complained of drug activity. All special operations of the Narcotics Unit are intended to spread the word that drugs will not be tolerated in Cambridge. "We are sending a message to people out there who want to deal drugs or even buy drugs," said Police Supt. Walter Boyle when interviewed after "Northern Exposure". "That message is you are going to go to jail".

Neighborhood 1

East Cambridge

NEIGHBORHOOD #1...EAST CAMBRIDGE

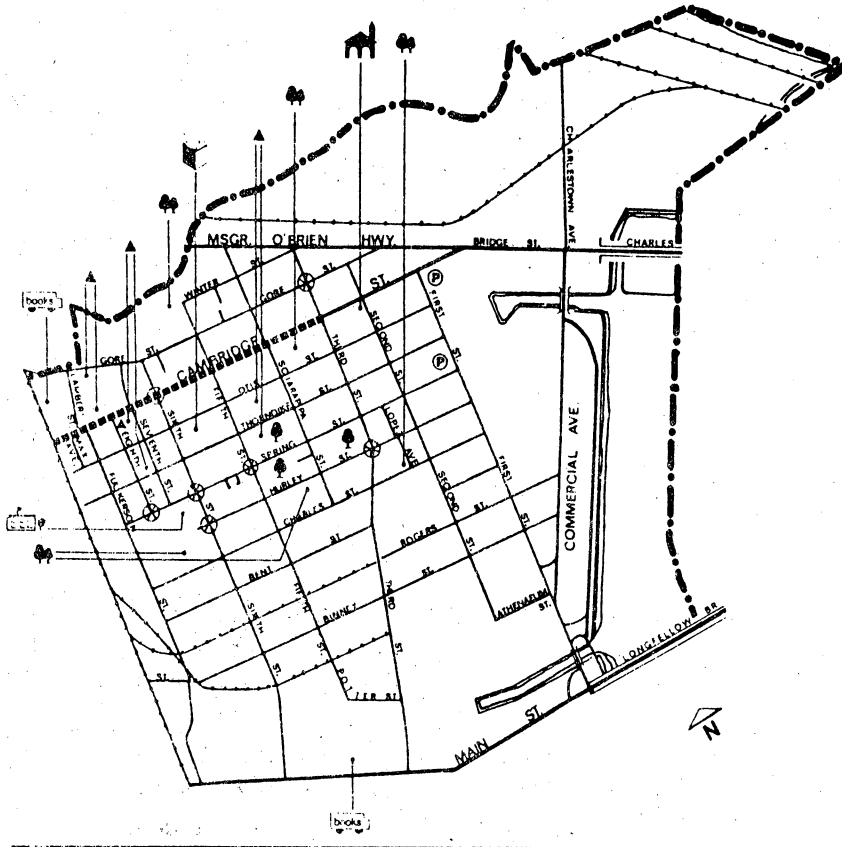
BOUNDARIES: bordered by Somerville, the Charles River and the B&A Railroad

POPULATION: 5783

Neighborhood #1 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (a 2 officer car) and Car 1R (a one - officer car) Also included within its boundaries is one walking route-EAST-1

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....38 per year
Street Robbery.....10 per year
Auto Theft.....156 per year
Larceny from MVs.....121 per year
Malicious Destruction...118 per year



1993 Year End Review:

Neighborhood #1, the East Cambridge area is one of many neighborhoods in the city to register a rise in more than half of the target crimes reported, however, no dramatic increases have been reported. The increase in auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction are due in large part to the increase of traffic in and around the area of the Galleria Mall. Motor vehicles in area lots on First, Second and Antenaecum Streets and adjoining streets were targets of vandals and thieves. Juvenile revenge and stranger-to-stranger type street robberies around the Galleria Mall during the holiday season was the only discernible street robbery trend for this area in 1993. The Narcotics Unit will continue to target drug activity around Roosevelt Towers.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	35	35	NC
STREET ROBBERY	21	25	+19%
AUTO THEFT	92	125	+36%
LARCENY FROM MVS	79	104	+33%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	93	112	+20%

DRUG ARRESTS	12	16	+33%

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD'S HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS & 1991/92 CRIME DATA

Historical Synopsis...Around 7000 calls for service are answered for this neighborhood each year resulting in between 7% to 9% of the city's serious crime annually. Past trends indicate that auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction are the major crime problems and generate the largest number of incidents. Housebreaks and street robberies are usually well below rates in other city neighborhoods. In recent years gang calls to recreational areas during the summer months and domestic abuse assaults are on the rise.

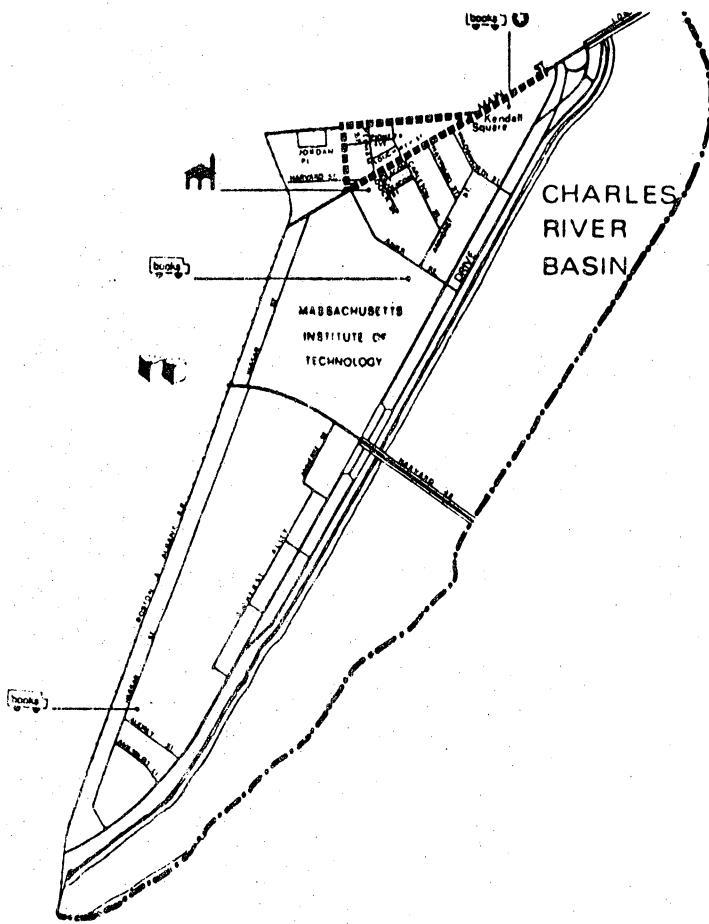
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	41	35	-15%
STREET ROBBERY	25	21	-16%
AUTO THEFT	112	92	-18%
LARCENY FROM MVS	77	79	+2%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	111	93	-16%

DRUG ARRESTS	12	12	NC

Year's Review: Auto theft and malicious destruction continued to decline in East Cambridge during 1992. Larceny from motor vehicles rose slightly with lots on First, Second and Antenaem Streets being hit with weekday afternoon patterns. Auto theft, although declining, was concentrated on lots on Linsky, Thorndike Street and late in December on Lambert Street. Major housebreak concentrations during the year were in the 150 to 200 block of Thorndike Street and the 50 to 100 block of Seventh Street. However, Neighborhood #1 continues to have one of the lower rates of housebreaks in the City. Since the opening of the Galleria Mall there has been an increase in street robberies in an area within five blocks of First Street. These robberies are infrequent but a pattern of Saturday afternoon incidents has been identified. Other patterns identified during the year were tire slashings on Seventh and Eighth Street and in the 100 block of Fulkerson Street. The Narcotics Unit continues to target drug activity around Roosevelt Towers and at bars in the Neighborhood.

Neighborhood 2



NEIGHBORHOOD #2...MIT AREA

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the Boston & Albany railroad and the Charles River

POPULATION: 5196

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of CAR 2 (2 officers) Also included in this area is CAR 2R (1 officer car) and one walking route (Kendall 7). MIT Police also patrol this neighborhood.

Annual Average for Target Crimes Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....19 per year
Street Robberies.....11 per year
Auto Theft.....102 per year
Larceny from MVs.....56 per year
Malicious Destruction...47 per year

1993 Year End Review:

The MIT Area was one of the few neighborhoods to record sharp declines in the majority of target crimes. The total number of housebreaks reported for 1993 in the MIT area was 6. This number represents one of the lowest totals of all city neighborhoods. The total number of street robberies in the MIT area continue to decline. The city was hit with a series of street robberies during the third quarter of 1993 and more than half of the robberies reported in this area are directly related to this pattern. Malicious destruction and larceny from motor vehicles continue to decline. The increasing rate of auto theft is traceable to the area around Vassar, Albany, and Audrey Streets, the vicinity of the Hyatt Regency and side streets off of Kendall Square. Late model foreign vehicles are the targeted property.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

CRIME	1992 TOTAL	1993 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	8	6	-25%
STREET ROBBERY	10	7	-30%
AUTO THEFT	30	105	+31%
LARCENY FROM MVS	63	48	-24%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	51	31	-39%

DRUG ARRESTS	1	1	NC

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD'S HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS & 1991/92 CRIME DATA

Historical Synopsis: Between 1400 to 1600 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year which accounts for 3% of the citywide total. Roughly, 4% of the serious crime in the city each year occurs here. Past trends indicate that the major crime problems in this neighborhood are Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles and malicious destruction to cars. A hot spot for street robberies in the past has been the intersection of Vassar and Main between 11PM and 2AM on weekend nights.

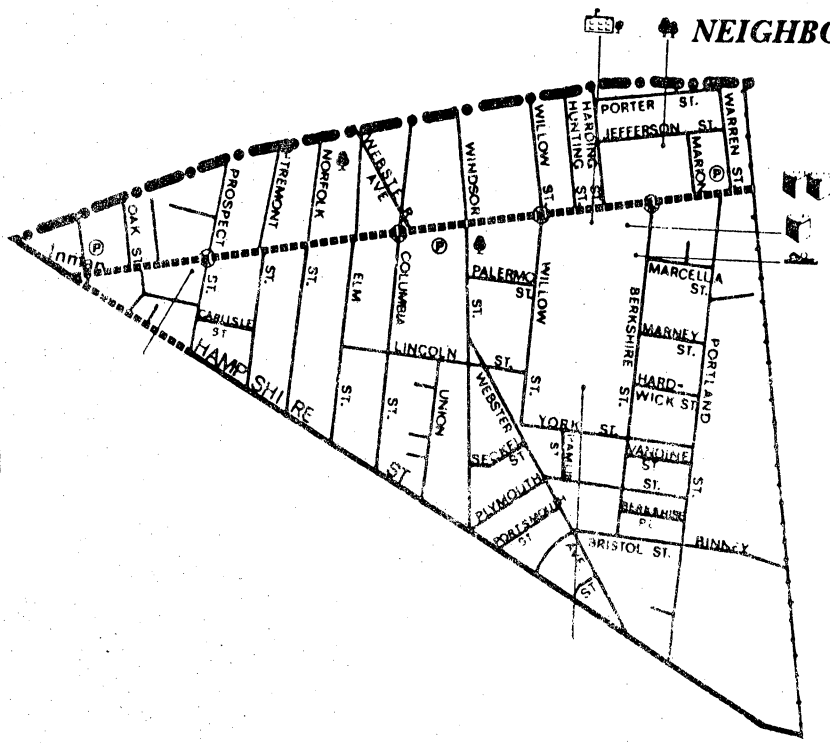
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	%CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	4	8	+100%
STREET ROBBERY	6	10	+66%
AUTO THEFT	96	80	-17%
LARCENY FROM MVS	71	63	-11%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	64	51	-20%

DRUG ARRESTS	0	1	+100%

Year's Review: The tragic murder of an MIT student on Memorial Drive in September dominated the crime headlines in Neighborhood #2 in 1992. Three teenagers from East Cambridge were arrested shortly after this incident and charged with murder. This was the second murder in the past decade in this area. Street robbery activity increased from 6 in 1991 to 10 reported incidents in 1992. The vicinity of the 100 to 300 blocks of Vassar Street was the "hot spot" for street crime last year. Dormitory breaks at MIT continue to remain well below the rate of 19 per year established during the 1980's. There were 8 housebreaks reported in this area during 1992. Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles and malicious destruction continue to decline in this area. Long time pattern areas for these crimes such as the Vassar Street Garage and the vicinity of the Hyatt Regency still dominate in total number of incidents reported. Pickpockets and larceny of bicycles at the bus stop at 77 Mass Ave are long time trends that continue sporadically.

Neighborhood 3



NEIGHBORHOOD #3...INMAN SQUARE/HARRINGTON

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the B&A railroad, Hampshire Street, & the Somerville line

POPULATION: 7210

Neighborhood #3 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of CAR 1(a 2 officer car) and CAR 1R(a 2 officer car). Also included within this area are two walking routes (EAST 3 and INMAN 4)

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

- Housebreaks.....57 per year
- Street Robbery.....14 per year
- Auto Theft.....89 per year
- Larceny from MVs.....66 per year
- Malicious Destruction...94 per year

1993 Year End Review:

1993 was fairly uneventful for the Inman/Harrington Area. No major patterns were reported in this area. Street robbery continues to decline. It has dropped from 24 in 1991 to 6 in 1993. Auto theft (67), larceny from motor vehicles (53) and malicious destruction (82) generated the highest numbers for this area in 1993. The 200 block of Elm Street, 300 block of Columbia Street and the Roosevelt Towers area continue to be the "hot spots". Drug arrests have also declined significantly.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

CRIME	1992 TOTAL	1993 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	42	49	+17%
STREET ROBBERY	11	6	-57%
AUTO THEFT	65	67	+3%
LARCENY FROM MVS	46	53	+15%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	80	82	+2%

DRUG ARRESTS	23	12	-48%

Historical Synopsis...Between 3200 to 3500 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year. This figure represents 6% of the citywide total. On an annual basis 5 to 6 percent of the serious crime in the city occurs here. Auto theft, vandalism, and larceny from motor vehicles are the consistent crime problems for Neighborhood #3 each year. Most likely scenario for a street robbery in this area is near Inman Square late on a Friday night. However, housebreaks and street robberies are well below citywide average of other neighborhoods.

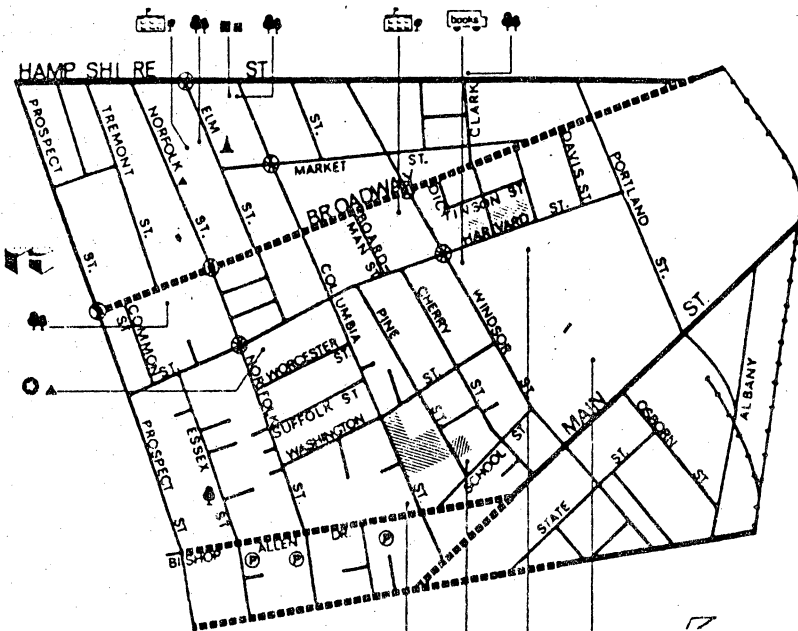
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	63	42	-33%
STREET ROBBERY	24	14	-41%
AUTO THEFT	90	65	-28%
LARCENY FORM MVS	72	46	-36%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	136	80	-42%

DRUG ARRESTS	19	23	+21%

Neighborhood #3, the Harrington/Inman area, was one of the few locations in the city to register sharp declines in all target crimes. The Crime Analysis Unit attributes the decrease in auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles and vandalism to high concentration of Signal 86 assignments to combat these problems. Housebreaks were at a 20 year low in this area during 1992. There were no significant patterns for housebreaks last year. Although, breaks were concentrated in the 300 to 400 block range of Windsor Street. Daytime housebreaks on Berkshire also are a consistent trend. As reported in earlier Neighborhood reports, the majority of street robberies were in the vicinity of the Harrington School and involved juveniles strong arming other youths for bikes, clothing, etc. Historically the most likely location for street robbery in the neighborhood has been the intersection of Cambridge and Tremont Streets between the hours of 6PM and 8PM during the winter months. Larcenies from motor vehicles are occasional auto theft in the city parking lots near Inman Square remains a problem. The increase in drug arrests can be traced to the Narcotics Unit targeting of activity around Roosevelt Towers.

Neighborhood 4



NEIGHBORHOOD #4...AREA #4

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the B&A Railroad, Mass Ave, Prospect Street and Hampshire Street

Neighborhood #4 is partially encompassed in the patrol boundaries of CAR 1(2 officers) and Car 2(2 officer car), and 2R (1 officer car). Also included are parts of two walking routes (Central 10&11)

Annual Average for Target Crimes Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....101 per year
 Street Robbery.....75 per year
 Auto Theft.....147 per year
 Larceny from MVs.....134 per year
 Malicious Destruction...131 per year

1993 Year End Review:

The most prevailing patterns to surface in the Area #4 Neighborhood during 1993 were housebreaks. Three different housebreak patterns were observed throughout the year in February, July and December. Suspects target apartments in the area of Inman, Harvard, Elm, and Pine Streets during the day and evening hours. Targeted property included: VCRs, camera equipment, assorted jewelry and loose cash. Malicious destruction and auto theft in this neighborhood continue to decline, on the other hand, larceny from motor vehicles rose slightly(+34%). Vehicles in the 200 block of Harvard Street and the 200 block of Broadway were targeted.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	59	78	+32%
STREET ROBBERY	48	48	NC
AUTO THEFT	98	80	-18%
LARCENY FROM MVS	55	74	+34%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	111	96	-13%

DRUG ARRESTS	84	76	-10%

Historical Synopsis: Between 500 to 5200 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year which represents 10% of the citywide total. Serious crime in this area accounts for 14% of Cambridge's annual total. Historically the major crime problem in Area 4 has been street robberies. On an annual basis 25 to 30 percent of the robberies in the city occur here. Over the years there has been a consistent trend of late night weekend robberies along Main Street, Bishop Allen Drive, and Harvard Street. The heavy street drug activity that emerged in this area in the late 1980's in and around NTC/Washington Elms has been dispersed to the borders of Central Square. This dispersal can be traced to vigilance of community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority and the CPD Narcotics Unit. The narcotics unit is now targeting this new area of drug activity.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

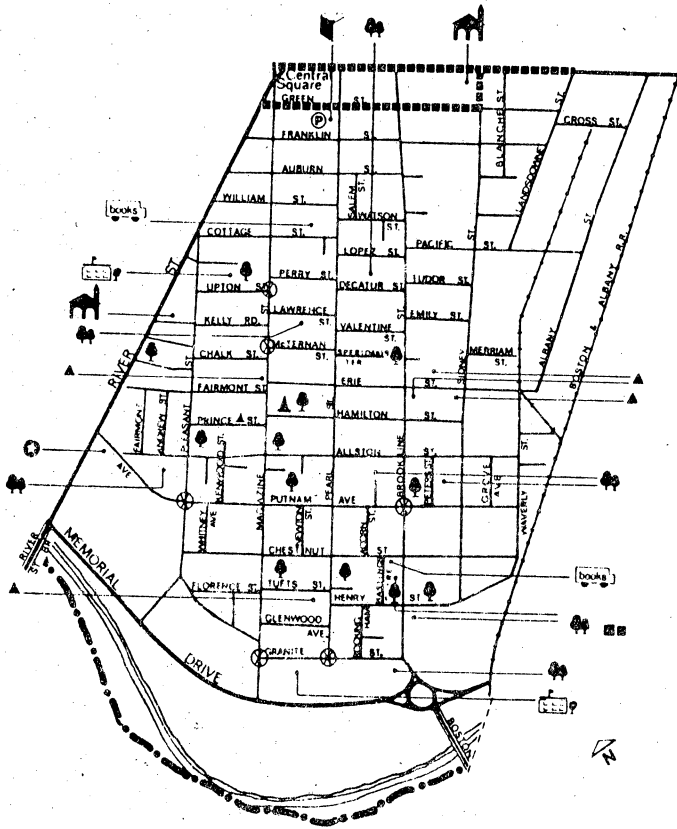
CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	59	59	NC
STREET ROBBERY	75	48	-36%
AUTO THEFT	108	98	-9%
LARCENY FROM MVS	84	55	-34%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	139	111	-20%

DRUG ARRESTS	79	84	+16%

One of the major crime stories in Area #4 during 1992 was the 36% decline in street robberies in this area. The 48 street robberies registered in this area during 1992 was the lowest total of incidents in Area #4 since the 1960's. Bishop Allen Drive replaced the intersection of Harvard&Norfolk and the stretch of Prospect between #10 and #50 as the most likely location for a street robbery in this neighborhood. There was no change in the housebreak statistics in Area #4 in 1992. However, the past two years have produced housebreak totals 40% lower than the average for the decade of the 1980's in this area. The only significant pattern for housebreaks last year was in the 200 to 250 blocks of Harvard Street during July. An arrest was made of a local juvenile and this pattern was eradicated. Although, still on the decline auto theft, larceny form motor vehicles and malicious destruction remains concentrated in the Pine, Cherry, Suffolk Street area. Other locations with potential for crimes against the vehicle are: the 800 block of Main Street, Columbia Street area from 50 to 150 block range, and between 100 to 140 Norfolk Street. The Narcotics Unit targeting of drug sale activity on Bishop Allen Drive increased drug arrests by 16% in 1992. Area #4 accounts for 40% of all drug arrests citywide.

Neighborhood 5

Cambridgeport



NEIGHBORHOOD #5...CAMBRIDGEPORT

BOUNDARIES: Bordered by Mass Ave, the Charles River, the B&A Railroad right of way, and River Street

POPULATION: 9100

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundary of Car 3(2 officer car) and CAR 3R(1 officer car). Also included are parts of three different walking routes (Central 11&12 PORT 14)

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....156 per year
Street Robbery.....57 per year
Auto Theft.....165 per year
Larceny from MVs.....126 per year
Malicious Destruction...106 per year

1993 Year End Review:

The year end total of drug arrests in the Neighborhood #5 Area remains unchanged from 1992 to 1993. Auto theft and larceny from motor vehicles remain the major crime problem in the Neighborhood 5 area. Vassar Street, Sidney Street and the 700 block of Memorial Dr (specifically Stop&Shop pk lot and Howard Johnsons pk lot) are the "hot spots". In the area of Vassar Street targeted vans and business car usually containing tools and other type of equipment.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	87	70	-20%
STREET ROBBERY	37	35	-6%
AUTO THEFT	82	110	+34%
LARCENY FROM MVS	91	117	+28%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	120	102	-15%

DRUG ARRESTS	22	22	NC

Historical Synopsis: Cambridgeport's past crime trends indicate that housebreaks, street robbery and auto theft are the major crime problems. Between 5500 and 6000 calls for service are received from this neighborhood. Thirteen percent of the serious crime in Cambridge each year occurs here. Housebreaks, always one of the major crime concerns have declined over 50% since 1989. August and December have been the primary months for housebreak patterns to emerge. Street robberies have been on the decline in Cambridgeport over the past five years. Robberies have dropped from 70 per year in Neighborhood #5 to 45 per year since 1988. Forty street robberies are projected for this area in 1992.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	102	87	-15%
STREET ROBBERY	53	37	-30%
AUTO THEFT	114	82	-28%
LARCENY FROM MVS	81	91	+12%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	152	120	-21%

DRUG ARRESTS	19	22	+15%

A sudden surge in malicious destruction during November and December prevented Cambridgeport from registering significant decreases in all target crimes during 1992. Street robbery declined 30% in 1992 in Neighborhood #5 with one of the lowest totals in over twenty years. The only major pattern of the year was in January along Magazine and Pearl just south of Central Square. An arrest in February eradicated this street robbery pattern. Cambridgeport still ranks second behind Area #4 accounting for 16% of all street robberies in the City. Housebreaks continue to decline at a dramatic rate when compares to the 156 per year average of the 1980's. This area remains susceptible to housebreak patterns during the months of August and November. The creation of Walking Route 14X in Cambridgeport was a resounding success. Not only did gang gathering spots and street drug sales reduce but nighttime housebreaks and street robbery were reduced significantly. Community concerns about elderly safety at 150 Erie Street and 237 Franklin Street have been addressed by the Crime Prevention Unit and both locations have been designated as primary based for Signal 86 assignments. On an annual basis 76% of all target crimes happen in upper Cambridgeport (North of Erie Street) and 30% occur in the lower half of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood 6

Mid-Cambridge

NEIGHBORHOOD #6...MID-CAMBRIDGE

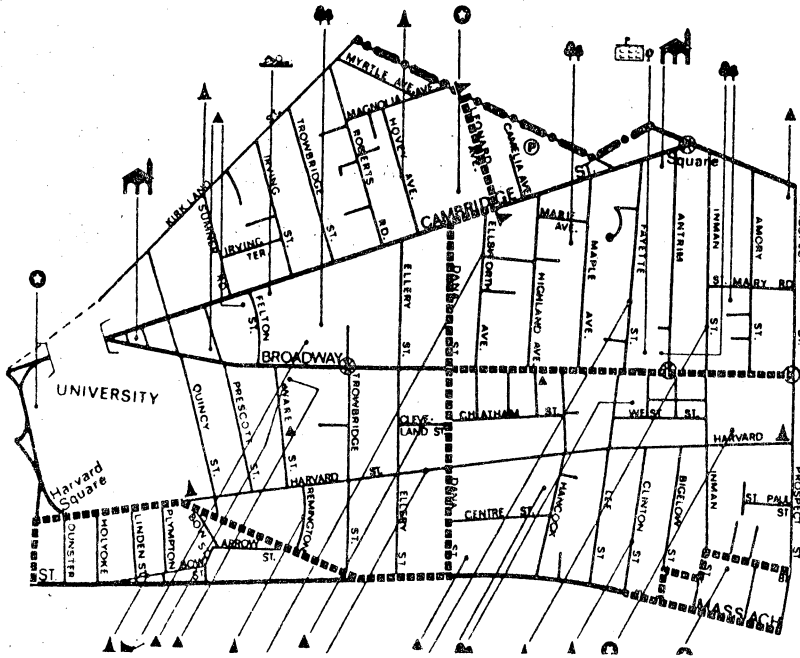
BOUNDARIES: Bordered by Mass Ave, Prospect Street, Hampshire St., the Somerville border and Kirkland Street

POPULATION: 13006

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed by parts of three different two officer car routes (CARS 1,2&6) and by three different one-officer car routes (CARS 1R,2R,&6R). It also includes parts of four different walking routes (CENTRAL 10&11,HARVARD 13&15)

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....226 per year
Street Robbery.....49 per year
Auto Theft.....147 per year
Larceny from MVs.....198 per year
Malicious Destruction...149 per year



1993 Year End Review:

The incidents of housebreaks in Neighborhood #6 kept this area from registering significant declines in all target crimes in 1993. Patterns of housebreaks in February, July and December are the contributing factor to the 61% increase. This pattern of housebreaks crossed neighborhoods, from Neighborhood #4 to Neighborhood #6. Suspects targeted houses moving back and forth from Dana Street to the area of Harvard, Inman and Mass Ave throughout the pattern during the day and evening hours removing VCRs, camera equipment, assorted jewelry and loose cash. Neighborhood #6 is one of the only city neighborhood to register significant declines in larceny from motor vehicles and malicious destruction.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	98	158	+61%
STREET ROBBERY	14	14	NC
AUTO THEFT	117	126	+8%
LARCENY FROM MVS	146	107	-27%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	143	112	-22%

DRUG ARRESTS	12	11	-8%

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Historical Synopsis: Nearly 11,000 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year resulting in between 14 to 16 percent of the serious crime that occurs in Cambridge on an annual basis. The dramatic decrease in housebreaks in Cambridge has benefitted this area more than any other. From 1980 to 1985, neighborhood #6 averaged 300 housebreaks per year. Projected totals for 1992 are below 125 housebreaks. Street robberies are also on the decline. There are occasional robberies at intersections along Harvard and Mass Ave trends indicate that these incidents occur late evening hours friday & saturday nights. Consistent patterns of larceny from MV and vandalism to cars on Dana, Ellery and Trowbridge are still prevalent.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

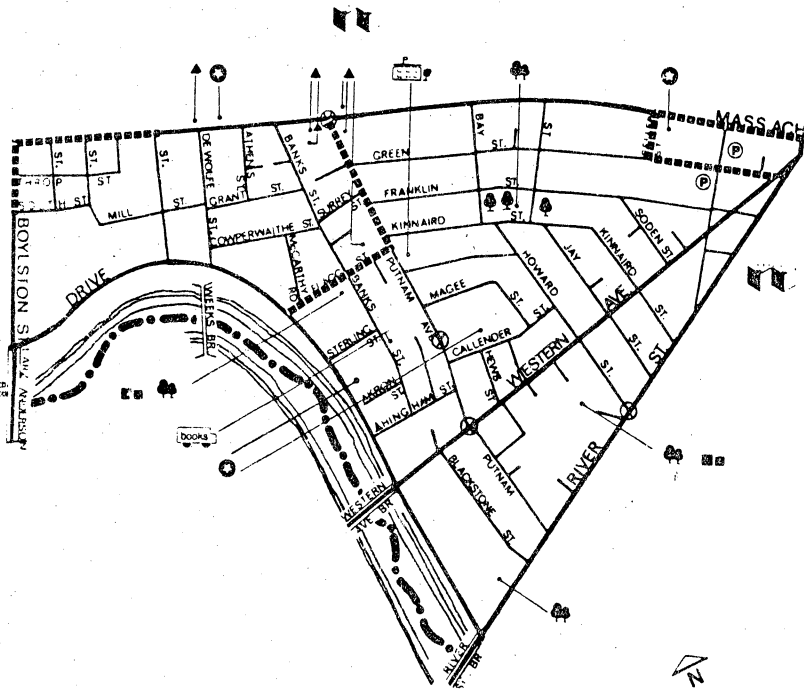
CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	126	98	-22%
STREET ROBBERY	29	14	-52%
AUTO THEFT	114	117	+3%
LARCENY FROM MVS	90	146	+38%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	118	143	+21%

DRUG ARRESTS	9	12	+33%

For the first time since the 1960's, housebreaks totaled below 100 in a year in Mid-Cambridge when 98 were recorded here during 1992. This neighborhood averaged over 225 per year during the decade of the 1980's. Street robberies also registered a dramatic decline last year down 52% compared with 1991. The 14 street robberies in the neighborhood last year were concentrated between the borders of Inman, Harvard, Ellsworth and Cambridge Streets. This weekend night pattern has been attacked with heavy concentrations of Signal 86 assignments. Arrests have been made but the pattern persists. Very little street drug sale activity in Mid-Cambridge according to Narcotics Unit reports.

Neighborhood 7

Riverside



NEIGHBORHOOD #7...RIVERSIDE

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by Mass Ave, the Charles River, JFK Street

POPULATION: 10,432

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed by parts of two different two-officer cars (CARS 3&6) and by two one-officer cars (CARS 3R&6R). It also includes parts of two different walking routes (CENTRAL 12-HARVARD 15.5)

Annual Average for Target Crimes Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....83 per year
 Street Robbery.....34 per year
 Auto Theft.....92 per year
 Larceny from MVs.....87 per year
 Malicious Destruction...78 per year

1993 Year End Review:

Street robberies in this area registered one of the most significant decline of all city neighborhoods(-65%). Drug activity has held steady and represents no change from the same time period in 1992. Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles and malicious destruction the only target crimes to represent an increase in this neighborhood show no discernible pattern.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	38	38	NC
STREET ROBBERY	20	7	-65%
AUTO THEFT	55	70	+27%
LARCENY FROM MVS	49	65	+32%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	60	84	+40%

DRUG ARRESTS	13	13	NC

Historical Synopsis: Around 7500 calls for service are answered for this neighborhood each year resulting in 8% of the city's serious crime annually. As in most of the city's neighborhoods housebreaks have declined dramatically in Riverside. This area, which consistently averaged 80 to 85 housebreaks annually throughout the 1980's is projected to total 30 to 35 in 1992. The majority of the street robberies that occur here are in close proximity to Central Square, on Mass Ave, Franklin and Green Sts. Gang and street drug activity along Western Ave and the Hoyt Field areas have surfaced in the past two years. Occasional trends of vandalism to cars on long holiday weekends is an ongoing problem.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	47	38	-19%
STREET ROBBERY	18	20	+11%
AUTO THEFT	61	55	-10%
LARCENY FROM MVS	35	49	+40%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	80	60	-25%

DRUG ARRESTS	23	13	-43%

Large gatherings of juveniles and street level drug dealing along Western Ave and the vicinity of Hoyt Field are the major community concerns in Riverside. During 1992 the Narcotics Unit targeted activity in this area and many of the major players are now in jail. Also, the creation of walking route 14X was instrumental in dispersing gang activity and alleviating fears of residents. Street robberies increased slightly last year with the stretch of Putnam Ave, between Magee and Western replacing the Howard Street as the most likely location for an incident. However, Riverside still accounts for less than 10% of all street robberies citywide. Housebreaks are down 40% when compared against the average annual total for this neighborhood during the 1980's. Franklin, Jay and Kinnaird Streets occasionally experience housebreak patterns in the Fall, larceny from motor vehicles are in the Bank, Grant, Dewolf Street area on weekend nights.

Neighborhood 8

Agassiz

NEIGHBORHOOD #8...AGASSIZ

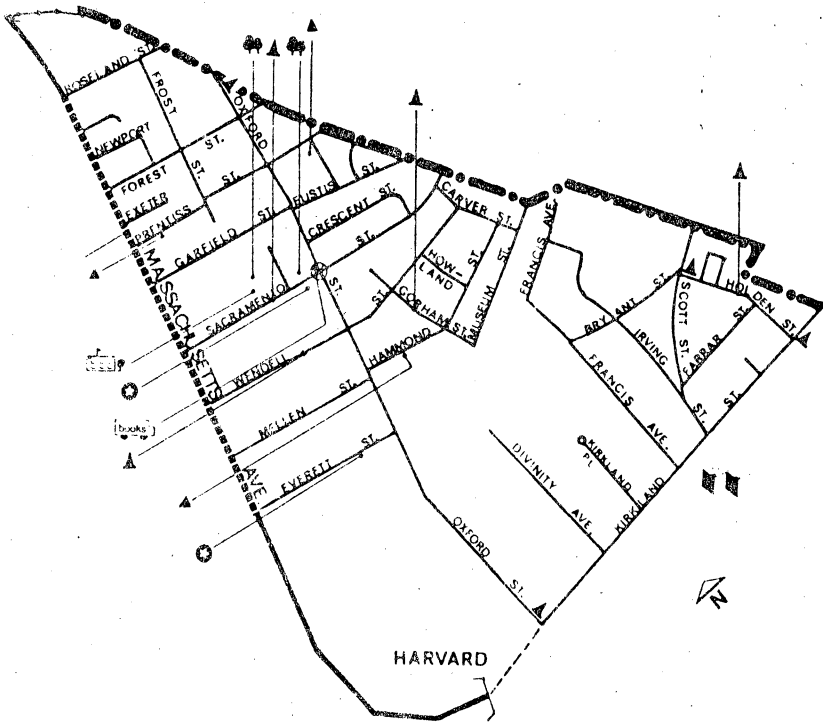
BOUNDARIES: Bounded by Mass Ave Kirkland Street and the Somerville/Cambridge line

POPULATION: 5158

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of CAR 6 (a two-officer car) and CAR 6R (a one-officer car). It is also covered by walking route NORTH 17

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....67 per year
Street Robbery.....11 per year
Auto Theft.....45 per year
Larceny from MVs.....47 per year
Malicious Destruction...45 per year



1993 Year End Review:

After recording an all time low in 1992 the target crime rate in the Neighborhood #8 area is somewhat stagnant. The Agassiz area is one of the only city neighborhoods to record a decline in larceny from motor vehicles. Street robbery totals in this neighborhood low, and only represents 1% of the citywide total. The Signal 86 Dispatch/Park& Walk program has been successful in deterring this type of activity. The 100% increase in malicious destruction can be attributed to spray painting around the Agassiz School playground, slashed tires on Forest Street and along Mass Ave.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

CRIME	1992 TOTAL	1993 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	25	26	+4%
STREET ROBBERY	4	3	-25%
AUTO THEFT	23	32	+39%
LARCENY FROM MVS	34	31	-10%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	21	42	+100%

DRUG ARRESTS	1	2	+100%

Historical Synopsis: The Agassiz Area receives between 1800 and 2000 calls for service each year which accounts for 3% of the citywide total. Between 3 and 4 percent of the serious crime in the city each year occurs in Neighborhood #8. Housebreaks, the major crime problem in this area, have been on a steady decline over the past 5 years. Agassiz, which once averaged 90 to 100 housebreaks per year is projected to total 25 to 30 in 1992. When a street robbery does go down here (only 3 in the first 6 months of 1992), the scenario is that of a weekend night, late PM hours at the intersection of Mass & Wendell or Oxford & Sacramento. Occasional weekend patterns of tire slashings usually associated with Somerville juveniles.

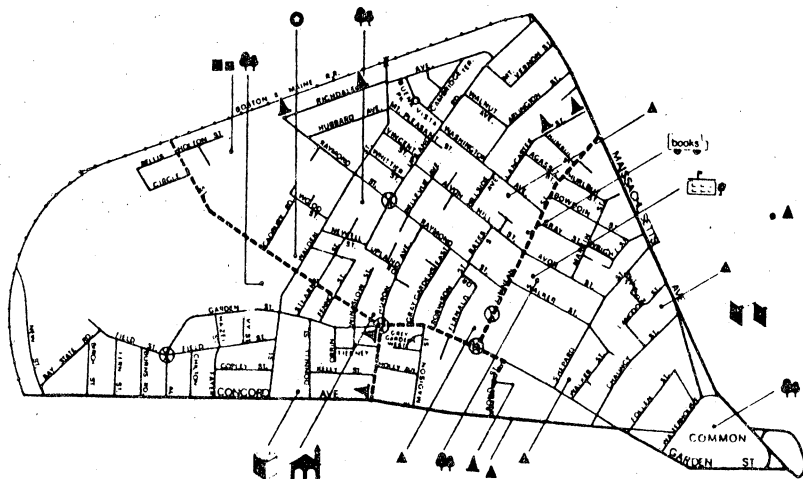
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	26	25	-4%
STREET ROBBERY	11	4	-64%
AUTO THEFT	42	23	-45%
LARCENY FROM MVS	31	34	+10%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	46	21	-54%

DRUG ARRESTS	2	1	-50%

The target crime totals recorded in Neighborhood #8 in 1992 represent the lowest set of numbers generated in the Agassiz Area in over 10 years. Between 1980 and 1985 this area averaged over 100 housebreaks per year. The total housebreaks in Neighborhood #8 in 1991 and 1992 were 26 and 25 respectively. Housebreaks have now declined to the point where this area has one of the lowest rates in the city. There were only 4 street robberies in this neighborhood in 1992 which represents 2% of the citywide total. Signal 86 assignments between Chanucy and Forest Streets along Mass Ave have been effective in combatting purse snaps and the occasional armed robbery that once surfaced in this area. The increase of 10% in larcenies from motor vehicles can be attributed to a weekend night pattern on Kirkland Street in the spring. The Agassiz Area still has problems with suspicious persons and exposers who target the Leslie College area.

Neighborhood 9



NEIGHBORHOOD #9...PEABODY/HIGHLANDS

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the B&M right of way, Concord Ave, Garden St, and Mass Ave

POPULATION: 11,169

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by parts of two different two-officer cars, (CARS 5&6) and four different one officer cars (5R,6R,23R&24R). Walking route (NORTH 17) covers the Mass Ave boundary of this area.

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....150 per year
Street Robbery.....21 per year
Auto Theft.....94 per year
Larceny from MVs.....74 per year
Malicious Destruction...135 per year

1993 Year End Review:

Neighborhood #9 had an astounding year. Target crimes in this area recorded amazing declines. Street robbery which once plagued this area dropped 85% from 1992. This neighborhood encompasses the area from the Cambridge Common in Harvard Square to Fresh Pond, includes two major housing developments, Lincoln Way and Walden Sq and has managed to escape from major crime problems. Housebreaks which also swarmed this area especially during the summer months have decreased by 25%. Auto theft(-35%), larceny from motor vehicles(-13%), and drug arrests have also recorded significant declines.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	59	44	-25%
STREET ROBBERY	20	3	-85%
AUTO THEFT	71	46	-35%
LARCENY FROM MVS	68	59	-13%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	64	91	+42%

DRUG ARRESTS	9	0	-100%

Historical Synopsis: Between 4500 to 5000 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year. Area 9 accounts from 9 to 10 percent of the serious crime citywide on an annual basis. The majority of target crimes have been declining in this neighborhood since 1987. Major problems to develop over the past two years have been holiday and summer housebreaks patterns along Upland and Richdale Aves. Community concerns have centered on increased drug activity in and around Walden Square. Occasional street robbery patterns along Mass Ave between Linnaean Street and Porter Square. Vandalism that plagued this area in 1991 has diminished.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

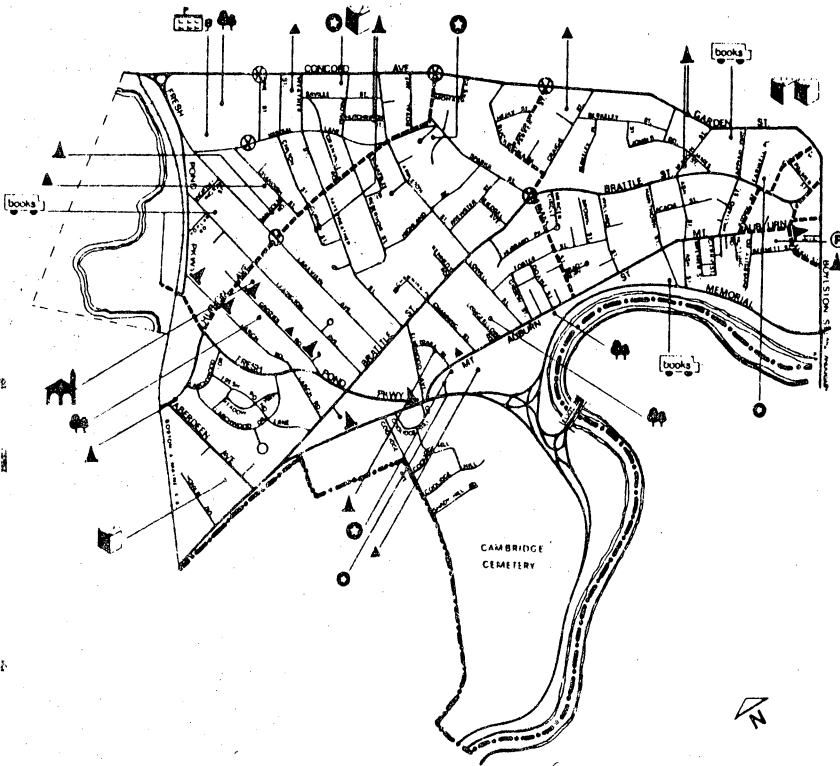
CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	86	59	-31%
STREET ROBBERY	20	20	NC
AUTO THEFT	62	71	+14%
LARCENY FROM MVS	63	68	+8%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	113	64	-43%

DRUG ARRESTS	4	9	+125%

After a major housebreak pattern in January of 1992 when a career criminal hit 15 houses in a three week period, this crime nosedived in Neighborhood #9 for the rest of the year. Housebreaks declined 31% in Area #9 in 1992 and the total of 59 breaks last year represents a 61% decrease from the 150 breaks per year this neighborhood averaged during the 1980's. A similar trend to Neighborhood #5 is this area's propensity for August and November housebreak patterns. Street robberies have consistently averaged 20 per year in this neighborhood for 15 years. Less than 10% of the street robberies each year occur here. The following locations have been identified as street robbery hot spots in Area #9: 1 to 60 Linnaean Street, the intersection of Raymond & Walden, and 100 to 140 Upland Road. The majority of street robberies in this neighborhood are on thursday and friday nights between the hours of 8PM to 10PM. A significant crime development in this neighborhood in 1992 was the 43% decline in tire slashings and smashed windshields that plagued Area #9 during 1991. An area of concern was the increase in violent activity in and around Walden Square during November and December. Juvenile and Narcotics Units have targeted the Walden Square section and this attention was reflected with nine narcotics arrests in the area.

Neighborhood 10

NEIGHBORHOOD #10...WEST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Ave, Fresh Pond, the B&M Railroad and the Watertown/Cambridge line

POPULATION: 8266

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of one 2-officer car (CAR 6) and parts of three different one-officer cars (6R, 23R, & 24R. It also includes (HARVARD 15, 15.5 & 16).

Annual Average of Target Crimes Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....105 per year
Street Robbery.....18 per year
Auto Theft.....105 per year
Larceny from MV's.....134 per year

1993 Year End Review:

Neighborhood #10/West Cambridge historically has been one of the quieter neighborhoods in the City of Cambridge. Although, housebreaks have recorded a 17% decrease through the fourth quarter of 1993 a pattern of breaks was observed during the month of August. The series of breaks ended with the arrest of a North Cambridge man. Extra patrols and direct dispatch of park and walks also helped curtail any further patterns. Drug arrests decreased by 53% in this area.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	47	39	-17%
STREET ROBBERY	15	13	-13%
AUTO THEFT	72	72	NC
LARCENY FROM MVS	95	88	-7%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	88	90	+2%

DRUG ARRESTS	15	7	-53%

Historical Synopsis: Between 5800 to 6200 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year. Between 8 to 10 percent of the serious crime in the city each year occurs in West Cambridge. The major crime problems in this area during the early part of the last decade was housebreaks. Housebreaks peaked in West Cambridge with 214 recorded in 1981. Between 1988 and 1991, housebreak totals fell to an average of 75 per year. Between 50 to 60 breaks are projected for 1992. Street robbery is usually confined to outskirts of Harvard Square on weekend nights. Larceny from MVs in the Craigie, Sparks, Buckingham, Berkeley area have been a consistent trend for a number of years.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	72	47	-35%
STREET ROBBERY	24	15	-38%
AUTO THEFT	70	72	-3%
LARCENY FROM MVS	100	95	-5%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	103	88	-15%

DRUG ARRESTS	2	15	+650%

The 47 housebreaks that were reported in West Cambridge last year represents the lowest total for this neighborhood in 25 years. These 47 housebreaks when compares with the average total for the 1980's are 55% lower in number. In 1992 6% of the housebreaks in the city were in West Cambridge. Although street robbery declined 38% when compared with 1991 there was an unusual pattern of purse snatches here last January. Five subjects from Boston were arrested and charged with robberies of women exiting vehicles. The remainder of the year there were very few street robbery incidents in this area. West Cambridge accounts for 6% of the total robberies citywide. West Cambridge was one of the few neighborhoods to register declines in all target crimes in 1992. Larcenies from motor vehicles did emerge on weekend nights during the summer in the Craigie, Berkeley, Foster Street section of the neighborhood. The increase of drug arrests in this neighborhood from zero in 1991 to 15 in 1992 can be directly traced to the Narcotics Unit's targeting of activity in Harvard Square.

Neighborhood 11

North Cambridge

NEIGHBORHOOD #11...NORTH CAMBRIDGE

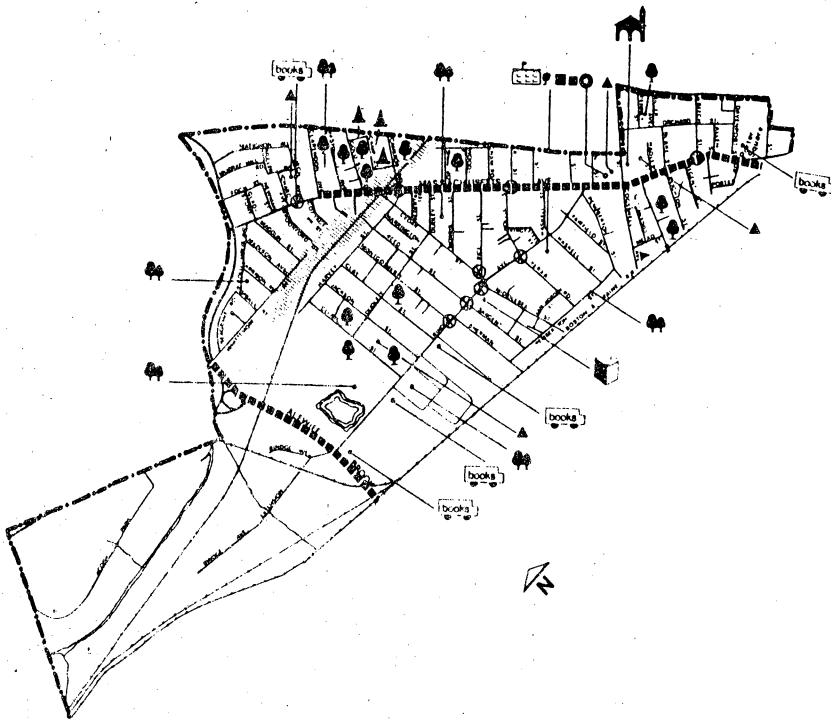
BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the Somerville line, Porter Square, the Arlington and Belmont town lines, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of CAR 5 (2 officer car) and by two different one officer cars, (CAR 5R&24R). It also includes three walking routes, (PORTER 19, NORTH 20 & NORTH 21)

Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....100 per year
Street Robbery.....30 per year
Auto Theft.....130 per year
Larceny from MVs.....105 per year
Malicious Destruction...125 per year



1993 Year End Review:

The major statistic of significance in Neighborhood #11/North Cambridge is the +400% increase in drug arrests. In November, the Vice/Narcotics Unit and The Special Response Team in conjunction with area departments conducted an undercover operation code-named "Operation Northern Exposure" which netted the arrest of approximately 12 street level dealers in the area of Rindge Ave. Street Robbery through the third quarter of 1993 rose by 71%. A pattern of street robberies hit several different neighborhoods in the city during the month of October. In the North Cambridge area, along Rindge Ave and Russell Field victims were targeted by two suspects who demanded money and anything of value. This series lasted approximately two weeks and ended with the arrest of teenagers from the Cambridge area. The summertime pattern of housebreaks is primarily responsible for the +15% increase. Larceny from motor vehicles and malicious destruction although they represent only a slight increase are confined to the area of Rindge Ave and the Fresh Pond Mall.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

CRIME	1992 TOTAL	1993 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	68	78	+15%
STREET ROBBERY	21	36	+71%
AUTO THEFT	102	91	-10%
LARCENY FROM MVS	68	79	+12%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	123	129	+3%

DRUG ARRESTS	8	41	+400%

Historical Synopsis...Between 5500 to 5800 calls for service are answered in North Cambridge each year. Eight percent of the serious crime in the city is the annual average for Neighborhood #11. The major housebreak patterns in North Cambridge are during the summer months when 50 to 60 percent of the annual total occurs. In 1991 there was an increase in street robberies in and around Porter Square. larceny from motor vehicles and auto theft are usually confined to the 300 to 400 blocks of Rindge Ave and 2300 to 2400 Mass Ave.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

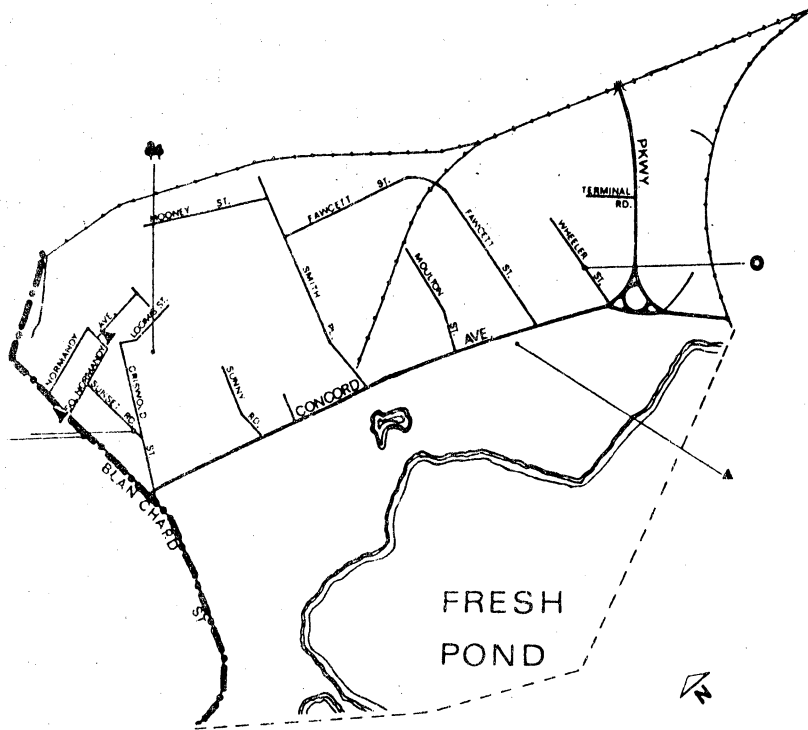
CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	91	68	-25%
STREET ROBBERY	28	21	-25%
AUTO THEFT	102	102	NC
LARCENY FROM MVS	65	68	+5%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	156	123	-21%

DRUG ARRESTS	14	8	-14%

Year's Review: The 25% decline in housebreaks in North Cambridge can be attributed to one of the quietest summers in this area in many years. The long time trend of housebreak patterns in this area never materialized. One possible reason for this development was the saturation of direct dispatch Park & Walks to an area at the first inkling of a potential pattern. Street robberies also declined 25% in Neighborhood #11 last year. Of the 21 street robberies recorded here in 1992, the concentration remains in a stretch of Rindge Ave bordered by Clifton Street and the Alewife Brook Parkway. Two other areas of concern for street crime are the Alewife T and Linnaear Park near Cameron Ave. Both of these locations have been designated Primary bases for the Sector 5 car which covers North Cambridge and receive a high percentage of Signal 86 dispatches. Although malicious destruction decreased 21% in this neighborhood when compared to 1991, it still remains a substantial problem with Porter Square and surrounding streets being hit hardest. Graffiti, tire slashings and smashed windows being linked to juvenile gangs that hang near the Square. The identification of these youths and the eradication of their activities is a top priority of the Investigation/Juvenile Unit. Drug arrests in North Cambridge were confined to activities in Porter Square, Jefferson Park and Rindge Ave. A disturbing trend is the disproportionate number

Neighborhood 12

Cambridge Highlands



NEIGHBORHOOD #12...HIGHLANDS

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by the B&M Railroad, Blanchard Road and Fresh Pond

POPULATION: 582

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of CAR 24R (a one-officer car)

*Annual Average for Target Crimes
Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990*

Housebreaks.....6 per year
Street Robbery.....8 per year
Auto Theft.....54 per year
Larceny from MVs.....38 per year
Malicious Destruction...28 per year

1993 Year End Review:

Neighborhood #12/the Highlands continues to register one of the lowest totals of target crimes in the City of Cambridge. The total number of housebreaks in Neighborhood #12 rose by 3 from the first nine months of the year. There was an arrest made of a suspect from Revere for a break in March, no other suspect descriptions were reported. No discernible pattern was observed. The majority of the rise in larceny from motor vehicles and auto theft can be traced to increased activity around business establishments on Smith Pl, Fawcett Street and Wheeler Street. Street robberies rose from 0 in 1992 to 7 in 1993. Four of the seven robberies were of the strong-armed nature at the Fresh Pond Mall, a purse snap at the bus stop on Concord Ave, and two were on Moulton Street.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

CRIME	1992 TOTAL	1993 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	2	8	+300%
STREET ROBBERY	0	7	+700%
AUTO THEFT	18	30	+66%
LARCENY FROM MVs	24	42	+75%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	30	26	-13%

DRUG ARRESTS	0	0	NC

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Historical Synopsis: There is very little crime activity in this neighborhood other than the occasional weekend commercial break pattern in area warehouses. This neighborhood produces about 2000 calls for service that account for 2% of the serious crime in Cambridge each year. Decade averages for street robberies, auto theft, larceny from MV and malicious destruction have nosedived in the past three years. The majority of these incidents went down at the old Fresh Pond Mall Cinema lot. Added security by new owners has eradicated a large percentage of these crimes.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

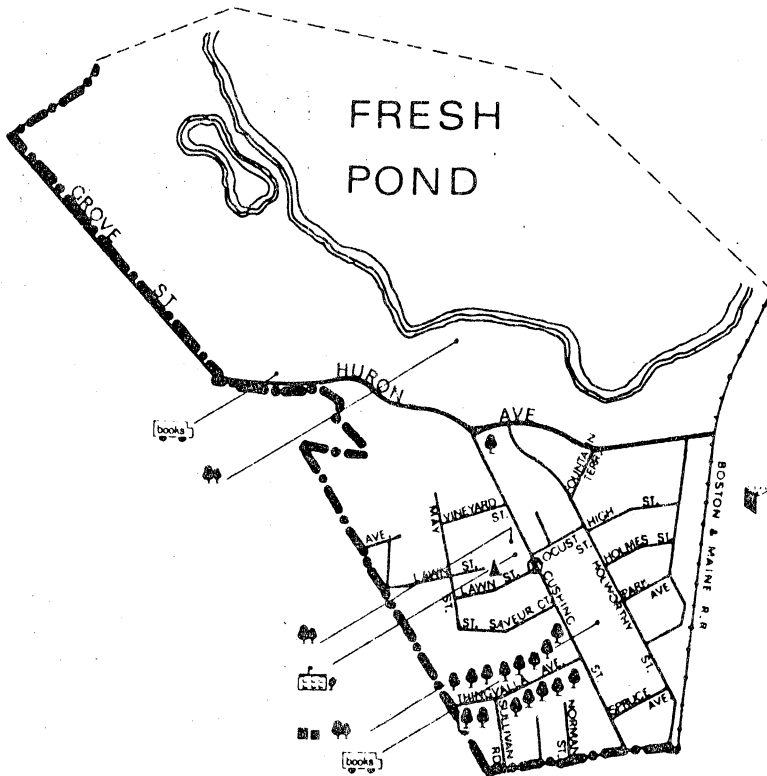
CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	3	2	-33%
STREET ROBBERY	4	0	-100%
AUTO THEFT	23	18	-22%
LARCENY FROM MVS	24	24	NC
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	34	30	-12%

DRUG ARRESTS	1	0	-100%

Year's Review: In 1992 Neighborhood #12 remained one of the quietest in the city with very few crime problems. There were only two housebreaks and zero street robberies reported in this neighborhood last year. The majority of the larcenies from motor vehicles, auto theft and malicious destruction were in the vicinity of the Fresh Pond Mall. However, thee types of incidents at the Mall continue at a much lower rate than the Analysis Unit had projected. Residents concerns about youths congregating at Rafferty Park on weekend nights during the summer months will be given high priority for direct dispatches.

Neighborhood 13

Strawberry Hill



NEIGHBORHOOD #13...STRAWBERRY HILL

BOUNDARIES: Bounded by Fresh Pond, the B&M Railroad, Grove & Belmont Street

POPULATION: 2698

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of CAR 23R (a one-officer car)

Annual Average for Target Crimes Based on decade of 1980's...1981 to 1990

Housebreaks.....17 per year
 Street Robbery.....4 per year
 Auto Theft.....17 per year
 Larceny from MVs.....22 per year
 Malicious Destruction...25 per year

1993 Year End Review:

Neighborhood #13 was one of very few neighborhoods to register a decline in street robbery(-50%). The major crime of concern in this neighborhood was purse snaps and pickpockets in the Star Market on 699 Mt Auburn Street. The arrest of two female suspects in the Porter Square Star Market seems to have slowed this type of activity down. The increase in housebreaks can be attributed to a summertime pattern that ended with the arrest of two suspects.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1992/1993

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>1992 TOTAL</u>	<u>1993 TOTAL</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOUSEBREAKS	12	14	+16%
STREET ROBBERY	8	4	-50%
AUTO THEFT	12	10	-16%
LARCENY FROM MVS	18	14	-22%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	23	17	-26%

DRUG ARRESTS	1	1	N.C.

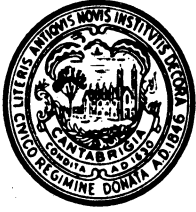
Historical Synopsis: Neighborhood #13 receives only 1200 to 1500 calls for service each year producing less than 2% of the serious crime in the city. There are occasional one man crime waves - 15 housebreaks by a career criminal within three weeks in February of 1991. Major problems continue to be sporadic larceny from motor vehicles and vandalism. Area concerns about gatherings at Glycan Field have been answered with high percentages of Park&Walks. Overall, Strawberry Hill must be considered one of the safest areas in the city.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS...1991/1992

CRIME	1991 TOTAL	1992 TOTAL	% CHANGE
HOUSEBREAKS	21	12	-43%
STREET ROBBERY	9	8	-11%
AUTO THEFT	18	12	-33%
LARCENY FORM MVS	21	18	-14%
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	29	23	-21%

DRUG ARRESTS	1	1	NC

Year's Review: All target crimes decreased in Strawberry Hill in 1992. These declines were paced by a 43% drop in housebreaks and a 33% slide in auto theft. The major crime pattern to hit this area was a series of purse snatches in the Star Market on Mt Auburn Street in late January and early February. This pattern, which was very unusual for Strawberry Hill, was curtailed with the arrest of five subjects from Boston who were working in consort. Over the final 10 months of 1992 there were only 2 other street robberies reported in this are. The Narcotics Unit reports very little street level drug activity in this area. Juvenile gatherings at Glacken Field, Thingvalla and Sullivan Road will be given extra attention over the summer months.



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I am hereby transmitting the Cambridge Police Department's 1993 Annual Crime Report,
for your information.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

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Transmitting communicaiton from R.W. Healy
relative to the 1993 Annual Crime report.

In City Council February 14, 1994

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