



# Citywide Crime Trends & Strategies

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# CITYWIDE CRIME TRENDS



# Citywide Incidents



	Last 28 Days			Last 365 Days					
	Current: 28 Days	1 Yr Ago: 28 Days	% Change: 28 Days	Current: YTD	Current: 365 Days	1 Yr Ago: 365 Days	% Change: 365 Days	3 Yr Avg	5 Yr Avg
<b>Violent Offenses</b>									
Homicide (09A)	3	7	↓ -57% (-4)	47	54	68	↓ -21% (-14)	60.7	65.0
Sexual Assault	44	69	↓ -36% (-25)	671	759	676	↑ 12% (83)	681.7	650.6
Aggravated Assault	184	195	↓ -6% (-11)	2,426	2,711	3,051	↓ -11% (-340)	3,076.7	3,246.8
Robbery	54	55	↓ -2% (-1)	731	814	830	↓ -2% (-16)	851.0	903.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>↓ -13% (-41)</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>↓ -6% (-287)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

Strangulation	56	41	↑ 37% (15)	656	721	730	↓ -1% (-9)	—	—
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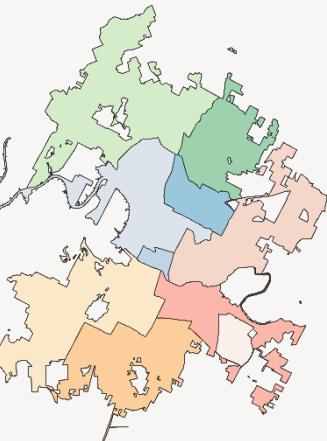
<b>Property / Society Offenses</b>									
Larceny/Theft Offenses	1,685	1,785	↓ -6% (-100)	20,299	22,622	21,975	↑ 3% (647)	22,389.7	23,383.8
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	324	338	↓ -4% (-14)	3,721	4,112	4,213	↓ -2% (-101)	4,275.7	4,426.6
Motor Vehicle Theft	298	354	↓ -16% (-56)	3,941	4,392	6,177	↓ -29% (-1785)	5,762.0	5,342.2
Weapon Law Violations	80	78	↑ 3% (2)	906	1,016	954	↑ 6% (62)	982.7	965.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>↓ -7% (-168)</b>	<b>28,867</b>	<b>32,142</b>	<b>33,319</b>	<b>↓ -4% (-1177)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

Drug/Narcotic Offenses	636	380	↑ 67% (256)	6,799	7,403	5,212	↑ 42% (2191)	5,578.0	4,723.4
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<b>Burglary of Vehicle Offenses</b>									
Theft: from Motor Vehicle	497	684	↓ -27% (-187)	6,610	7,530	8,111	↓ -7% (-581)	8,334.3	8,941.8

<b>Shooting Offenses</b>									
Shooting Incidents	8	15	↓ -47% (-7)	118	134	174	↓ -23% (-40)	—	—
Shooting Victims	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Avg Response Time by Priority	Last 365 Days		
	Current: 365 Days	1 Yr Ago: 365 Days	% Change: 365 Days
0	00:09:14	00:10:15	↓ 00:01:01
1	00:13:02	00:14:43	↓ 00:01:40
2	00:36:50	00:42:27	↓ 00:05:36
3	01:31:43	01:52:11	↓ 00:20:27



**Chief of Police**  
Lisa Davis

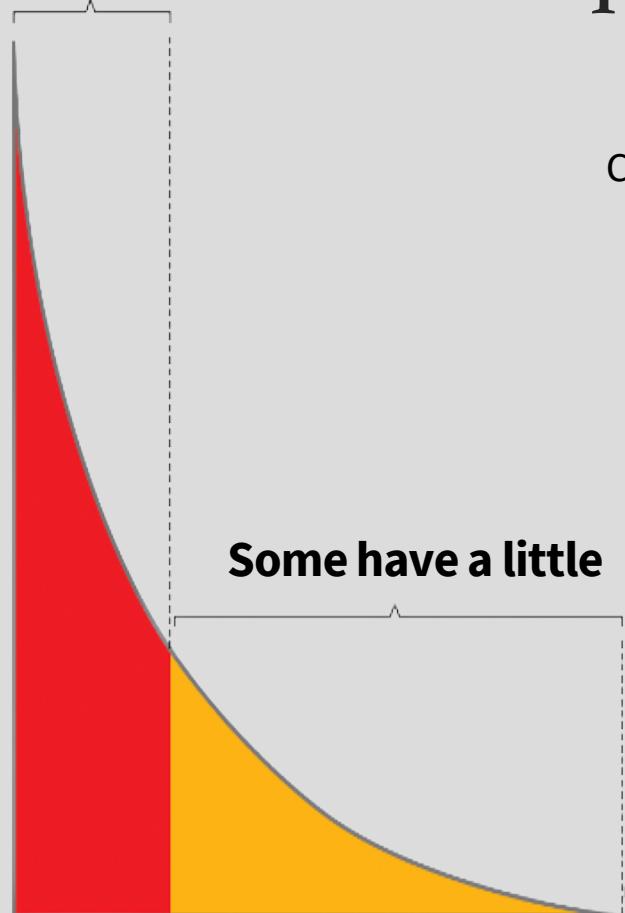
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Source: [NIBRS Group A Offense Crimes – Updated Daily](#)

<b>Current: 28 Days</b>	10/26/2025 to 11/22/2025
<b>1 Yr Ago: 28 Days</b>	10/27/2024 to 11/23/2024
<b>Current: YTD</b>	1/1/2025 to 11/22/2025
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# Crime Science

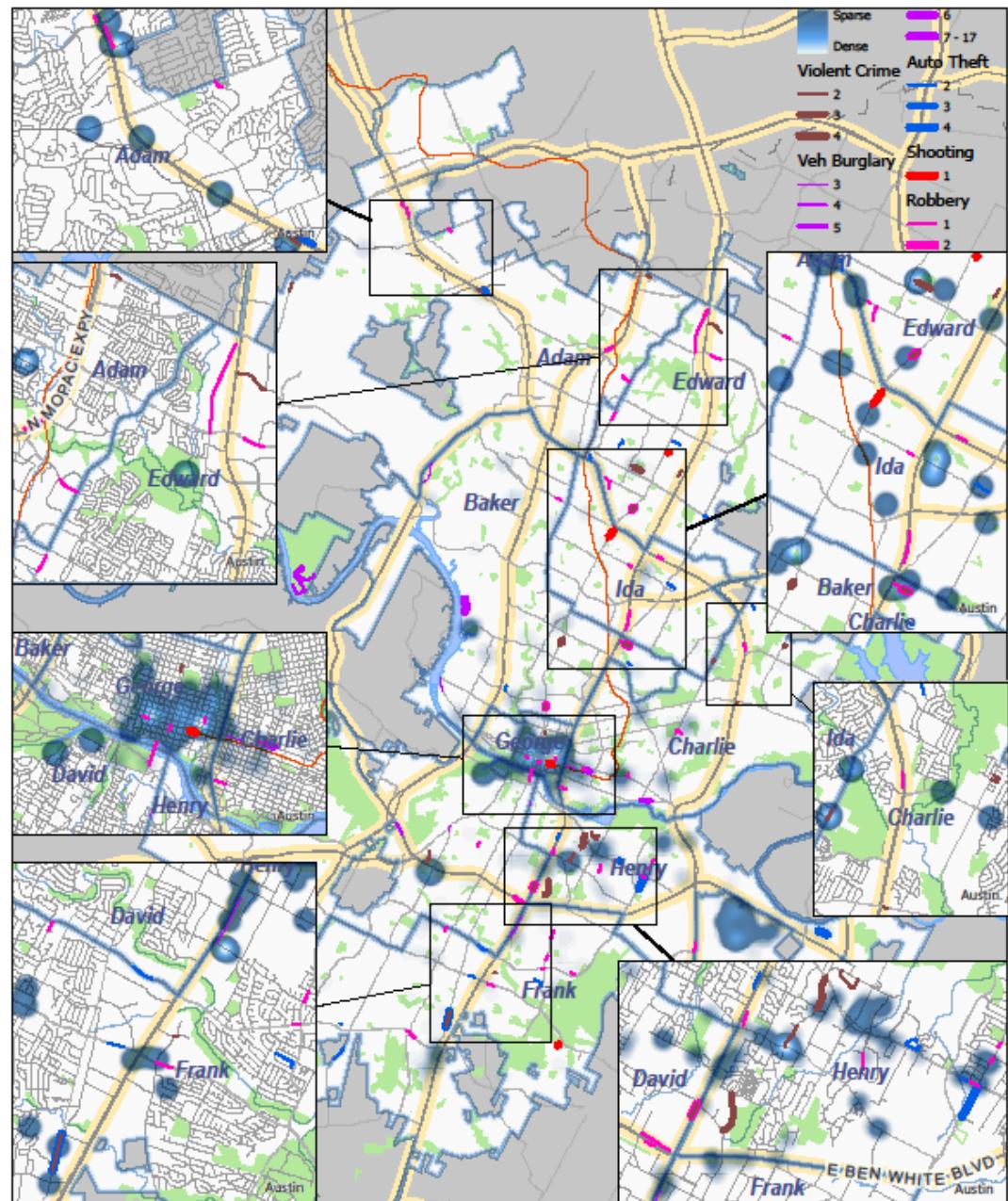
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## The Law of Crime Concentration

Crime is concentrated across places, offenders, victims

80-20 Rule



Hot Segments  
Previous 28 Days  
Top Street Segments and Directed Patrol

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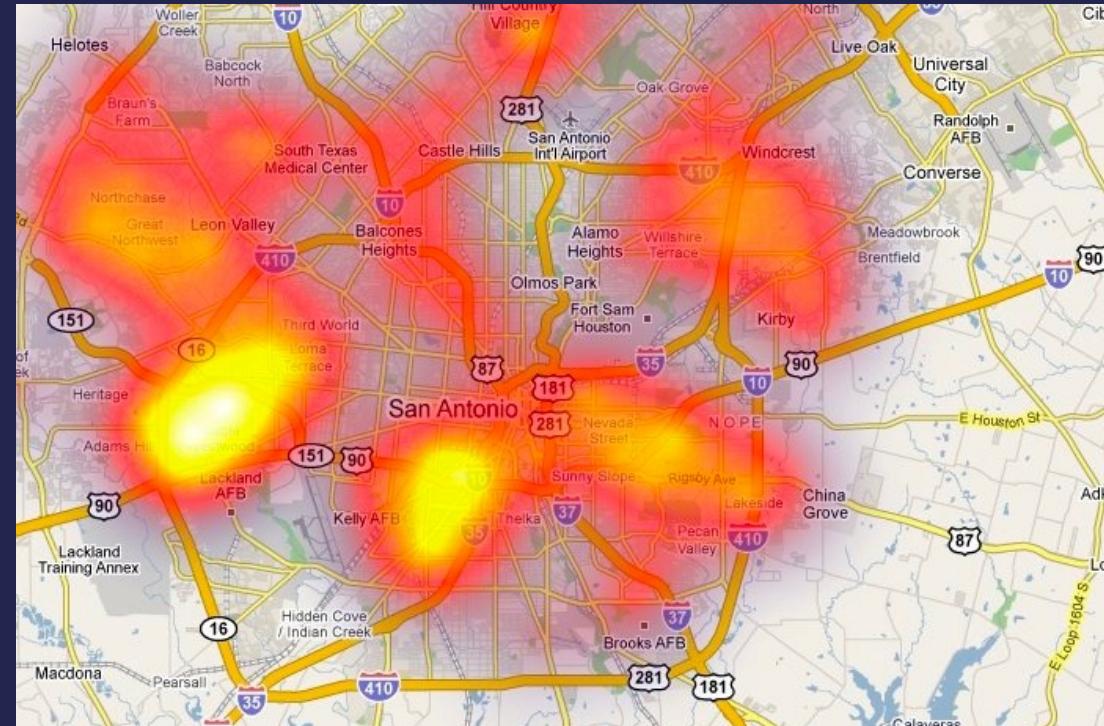
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# PERSISTENT HOT SPOTS

## RECURRING VIOLENCE

Crime is highly concentrated across people and places

# CRIME IS STICKY





People shot in urban jurisdictions

**>40%**

IN SMALL  
PREDICTABLE PLACES  
...  
MICRO-HOTSPOTS



# OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Risky locations

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INJURIES  
HIGH-RISK ENCOUNTERS

# PLACE NETWORK INVESTIGATIONS



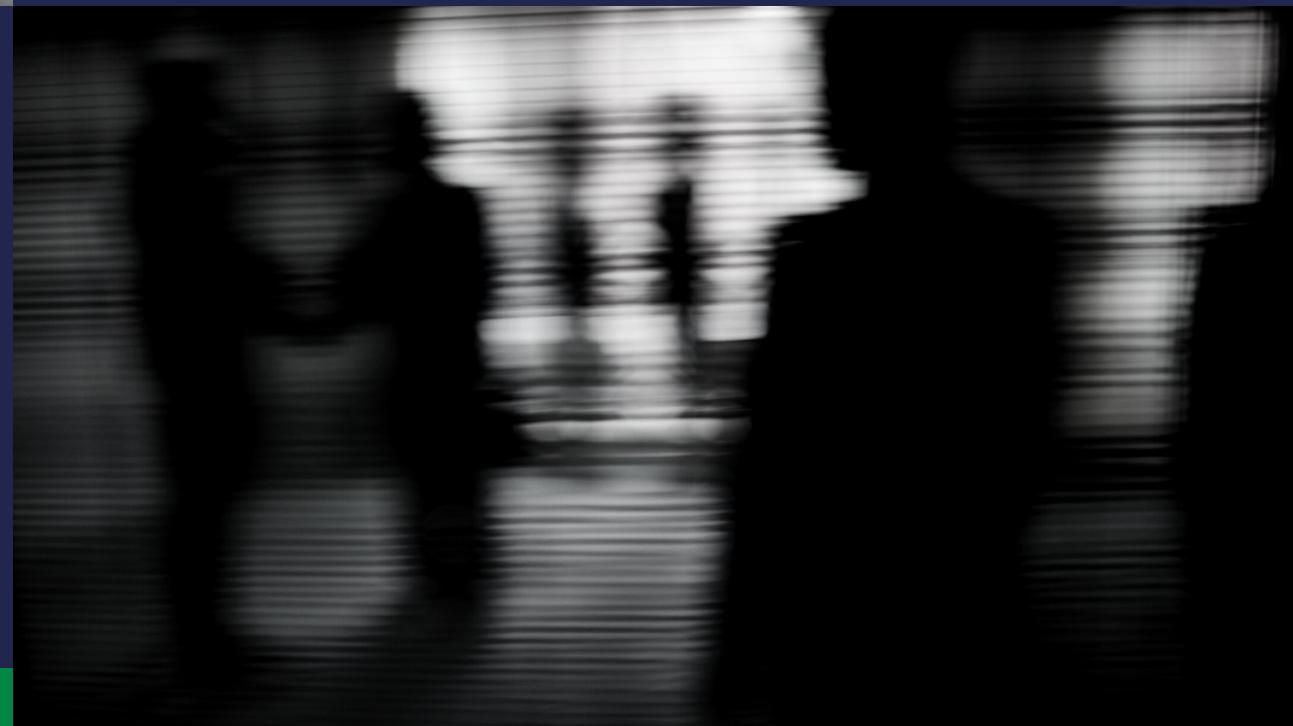


## CONVERGENCE SETTINGS

Public locations where people involved in crime congregate

## CRIME SITES

Places where crime regularly occurs



## CORRUPTING SPOTS

Local businesses that drives crime



## COMFORT SPACES

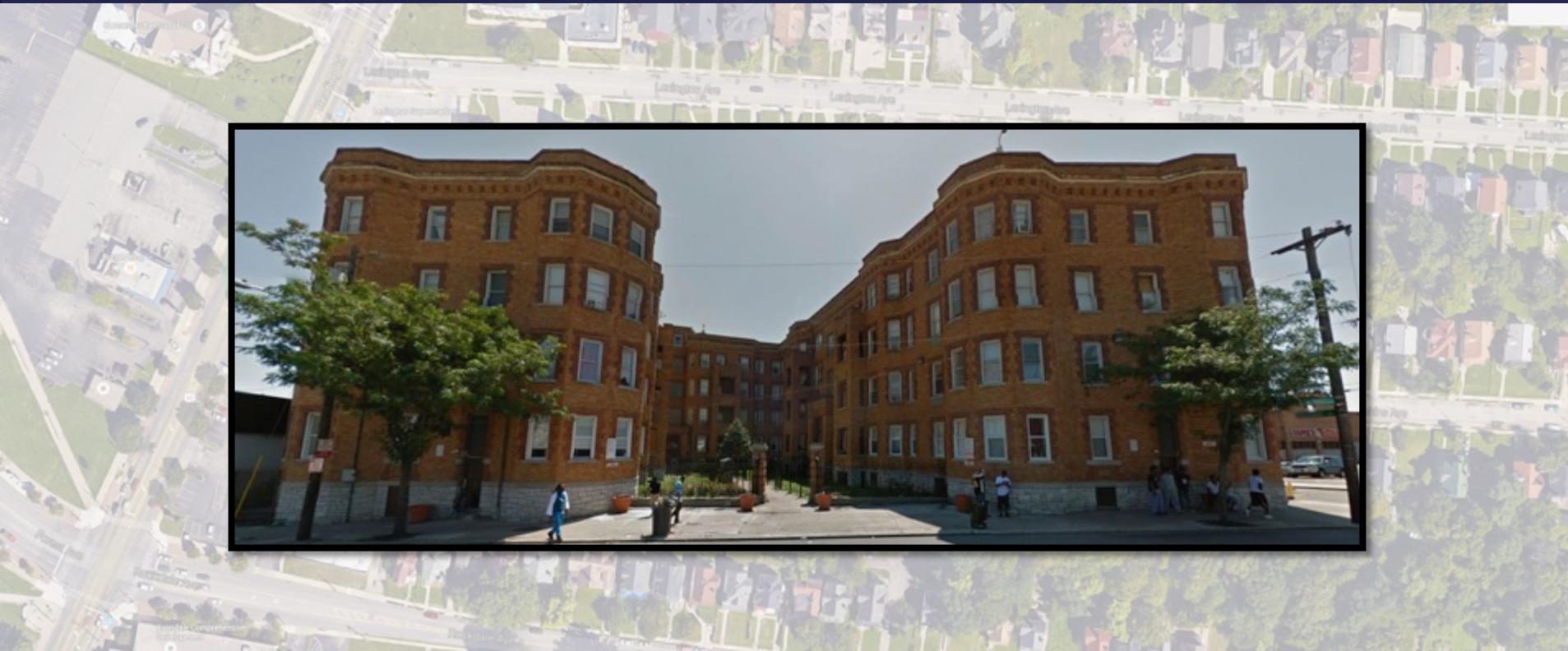
Private locations controlled by those engaged in criminal activity



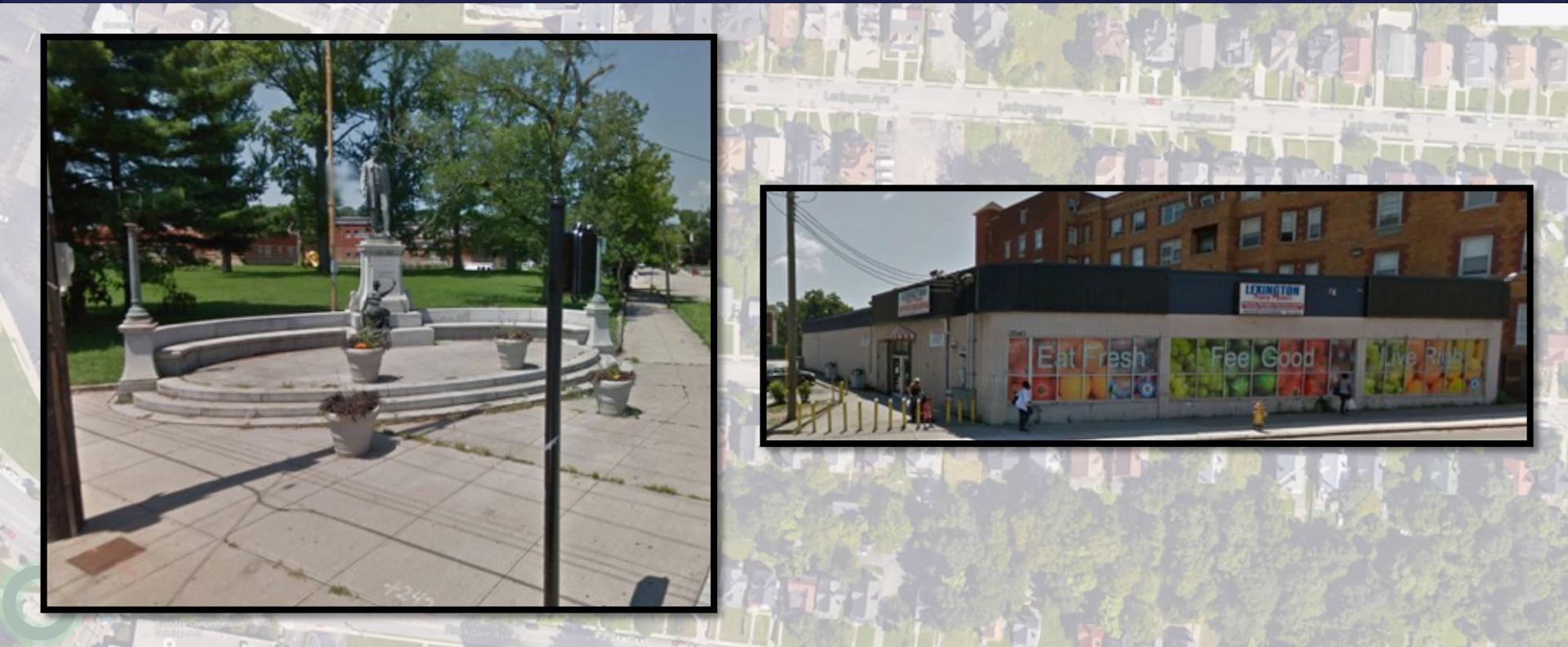


3522 Reading Road

## BACKGROUND & ORIGINS



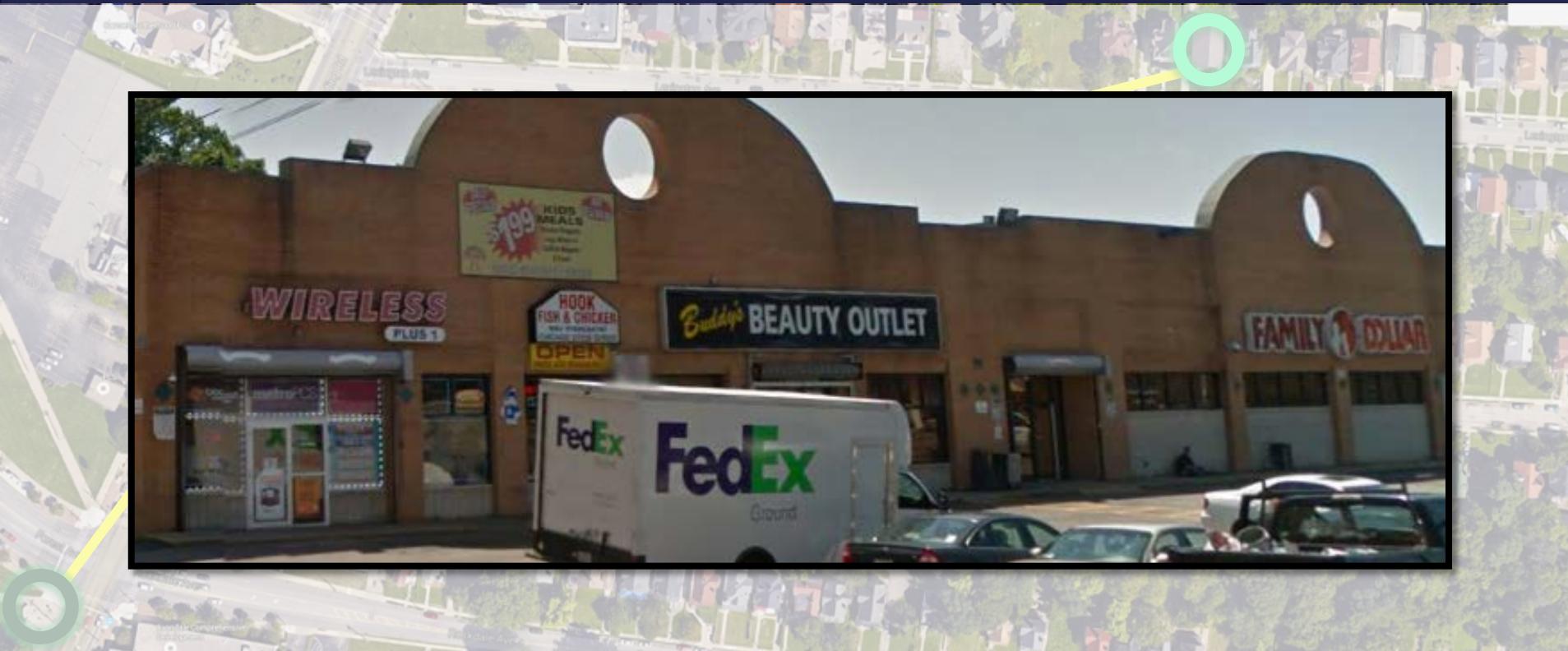
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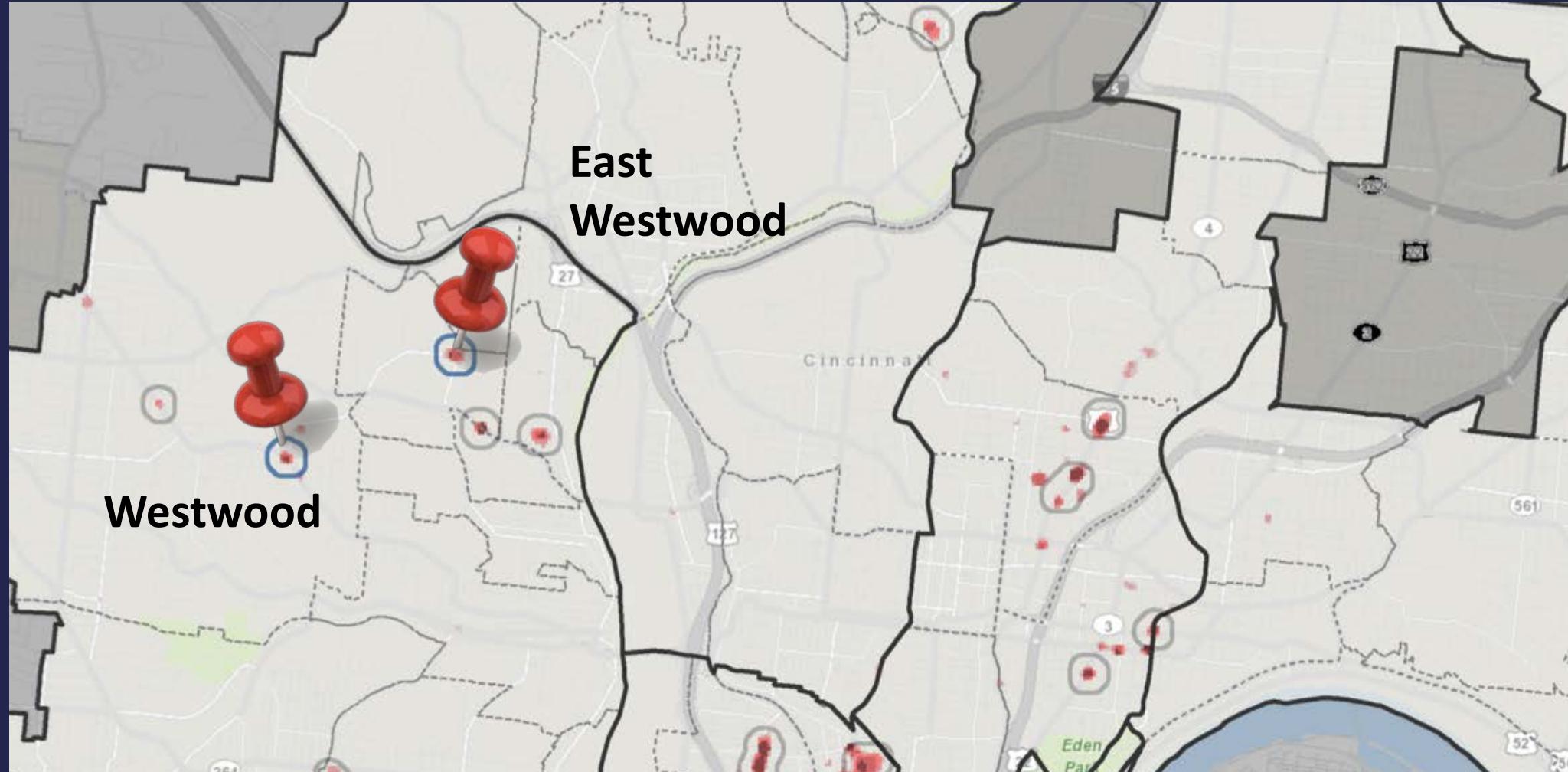
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## WHAT DRIVES CRIME?

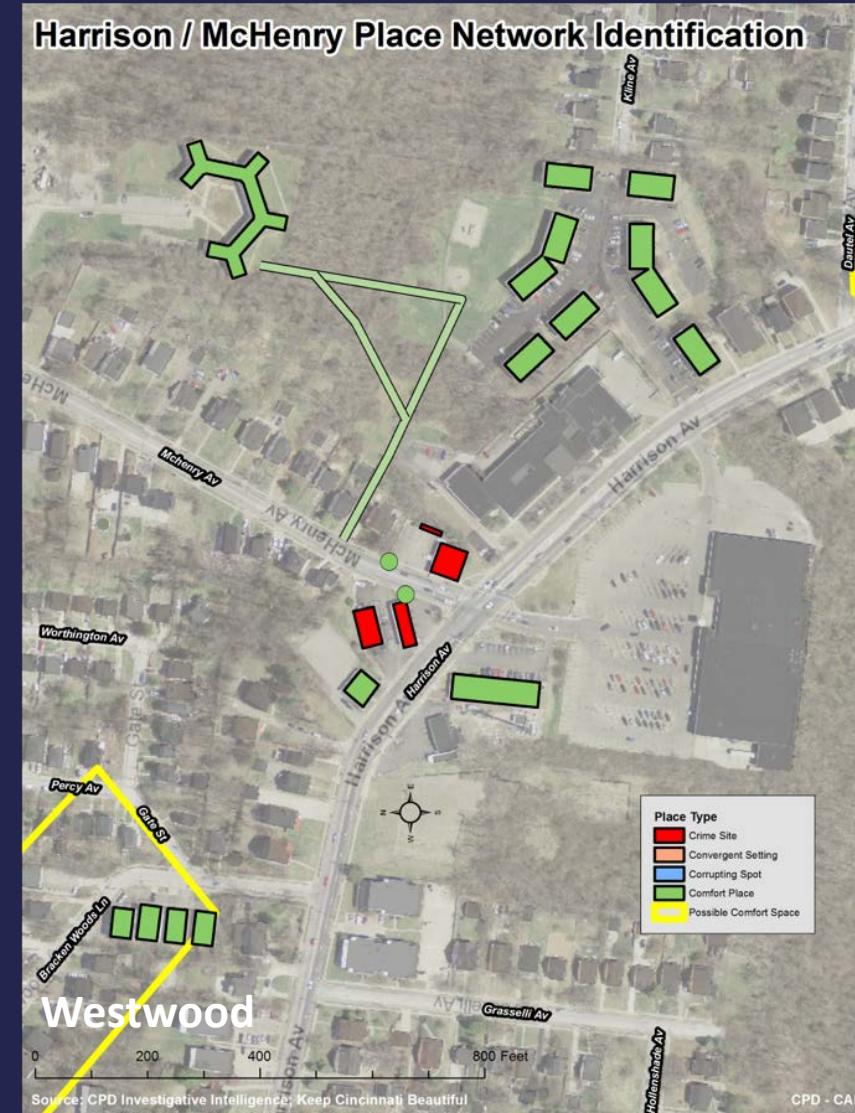
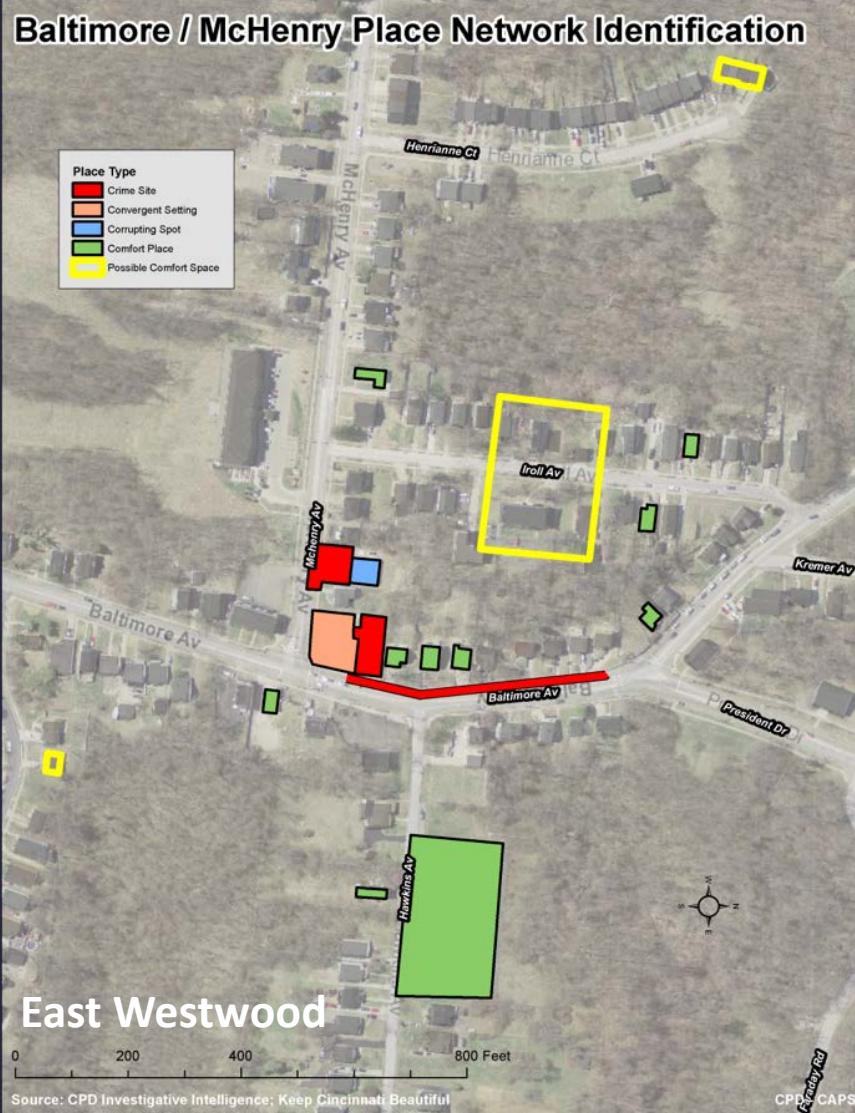
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SYMPTOMS

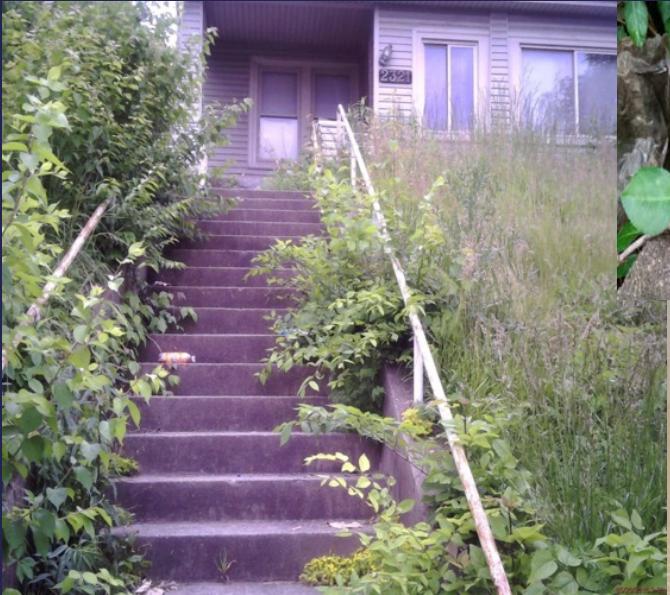
Active criminal (networks)  
Underserved communities  
Opportunistic violence  
Unmanaged NETWORKED places



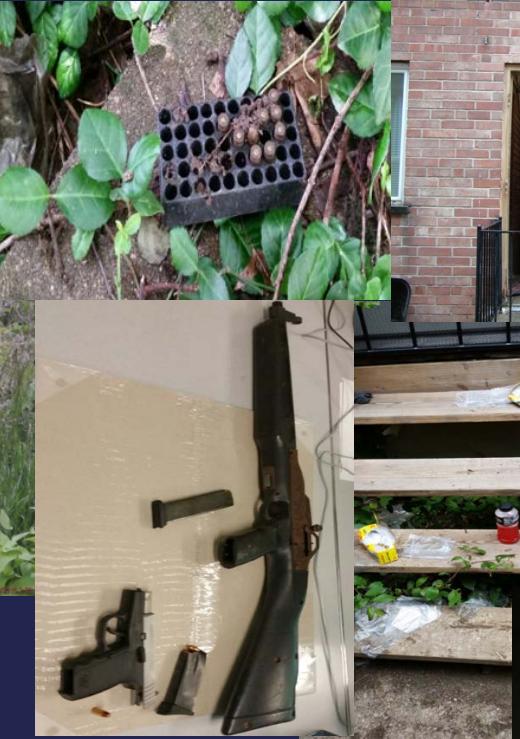
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# Place Networks





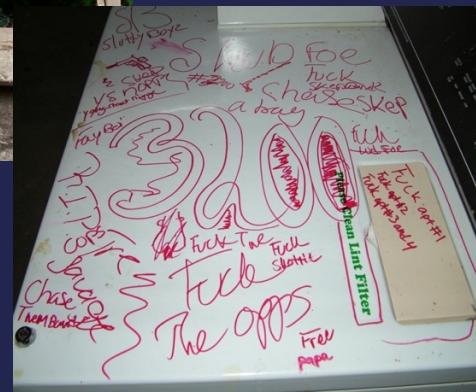
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# CRIME SITES



# CORRUPTING SPOTS



## CONVERGENT SETTINGS

# ELIMINATE CRIME INFRASTRUCTURE

# PROJECT STAGES



**INVESTIGATIONS**  
Police, working with  
the community,  
identify place  
networks.



**ALL-CITY TEAM**  
Reviews and pools  
intelligence, prioritizes  
city action &resources.



**INTERVENTION**  
Environmental and  
management/use  
changes eliminate  
crime opportunities.



## PLACE NETWORK INVESTIGATIONS

# COORDINATED RESPONSE

LEVERAGING RESOURCES

THE ALL-CITY TEAM

EXAMPLES OF CITY PNI BOARD  
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

City Manager/Mayor

Transportation  
& Engineering

Community and Economic  
Development Corporations

Legal

City  
Planning

Fire

Buildings &  
Inspections

Police

Health

Public  
Services

Parks

Local  
Councils

COMMUNITY VOICE

City Department	Disruption Techniques
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate hazards (e.g., bootleg mechanics)</li> <li>• Fire code violations fines/arrests</li> </ul>
Traffic/Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street redesign (e.g., traffic calming, closures)</li> <li>• Adding/removing signage</li> </ul>
Keep America Beautiful Affiliates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private property consultations (e.g., graffiti removal)</li> <li>• Adding fencing or public space definition markers</li> </ul>
Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking spaces, dumpster placement/organization</li> <li>• Execute vacate orders</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of illegal kitchens or vendors</li> <li>• Address lead paint in buildings</li> </ul>
Port Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building demolitions</li> <li>• Initiate large-scale redevelopment projects</li> </ul>
Treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit revocation (e.g., illegal dance halls)</li> <li>• Citations for non-licensed activities (e.g., gaming)</li> </ul>
Parks & Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redesign or development of park spaces</li> <li>• Removal of dilapidated playground equipment</li> </ul>
Non-profit Redevelopment Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase vacated properties</li> <li>• Help community leaders secure low-income housing</li> </ul>
Public Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foliage removal, community clean-up efforts</li> <li>• Altering trash pick-up schedules</li> </ul>
Human Relations Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy and offender desistance outreach</li> <li>• Job and social services messaging</li> </ul>

# ALL-CITY TEAM

# Dynamics of Opportunistic Violence



## *Accountability & Place Management*

Illegal dice games

- Unsecured dumpster

### **Fire department**

Accessible illegal guns

- Unkept grass, trash, debris

### **Code Enforcement**

Vehicles as Barricades

- Lack of parking restrictions

### **Traffic/Engineering**

Loitering/Intimidation

- Unmanaged parking lots

### **City Attorney**

Chop shops/storage

- Abandoned properties

### **Buildings/ Inspections**

Retaliation Cycles/Fear

- Repeat offenders

### **DA's Office**

Concealment

- Lack of lighting

### **Energy**

Food deserts

- Lack of resources/  
services

### **Economic Development**

# PUSHING TIPPING POINTS



PLACE NETWORK  
INVESTIGATIONS

## NEIGHBORHOOD DYNAMICS



### BLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

Turns a negative space to a neutral space

### ACTIVATING SPACE

Promotes legitimate use of the location

### CREATING SAFE ANCHORS

Attracts other safe anchors  
SIGNATURE PROJECTS

# A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY MODEL



PLACE NETWORK  
INVESTIGATIONS

# HOLISTIC GOVERNANCE



Highly focused,  
maximizes scarce  
resources



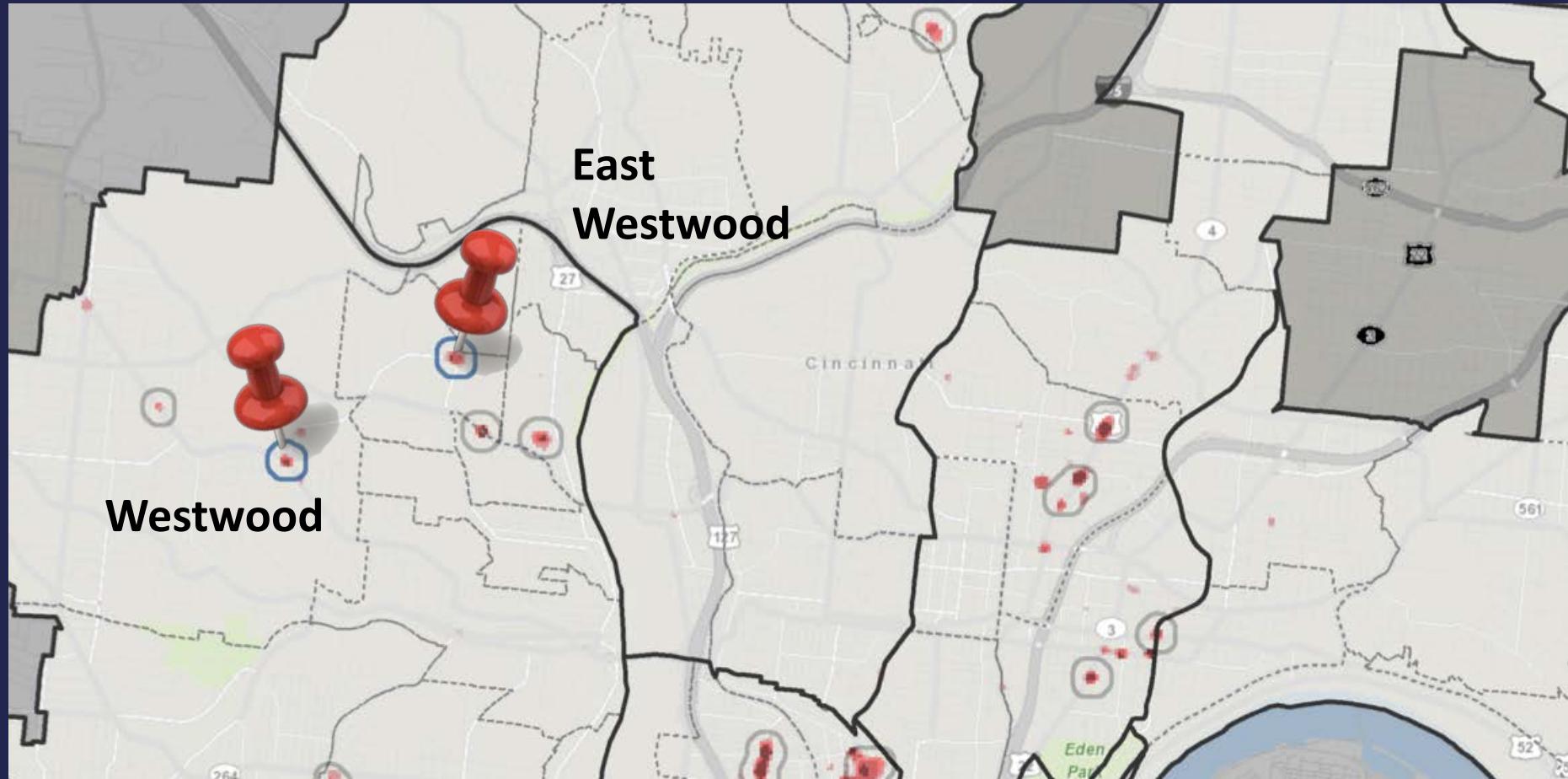
Accountability,  
partnerships,  
and community  
voice



Sustainable gun  
violence reductions  
stabilizes  
neighborhoods



Role and  
perceptions of  
police



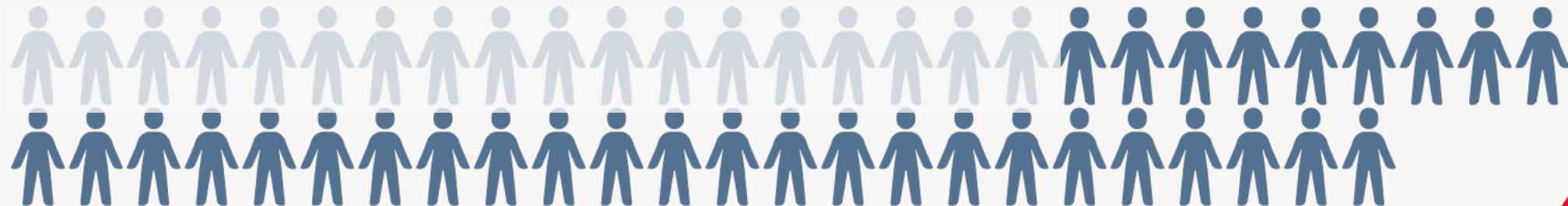
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# Shootings



# Prevented

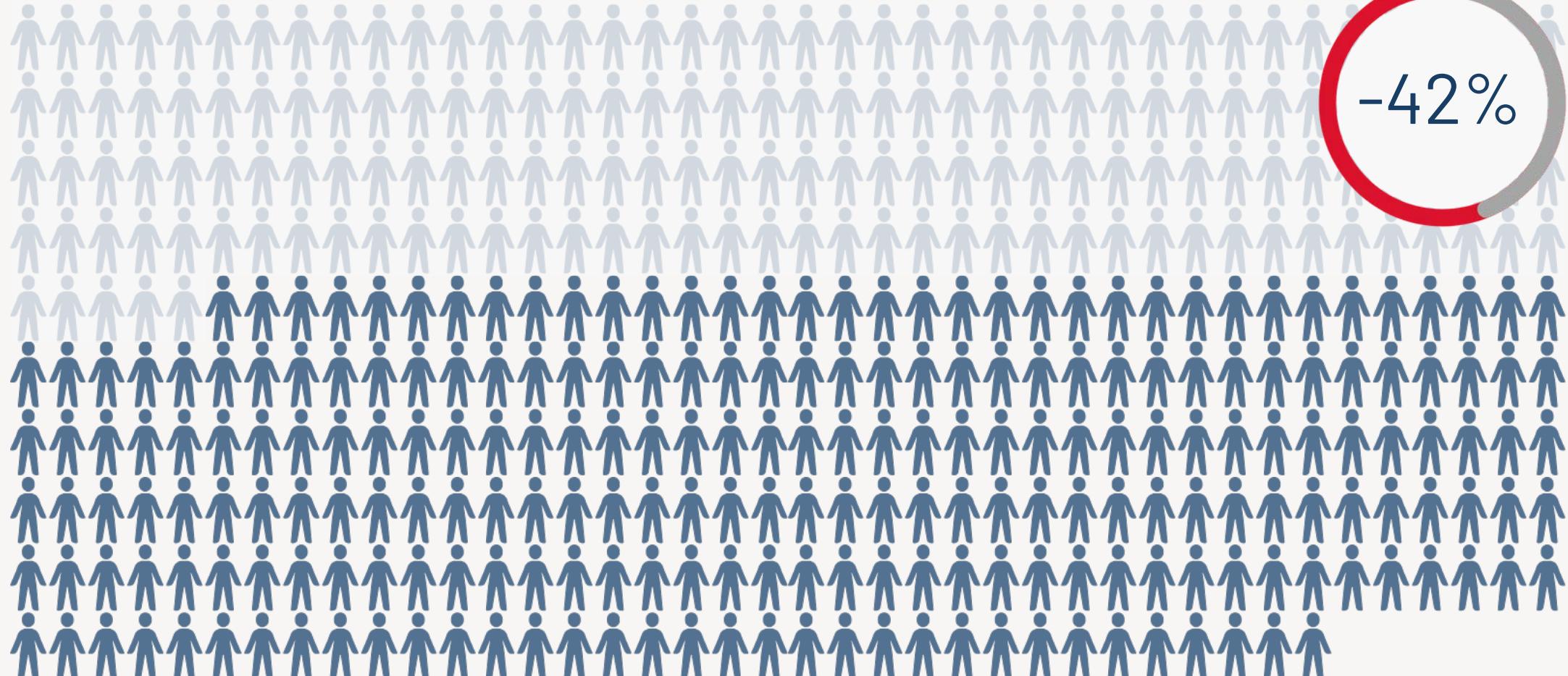
## Violent Victimization



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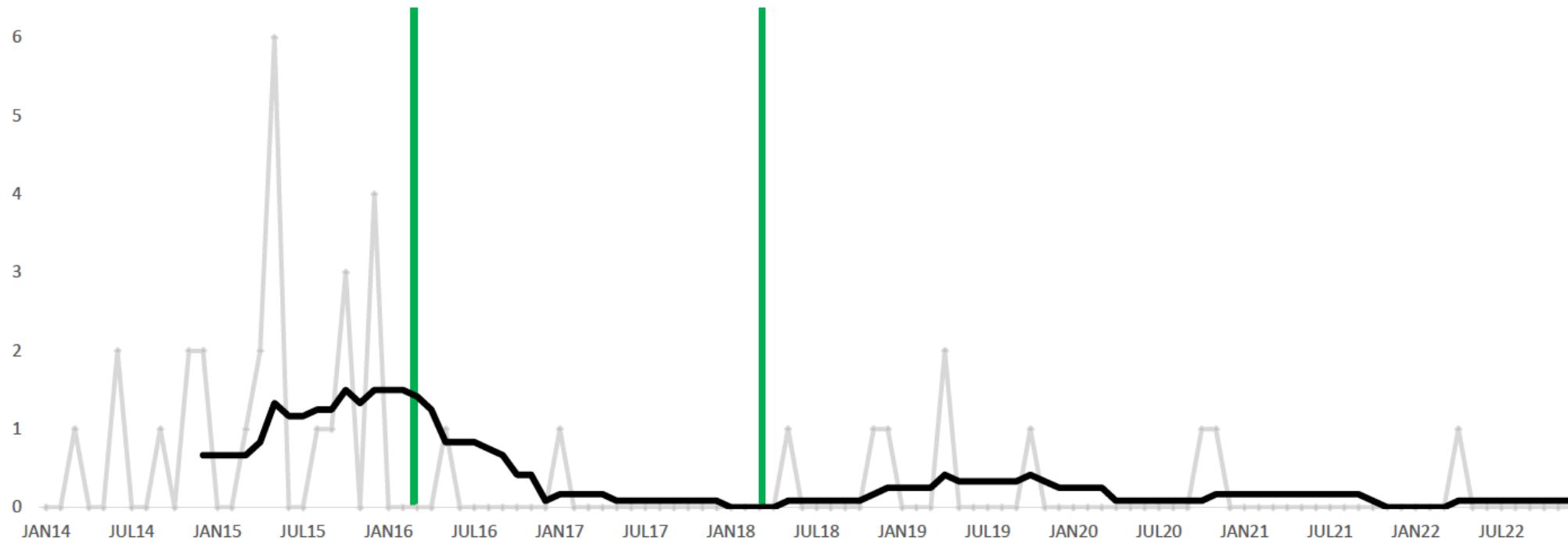
-35%

# Arrests



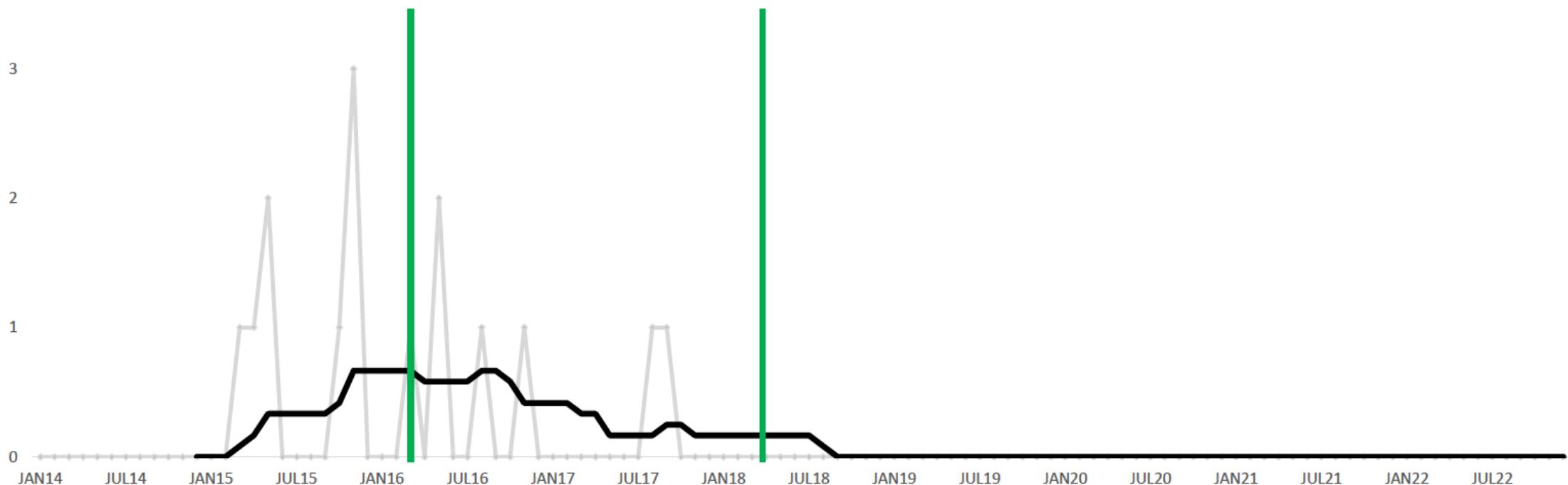
# Avoided

# Site 1



Average Pre (Jan 14-Feb 16) 1  
Average During (Mar 16-Feb18) 0.083333  
Average Post (Mar18-Dec22) 0.155172

## Site 2



Average Pre (Jan 14-Feb 16) 0.307692

Average During (Mar 16-Feb 18) 0.291667

Average Post (Mar 18-Dec 22) 0



PLACE NETWORK  
INVESTIGATIONS

# 900 E Braker Ln

01/01/2025 – 09/27/2025

Calls For Service	Cases	Gun Seizures	Arrests	Shootings
137	66	18	28	2

Month Following Operation\*

Calls For Service	Cases	Gun Seizures	Arrests	Shootings
1	0	0	1	0

# PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING STRATEGIES



# CENTER FOR PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING

*Shaping the Future of Public Safety*



## PROVEN. EFFECTIVE.

The Center for Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) delivers solutions that prevent crime before it happens, protecting first responders and the communities they serve.

- ✓ 20+ years transforming policing worldwide
- ✓ Thousands of officers trained and equipped
- ✓ Internationally recognized & evidence-based

## A BOLD NEW CHAPTER

*Starting in Central Texas*





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