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Downtown Crime Review Comparing December thru April of the Past two Years

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Preface: The basis for this report is to analyze data that was displayed in graph form and presented before the city commission representing of a 51% increase in crime for an area referred to as "downtown" by McGurn representatives during the specified periods of time. Based on information sent to the commission by Linda McGurn on June 20th, it appears the McGurn's reasoning behind the presentation is to make the city commission aware of an impact the temporary winter shelter for the homeless has made on crime in the area. As a result, they were requesting additional funding to augment police services to handle their identified increase in crime. The other concern brought forth was "the economic impact of becoming a high crime area for all the businesses trying to make downtown a destination..."

Source of Data: Several reports were given to McGurn that is related to the same study, but it has been determined that at the request of Sadie Darnell, Dave Duda in the Information Services area obtained the data used in the McGurn report by creating several crystal reports which are based on data from the GPD Records Management System (RMS) OSSI. There is another set of reports distributed to McGurn by Priscilla Prince in our Records Management Division, but they do not appear to be the source for McGurn's analysis.

Objective: Provide a report to the Chief by Thursday, June 29, 2006, which further analyzes the data in an attempt to clearly document the following:

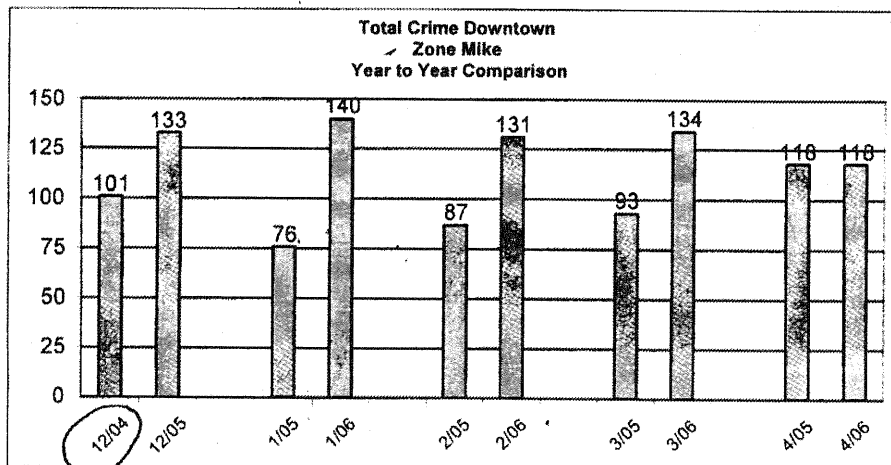
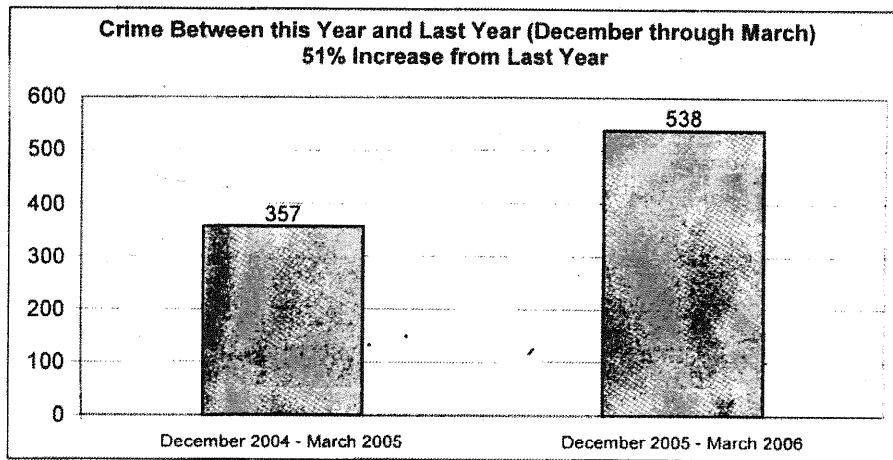
- I. Identify the parameters used in the data for the McGurn analysis
- II. Display pertinent McGurn Graphs as a part of this report
- III. Give a visual representation of the area studied in the McGurn Analysis and where the incidents actually occurred in relation to the area actually defined as downtown
- IV. Duplicate the McGurn graphs to ensure a similar outcome in the results
- V. List the specific incidents included in the McGurn analysis
- VI. Indicate exactly which incidents increased in the McGurn analysis
- VII. Give a visual representation of the actual downtown area, clearly defining its boundaries
- VIII. Prepare a separate but similar analysis specific to the area that is actually defined as downtown
- IX. Identify any significant activities or events that occurred in the area during the specified time, that may have contributed to an increase in crime
- X. Provide a separate report of arrests and document those committed by homeless persons.
- XI. Provide any additional information gathered that may assist in explaining the reports, crimes etc. in the affected areas

Part I: Identify the parameters used in the data for the McGurn analysis

The McGurn Analysis data is defined by the following:

- Obtained from GPD's Records Management System (RMS) – OSSI/Pistol
- Included all Incidents (Part 1 and 2 combined)
- The area referred to as "downtown", is in reality the entire patrol Zone of Mike
- Period represented in the graph indicating the 51% increase is:
Dec. 04 – Mar. 05 vs. Dec. 05 – Mar. 06
- Period represented in the graph indicating the year to year comparison by month is:
Dec. 04 – Apr. 05 vs. Dec. 05 – Apr. 06

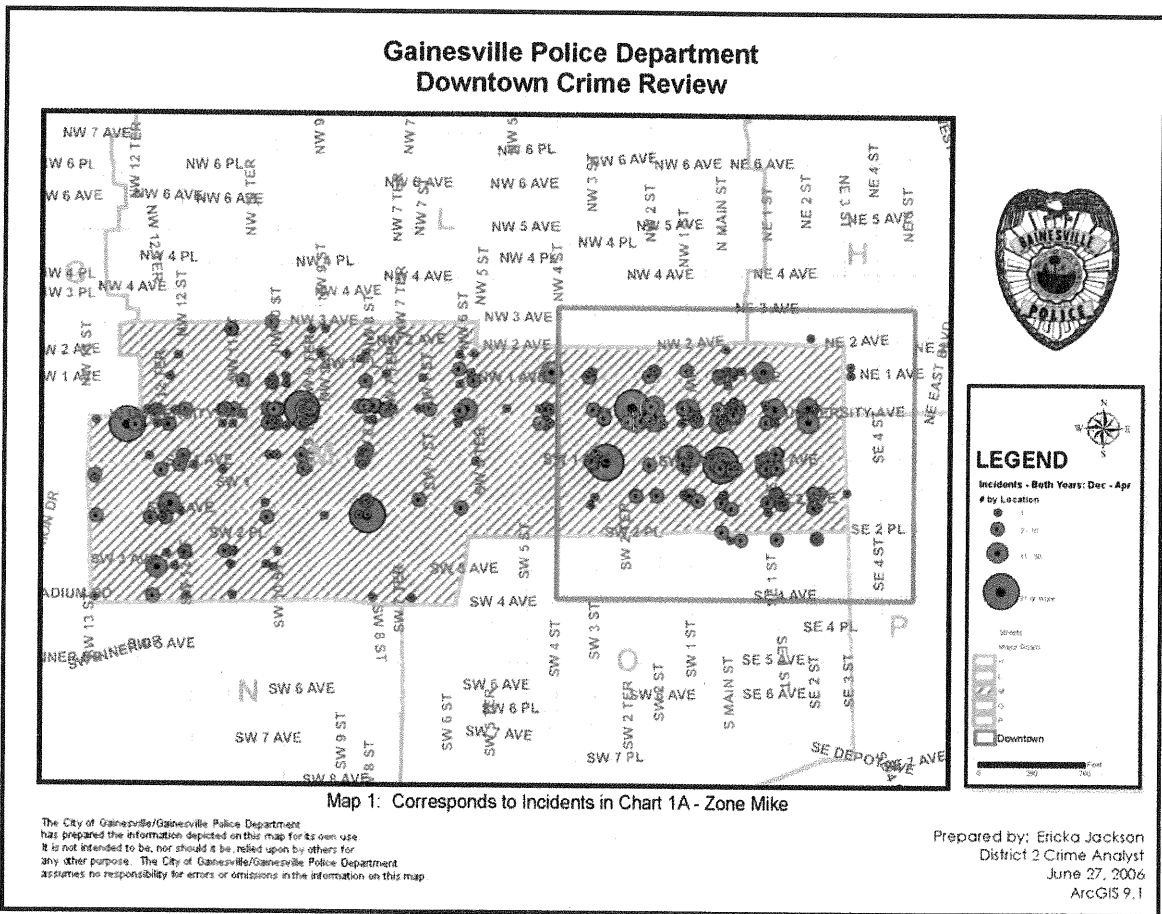
Part II: Display pertinent McGurn Graphs as a part of this report



Please disregard any marks shown on the graph above as they are not a part of the original report.

Part III: Give a visual representation of the area studied in the McGurn Analysis and where the incidents actually occurred in relation to the area actually defined as downtown.

The following map (Map 1) is a graduated symbol map to visually represent the area and where the actual incidents occurred. The entire shaded area is what was referred to as downtown in the McGurn analysis, but this area is actually Zone Mike. The area bordered in red, is defined in Part VII of this report as the downtown area. The incidents shown in blue are a depiction of what occurred during December thru April in the McGurn analysis. The larger symbols indicate multiple incidents occurring at the same address. Both years are combined and displayed on the map.



Map 1

Part IV: Duplicate the McGurn graphs to ensure a similar outcome in the results

Please note: The numbers in my graphs differ slightly from those in the McGurn data due to differences in the date / time when the reports were actually executed. Any late reports or updates to RMS since the McGurn reports were executed will be indicated in my graphs and subsequent analysis.

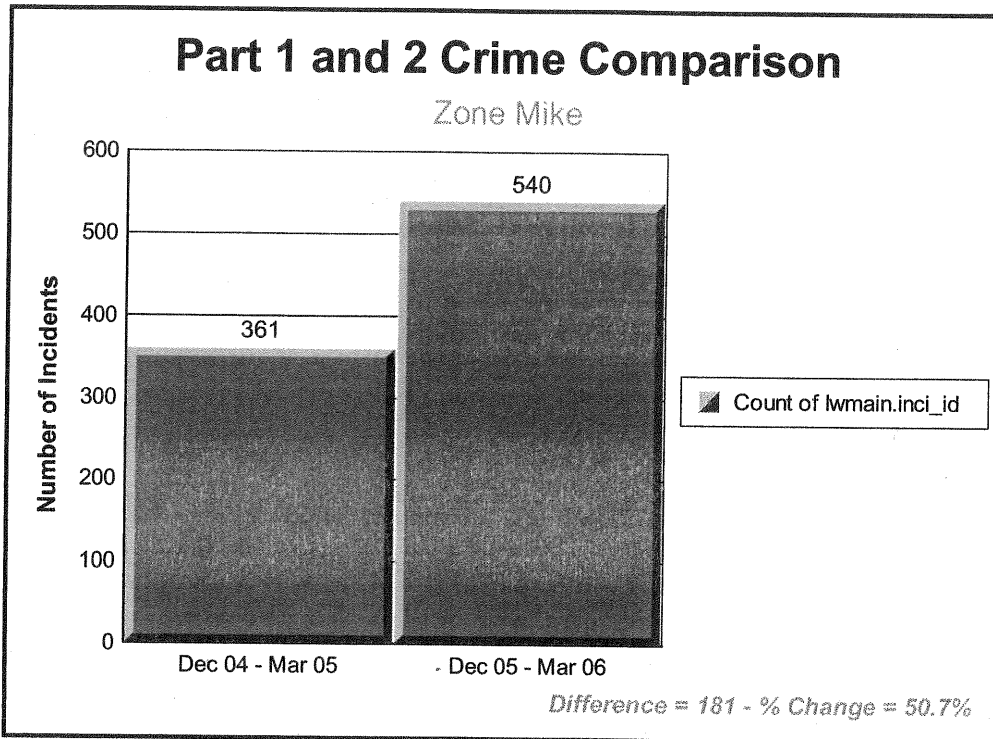


Chart 1

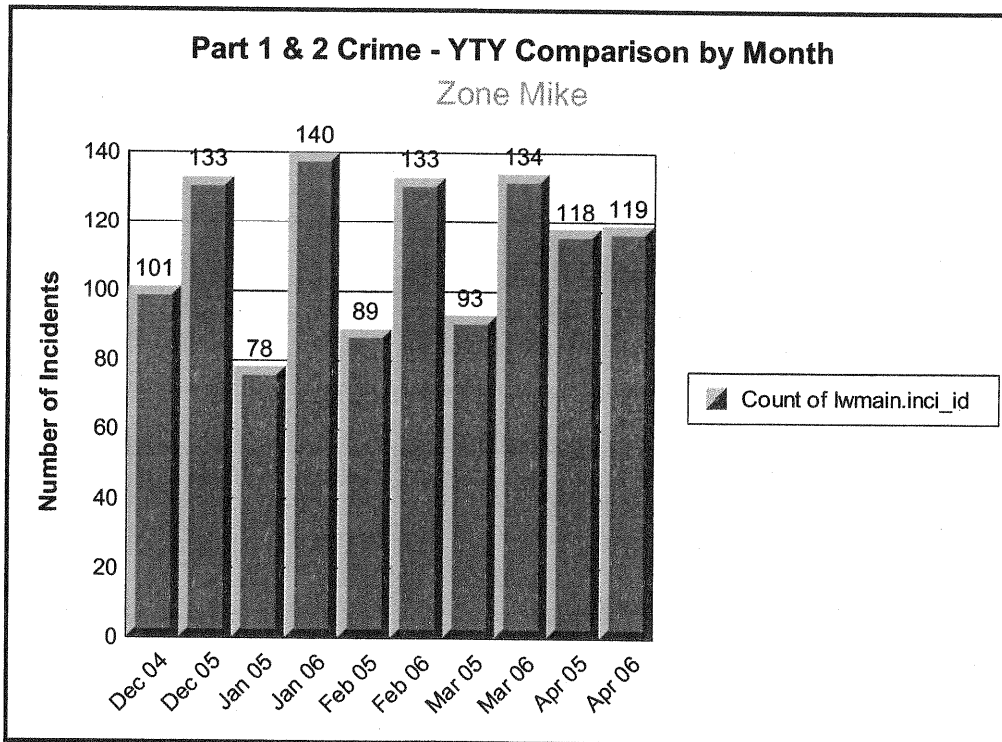


Chart 2: Broken down by Month and also includes April which differs from chart 1 above. Also see the following page - Chart 1A.

Since the month of April was also included in the second McGurn graph, to maintain consistency I recreated the first McGurn chart to include the month of April.

Note: When the month of April is included, there is a reduction in the overall percent change.

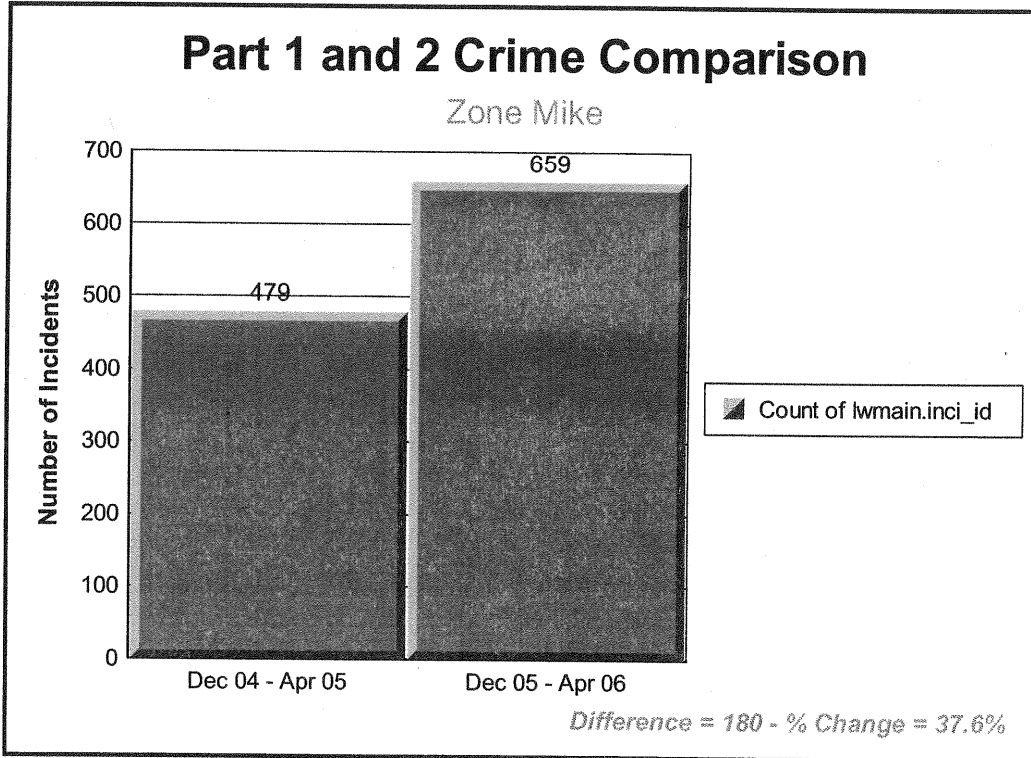


Chart 1A: Same as chart 1, but includes April.

Part V: List the specific incidents included in the McGurn analysis

The following tables (Table 1 and 2) are a summary of incidents depicted in Charts 1A and 2 above (which are a duplication of the McGurn graphs). Like the graphs, these tables include all incidents (Part 1 and 2 combined) for Zone Mike and display only incidents reported during the specified time periods.

The table to the left and the one to the right are independent of the other. Both are sorted by crime totals to display the top crimes reported during each specified period of time.

These tables correspond with Part V, and span the following three pages.

Table 1
Dec 04 – Apr 05

Table 2
Dec 05 – Apr 06

Offense	Total	Offense	Total
TRESPASS WARNING	31	TRESPASS WARNING	54
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR)	28	WARRANT ARREST	39
BATTERY (SIMPLE)	27	BATTERY (SIMPLE)	30
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	21	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR)	30
THEFT PETIT - OTHER	21	DRUG POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	23
DRUG POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	19	BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	19
WARRANT ARREST	17	TRESPASS	19
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	16	THEFT PETIT - OTHER	18
LOST PROPERTY	14	DISTURBANCE	17
DRUG EQUIP/PARAPHERNALIA	13	CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	14
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	12	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	13
POSS. OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21 YOA	11	PANHANDLING	13
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	10	THEFT GRAND – OTHER	13
THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	10	THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	13
TRESPASS	10	POSS. OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21 YOA	12
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	9	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	11
PANHANDLING	9	DRUG EQUIP/PARAPHERNALIA	11
THEFT GRAND – OTHER	9	OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	11
THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	9	THEFT PETIT – RETAIL	11
THEFT PETIT – RETAIL	9	DISORDERLY INTOXICATION	10
TOW REPORT	9	DRUG VIOLATION	10
FOUND PROPERTY	8	FOUND PROPERTY	10
AFFRAY	7	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	10
INFORMATION	7	TOW REPORT	10
STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	7	ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	9
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	6	BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	9
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (FELONY)	6	DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	8
DISORDERLY INTOXICATION	6	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	8
DISTURBANCE	6	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	8
THEFT GRAND – FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	5	INFORMATION	8
BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	4	RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE	8
COUNTERFEITING	4	THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	8
DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	4	AFFRAY	7
DOMESTIC BATTERY	4	COUNTERFEITING	7
DRUG VIOLATION	4	STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	7
RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE	4	THEFT GRAND – FROM BUILDING	7

BAKER ACT	3	ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	6
BATTERY (FELONY)	3	BAKER ACT	6
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	3	BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	6
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	3	BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	6
MARCHMAN ACT	3	LOST PROPERTY	6
SEXUAL BATTERY	3	THEFT GRAND - BICYCLE	6
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	3	BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	5
THEFT GRAND - FROM BUILDING	3	ROBBERY (STRONG ARM)	5
ALL OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOL.	2	FRAUD (CREDIT CARD/ATM)	4
ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	2	HABITUAL TRAFFIC OFFENDER - DWLSR	4
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2	HARASSING/ OBSCENE CALLS	4
DRUG VIOLATION (SELLING)	2	PUBLIC URINATION	4
FRAUD (ALL OTHER)	2	SICK / INJURED PERSON	4
GAS DRIVE OFF	2	UNAUTHORIZED POSS MANUF FL DL	4
HABITUAL TRAFFIC OFFENDER DRIVING ON SUSP/REVOKED DRIVERS LI	2	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	3
LOST/STOLEN VEHICLE TAG / DECAL	2	ROBBERY (ARMED)	3
OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	2	ROBBERY BY SUDDEN SNATCHING	3
PUBLIC URINATION	2	SEIZE TAG	3
RECOVERED STOLEN VEH	2	STRIKING OR A INTERFERING WITH POLICE ANIMAL	3
RESIST/OBSTRUCT/OPPOSE OF OFFICER WITHOUT VIOLENCE	2	ASSAULT (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	2
UNAUTHORIZED POSS MANUF FL DL	2	BATTERY (FELONY)	2
UTTER FORGED/COUNTERFEIT BILL	2	DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER/OBTAIN FOOD/LODGING BY DEFRAUDING	2
UTTERING FORGED INSTRUMENTS	2	DISTURBANCE CIVIL	2
WEAPONS VIOLATION (POSSESSING/CONCEALING)	2	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	2
AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING	1	DRUG VIOLATION (SELLING)	2
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	1	DRUG VIOLATION (SID)	2
BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	1	LOITERING AND PROWLING	2
BATTERY (SIMPLE - WITH OTHER WEAPON)	1	LOST/STOLEN VEHICLE TAG / DECAL	2
BATTERY ON A ERMEGENCY MEDICALCARE PROVIDER	1	MISSING PERSON	2
BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	1	RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITH VIOLENCE	2
DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER/OBTAIN FOOD/LODGING BY DEFRAUDING	1	STALKING (SIMPLE)	2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE-NO CONTACT	1	THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE (VEHICLE PARTS)	2
FALSE INFO TO LEO	1	THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	2
FRAUD (CREDIT CARD/ATM)	1	UNAUTH USE/POSSESSION OF BLANK/STOLEN/FORGED DRIVERS LICENSE	2

HARASSING/ OBSCENE CALLS	1	VERBAL THREATS	2
LOITERING AND PROWLING	1	ALL OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOL.	1
MISSING PERSON	1	ANIMAL PROBLEM	1
OPEN HOUSE PARTY	1	BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	1
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IN CITY PARK	1	BATTERY ON A EMERGENCY MEDICALCARE PROVIDER	1
PRESENTING DL OF ANOTHER AS OWN	1	CHILD ABUSE	1
ROBBERY (ARMED)	1	CONCEALED WEAPON/ELECTRIC WEAPON/DEVICE	1
ROBBERY (STRONG ARM)	1	CORRUPTION BY THREAT AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT	1
SEIZE TAG	1	DOMESTIC BATTERY	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	FLEE/ATTEMPT TO ELUDE POLICE OFFICER	1
STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	1	FRAUD (FORGERY)	1
SUICIDE	1	FRAUD (OBTAIN MONEY/PROPERTY BY FALSE PRETENSE)	1
THEFT GRAND - PURSE SNATCHING	1	GAS DRIVE OFF	1
THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	1	LEWD/LASC. ACT	1
THROWING DEADLY MISSILE	1	MARCHMAN ACT	1
TRAFFIC OFFENSE (ALL OTHER)	1	PRESENTING DL OF ANOTHER AS OWN	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	1	RUNAWAY	1
Grand Total	479	SEX OFFENDER/PREDATOR VIOLATION <48 HRS	1
		SEXUAL BATTERY	1
		STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	1
		STOLEN VEHICLE (TRUCK)	1
		STRIKING A POLICE ANIMAL CAUSING INJURY	1
		SUICIDE	1
		TAMPER W/VICTIM WITNESS	1
		THEFT GRAND - FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	1
		TRAFFIC CRASH	1
		TRASH DUMPING	1
		WEAPONS VIOLATION (POSSESSING/CONCEALING)	1
		Grand Total	659

Part VI: Indicate exactly which incidents increased in the McGurn analysis

Using the tables above, I identified the top incidents based on the number of incidents reported. Of those, the ones that had a significant increase (an increase of 10 or greater) during this period of time were:

Warrant Arrests with a difference of 22 (a 129.412% increase), Trespass Warnings a difference of 23 (a 74.194% increase), Burglary to Residence a difference of 10 (a 111.111% increase), Disturbance a difference of 11 (183.33% increase and City Ordinance Violation went from 0 – 14 (where the % in this case is not calculable).

Part VII: Give a visual representation of the actual downtown area, clearly defining its boundaries

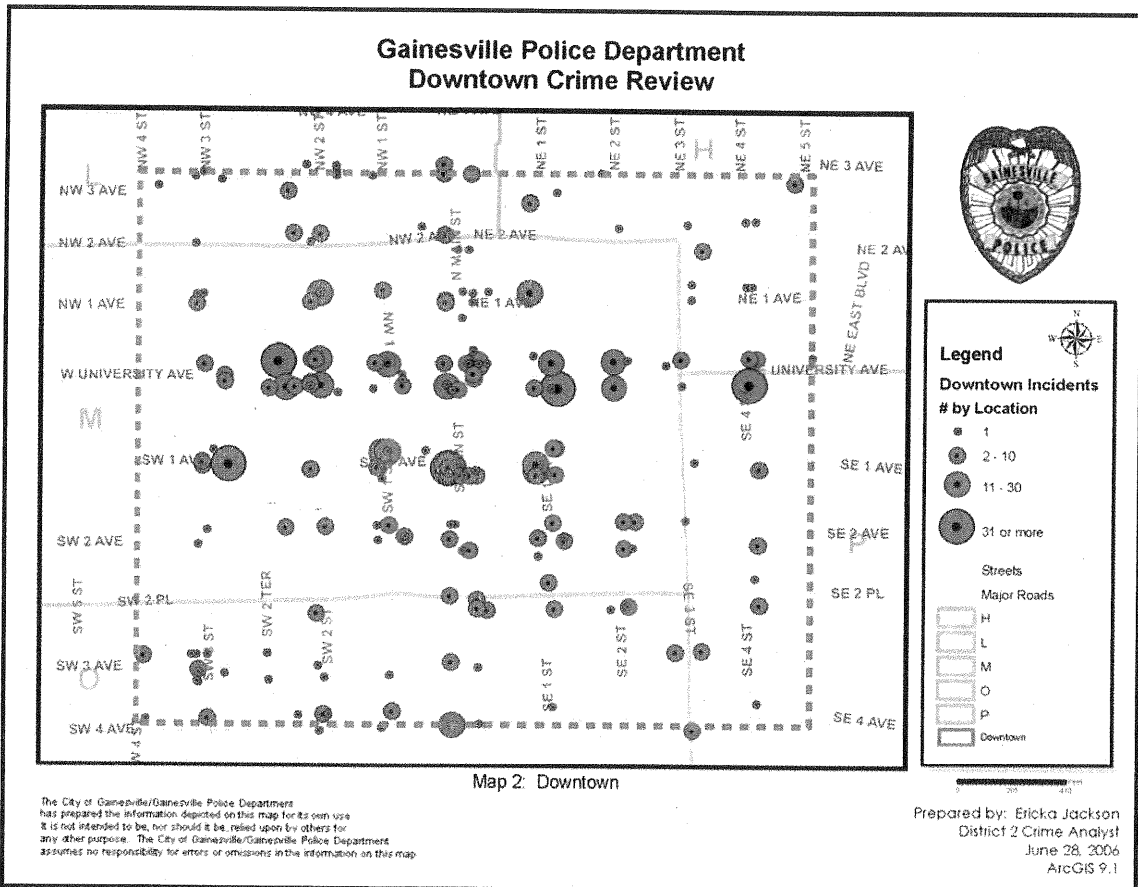
For the purposes of the analysis in this report I based the definition of the actual downtown area to include what is commonly defined by GPD's Patrol Operations Downtown Unit as the downtown district. I extended the boundary slightly to encompass any immediate bordering incidents. The following represents the boundaries used:

North: 3rd Avenue
South: 4th Avenue

East: 5th Street
West: 4th Street

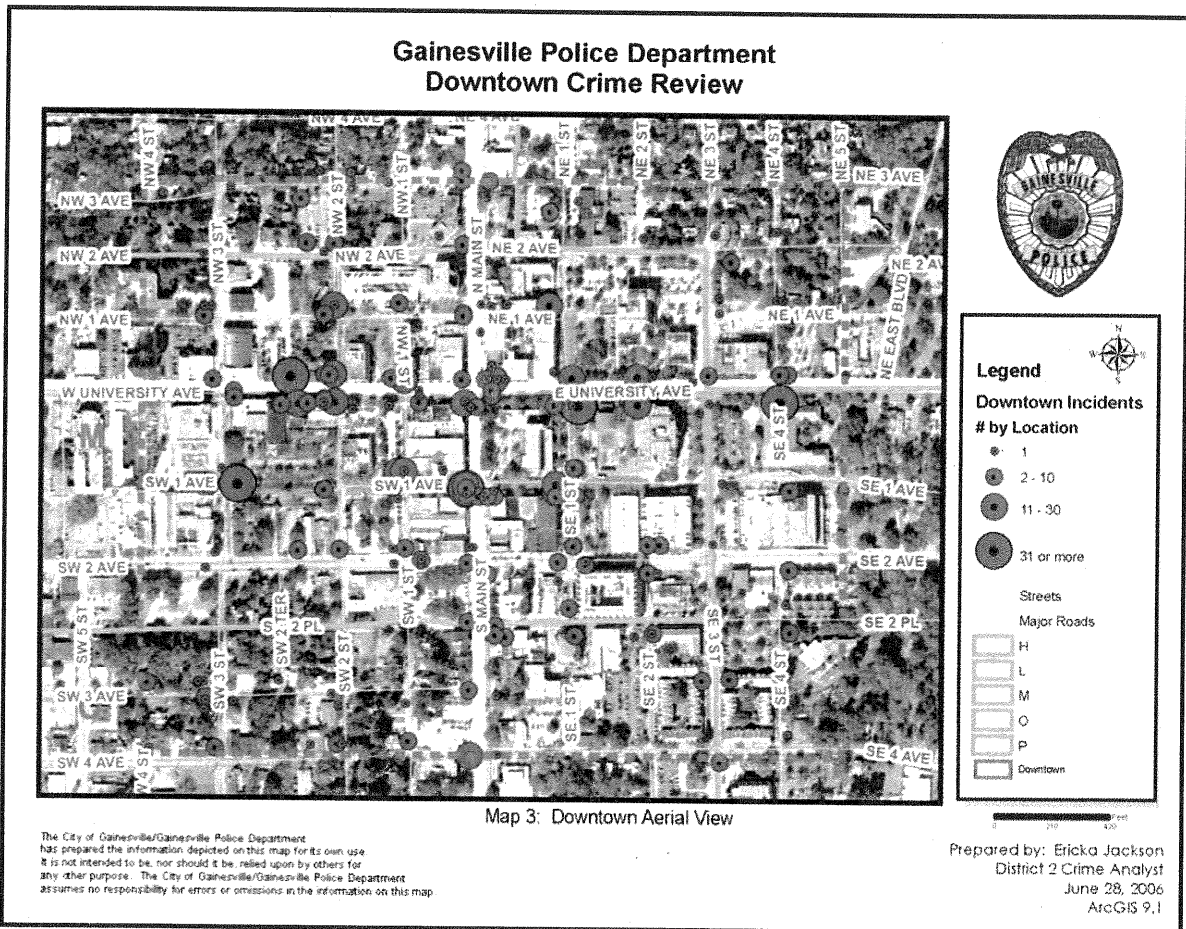
It is important to note that in addition to a portion of Zone Mike, the downtown also encompasses a portion of zones Oscar, Papa, Hotel and Lima.

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Map 2

The following map (Map 3) is a graduated symbol map. It is the same as Map 2 (above) but is shown in aerial view to further visually represent the area and where the actual incidents occurred as related to the business locations in the area. Likewise, the incidents shown in blue are a depiction of what occurred during December thru April. The larger symbols indicate multiple incidents occurring at the same address. Both years are combined and displayed on the map.



Map 3

Part VIII: Prepare a separate but similar analysis specific to the area that is actually defined as downtown.

I utilized the same parameters in the McGurn data. In addition, I specified a query to select all incidents occurring within the specified boundary indicated on Maps 2 and 3 above. These charts will reflect what actually transpired in the Downtown area during the specified periods of time.

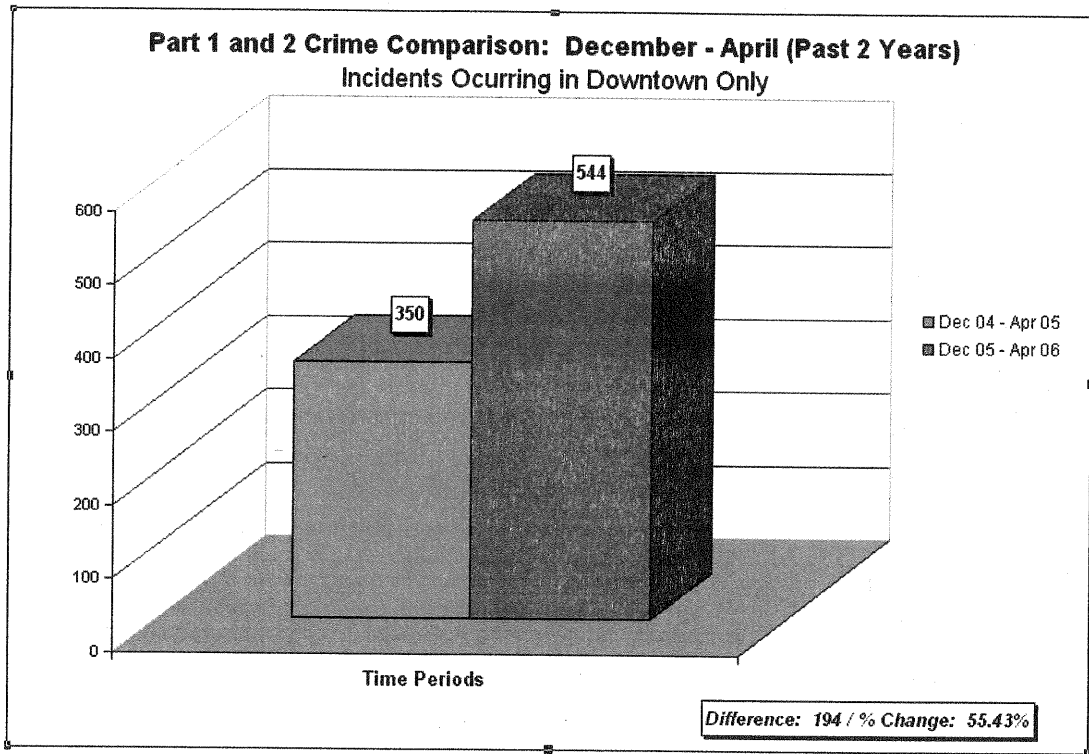


Chart 3: Compares the two time frames of data within the downtown area.

Although the percent change is actually higher, this is not a true indicator that crime actually increased. Take a further look into the actual incident categories to see which incidents had a considerable increase in crime.

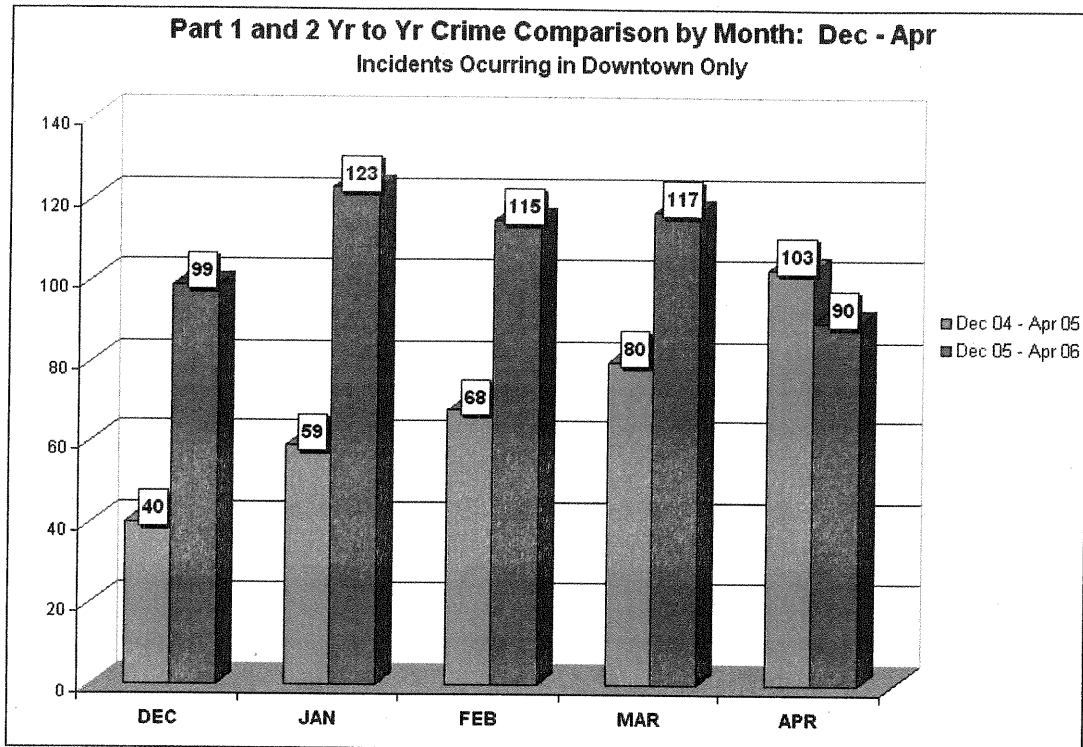


Chart 4: Monthly comparison of the 2 time frames.

Like the graphs, the following tables (table 3 and 4) include all incidents (Part 1 and 2 combined) for the downtown area and display only incidents reported during the specified time periods. The table to the left and the one to the right are independent of the other. Both are sorted by crime totals to display the top crimes reported during each specified period of time.

Table 3
Dec 04 – Apr 05: Downtown

Table 4
Dec 05 – Apr 06: Downtown

OFFENSE	Total	OFFENSE	Total
BATTERY (SIMPLE)	23	WARRANT ARREST	40
TRESPASS WARNING	21	TRESPASS WARNING	38
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR)	18	BATTERY (SIMPLE)	30
DRUG POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	18	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR)	18
THEFT PETIT - OTHER	15	DISTURBANCE	18
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	14	DRUG POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	18
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	13	THEFT PETIT - OTHER	18
WARRANT ARREST	13	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	16
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	11	CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	14
LOST PROPERTY	11	DRUG VIOLATION (SELLING)	12

POSS. OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21 YOA	11	OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	12
DRUG EQUIP/PARAPHERNALIA	10	PANHANDLING	12
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	9	POSS. OF ALCOHOL UNDER 21 YOA	12
TOW REPORT	9	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	10
FOUND PROPERTY	8	TOW REPORT	10
AFFRAY	7	FOUND PROPERTY	9
INFORMATION	7	THEFT GRAND - OTHER	9
THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	7	TRESPASS	9
DISORDERLY INTOXICATION	6	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	8
THEFT GRAND - OTHER	6	BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	8
DISTURBANCE	5	DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	8
FRAUD (FORGERY)	5	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	8
STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	5	DISORDERLY INTOXICATION	8
THEFT GRAND - FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	5	DRUG EQUIP/PARAPHERNALIA	8
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	4	DRUG VIOLATION	8
DOMESTIC BATTERY	4	AFFRAY	7
THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	4	ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	7
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	3	BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	7
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (FELONY)	3	INFORMATION	7
DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	3	LOST PROPERTY	7
OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	3	BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	6
PANHANDLING	3	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	6
RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE	3	FRAUD (CREDIT CARD/ATM)	6
THEFT GRAND - FROM BUILDING	3	PUBLIC URINATION	6
TRESPASS	3	STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	6
ALL OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOL.	2	ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	5
ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	2	RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE	5
BAKER ACT	2	THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	5
BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	2	BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	4
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	2	BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	4
DRUG VIOLATION	2	HABITUAL TRAFFIC OFFENDER - DWLSR	4
DRUG VIOLATION (SELLING)	2	ROBBERY (STRONG ARM)	4
FRAUD (ALL OTHER)	2	THEFT GRAND - BICYCLE	4
RESIST/OBSTRUCT/OPOSE OF OFFICER WITHOUT VIOLENCE	2	THEFT GRAND - FROM BUILDING	4
SEXUAL BATTERY	2	THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	4
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	2	UNAUTHORIZED POSS MANUF FL DL	4
THEFT GRAND - BICYCLE	2	BATTERY (FELONY)	3
UNAUTHORIZED POSS MANUF FL DL	2	COUNTERFEITING	3
WEAPONS VIOLATION	2	LOST/STOLEN VEHICLE TAG /	3

(POSSESSING/CONCEALING)		DECAL	
(DOMESTIC) AGGRAVATED BATTERY	1	ROBBERY BY SUDDEN SNATCHING	3
BATTERY (FELONY)	1	STALKING (SIMPLE)	3
BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	1	STRIKING OR A INTERFERING WITH POLICE ANIMAL	3
BATTERY (SIMPLE ? WITH OTHER WEAPON)	1	THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	3
BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	1	ASSAULT (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	2
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1	DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER/OBTAIN FOOD/LODGING BY DEFRAUDING	2
COUNTERFEITING	1	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	2
DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER/OBTAIN FOOD/LODGING BY DEFRAUDING	1	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE-NO CONTACT	1	DRUG VIOLATION (SID)	2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	1	FALSE INFO TO LEO	2
FALSE INFO TO LEO	1	FRAUD (FORGERY)	2
FRAUD (OBTAIN MONEY/PROPERTY BY FALSE PRETENSE)	1	FRAUD (OBTAIN MONEY/PROPERTY BY FALSE PRETENSE)	2
MARCHMAN ACT	1	HARASSING/ OBSCENE CALLS	2
NOISE COMPLAINT	1	LEWD/LASC. ACT	2
PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL	1	RESIST/OBSTRUCTING WITH VIOLENCE	2
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IN CITY PARK	1	SICK / INJURED PERSON	2
PRESENTING DL OF ANOTHER AS OWN	1	STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	2
PROSTITUTION	1	UNAUTH USE/POSSESSION OF BLANK/STOLEN/FORGED DRIVERS LICENSE	2
PUBLIC URINATION	1	ALL OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOL.	1
RECOVERED STOLEN VEH	1	BAKER ACT	1
ROBBERY (ARMED)	1	BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	1
SEIZE TAG	1	CONCEALED WEAPON/ELECTRIC WEAPON/DEVICE	1
STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	1	CORRUPTION BY THREAT AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT	1
SUICIDE	1	DOMESTIC BATTERY	1
THEFT GRAND - PURSE SNATCHING	1	FLEE/ATTEMPT TO ELUDE POLICE OFFICER	1
THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	1	FRAUD (ALL OTHER)	1
TRAFFIC OFFENSE (ALL OTHER)	1	LOITERING AND PROWLING	1
UTTERING A FORGED INSTRUMENT	1	MARCHMAN ACT	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	1	RUNAWAY	1
Grand Total	350	SEIZE TAG	1
		SEXUAL BATTERY	1
		STRIKING A POLICE ANIMAL	1

CAUSING INJURY	
TAMPER W/VICTIM WITNESS	1
THEFT GRAND - FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	1
THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE (VEHICLE PARTS)	1
THEFT PETIT - RETAIL	1
TRAFFIC CRASH	1
TRASH DUMPING	1
UTTERING FORGED INSTRUMENTS	1
VERBAL THREATS	1
Grand Total	544

Of the incidents listed as those in the top ten when considering the number of incidents reported, the ones that had a significant increase (an increase of 10 or greater) during this period of time were Warrant Arrests, Disturbance, City Ordinance Violation, Drug Violation (Selling) and Trespass Warnings.

From that list I took a look at the top two: Warrant Arrests with a difference of 27 (a 207.692% increase) and Trespass Warnings with a difference of 17 (a 80.952% increase).

An increase in categories such as the two above would not necessarily constitute an increase in crime, but if proven to be consistent throughout the analysis, it may be more appropriate to say there was an increase in police activity within the area during this period of time.

Part IX: Identify any significant activities or events that occurred in the area during the specified time which may have contributed to an increase in incidents.

The analysis of the data shows the incidents with a specific increase in crime. The following provides further analysis of each specific top incident category to identify any commonality within the incident type itself. For this portion of the analysis, I used the period of December 2005 thru April 2006 because it is this time frame that shows the actual increase.

Warrant Arrests

There were nine incidents of Warrant Arrests that occurred at the same location which is 110 SE 1st Street. This location is the Probation and Parole Services Office where Officers frequently respond to arrest and transport violators on warrants. The next highest address was 111 E University Ave which had 3 arrests, and is one of the many addresses used for the Downtown Plaza area.

Trespass Warnings

Nine of the 38 trespass warnings occurred at 401 E University Avenue which is the Alachua County Library – Downtown Branch.

Disturbance

There was no significant characteristic in the location, time or hour of disturbance related incidents. All incidents varied.

City Ordinance Violations

11 of the 18 occurred at 111 E University Avenue which is the Downtown Plaza and the majority were related to loitering in the plaza after hours.

Drug Violation (Selling)

6 of the 12 incidents occurred at 104 S Main Street during either December or January. This location is the Rue Bar / Night Club.

The following chart (chart 5) was created to depict the location of the majority of the incidents reported during this period of time. Indicating the top location of incidents can further depicts where the crime is occurring and also indicate business types, hours of operation, etc. This will help to paint a picture of other possibilities that need to be explored during the analysis. See list of location and/or business names that follow.

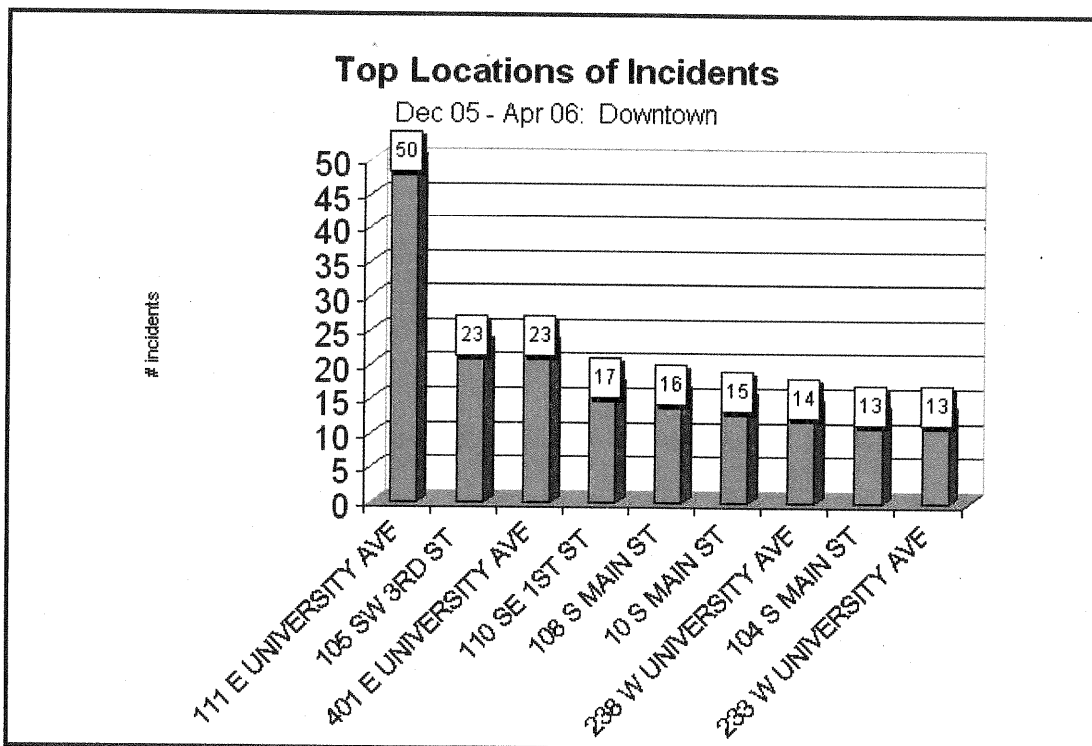


Chart 5

This list of locations corresponds to Chart 5 on previous page:

111 E University Ave: Downtown Plaza
105 SW 3rd St: City of Gainesville SW Parking Garage
401 E University Avenue: Alachua County Library (Downtown Branch)
110 SE 1st St: Probation and Parole Services Office
108 S Main St: Jewell's Night Club / Bar
10 S Main St: Rehab Night Club
238 W University Ave: Club 238 West (across from the Palace Night Club)
104 S Main St: Rue Bar / Night Club
233 W University Ave: The Palace Nightclub formerly the Florida Theatre

Part IX (Continued): Identify any significant activities or events that occurred in the area during the specified time which may have contributed to an increase in incidents.

Opening of the City of Gainesville SW Parking Garage (105 SW 3rd Street):

On December 13, 2004, the City of Gainesville opened its new SW Downtown parking garage. This location has the second highest number of incidents at 23 reported during this period of time. During this period of time December 2005 – April 2006, Damage to City Property and Criminal Mischief are the top 2 incidents reported at this location.

Probation and Parole Office (110 SE 1st St.):

Due to its location, incidents such as warrant arrests often occur contributing to the increase in the number of reports in the downtown. Warrant Arrests is one of the top two types of incidents that had an increase. It is unknown at this time if a certain change in protocol by GPD or Probation and Parole Services prompted an increase in the number of warrant arrests made by GPD officers at this location.

Night Club and Bar Activity:

Five of the top locations for incidents reported during this period of time are night club and bar establishments. These had a combined total of 71 incidents occurring during the specified period of time.

Implementation of the Downtown Patrol Unit:


In November of 2003 the city commission approved funding to implement Gainesville Police Department's Downtown Unit. In August of 2004 five Officers were assigned to the Unit with a Wednesday thru Friday schedule similar to that of Shift 3 (1700 – 0300 hours) and an objective of patrol enforcement primarily on foot and bicycle.

The implementation and increased success of this unit may have contributed to the increase in the number of incidents reported in the downtown area. This is similar to the implementation of community policing or any other special operation. Special attention to a target area for any given period of time will result an increase in the statistics related to that area. This doesn't necessarily indicate more or less crime, however it does affect the number of incidents being reported and handled due to the increased visibility and proactive approach taken by the department.

To further prove this theory I made an attempt to identify all incidents assigned to Officers working the Downtown Unit during the specified period. This attempt was unsuccessful because the assignment code for DTU (downtown unit) is not being utilized within the incident module of the RMS system.

D2 Crime Spree Downtown – Thefts from Businesses:

A spree of several incidents of thefts from office buildings of purses and wallets is documented in bulletins #06-033 and 06-033A. The majority of this crime spree occurred in the downtown area and began as early as December 2005 and continued as late as February 2006. There are at least eight documents related cases. An arrest has since been made on the subject responsible.

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<p>Update: Crime Spree "Thefts in Businesses Downtown and the Surrounding Area"</p>		
<p>This is an update to Bulletin#06-033 that was previously distributed.</p>		
<p>Beginning in December 2005 and as late as February 7th, 2006, there has been a spree of incidents involving a similarly described suspect. This person has been seen wandering around in hallways and offices of businesses in the downtown area. When s</p>		

Homeless Winter Shelters:

The time frames initially selected for these reports in the McGurn analysis was chosen mainly due to their theory that there would be an increase in crime related to an opening of a homeless shelter during the winter months of December – April.

The following two shelters operate in or near the downtown area:

St. Francis house at 413 S Main Street

This shelter has been operating even prior to the spike in the number of incidents. It provides temporary shelter and other services such as daily lunch to approximately 130 guests. Services are offered 7 days a week (Monday – Friday) 8a – 5p and 8a – 3p on Saturday and Sunday. There is also a winter shelter open at the St. Francis house which has been in operation even prior to the time frames being analyzed in this report.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 100 NE 1st Street

The following information related to this shelter was gathered from Sgt. Steve Baker. This is the site of a recently formed winter shelter that operates from January 1, 2006 through March 30, 2006. According to Sgt. Baker, the opening of this shelter may have contributed to an increase in the number of homeless related incidents in the downtown area. Although the incidents may not document this location as the address, the areas surrounding the shelter including the downtown plaza saw a big influx in incidents partly due to the individuals hanging out until the shelter is re-opened. This temporary shelter houses approximately 120 residents nightly from 9:30pm to around 7am. They are required to leave at 7am and have no other place to go until the shelter re-opens at night.

The downtown plaza's address is the top location of incidents reported during this period of time, however it is not able to be determined if all perpetrators are homeless, unless they list Holy Trinity or the St. Francis house as their residential address.

Part X: Provide a separate report of arrests, and if possible document those committed by homeless persons.

For the purposes of this analysis homeless is defined by the following:

A search was conducted from the arrest module of GPD's RMS System OSSI Pistol - where arrestee's address is one of or contains any of the following parameters:

Homeless
 Transient
 =none
 413 S Main St (St. Francis House)
 413 South Main St (“
 639 E University Ave
 100 NE 1st St (Holy Trinity Episcopal Church)

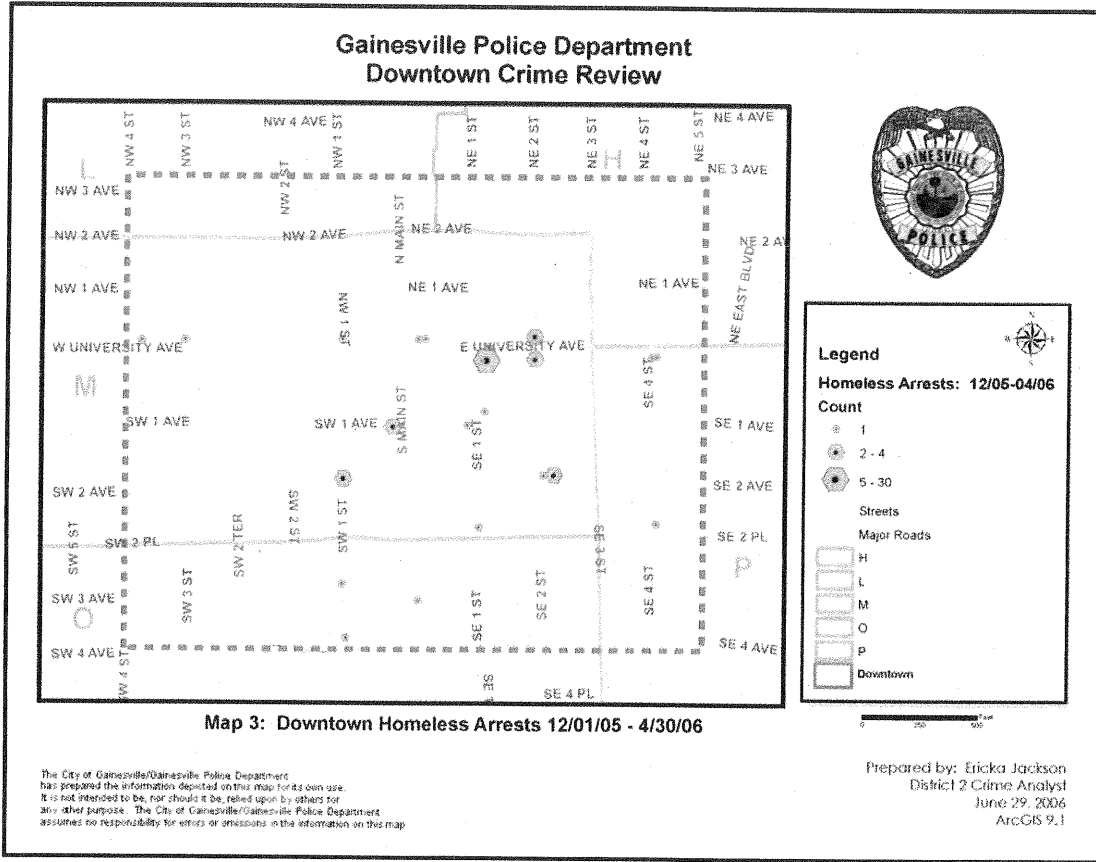
During the period of Dec 05 – Apr 06, there were 60 arrests in the downtown area involving homeless subjects. See the following map and charts to show location and charge information.

Homeless Arrests Downtown Only by Location - Period: 12/01/05 – 4/30/06
Table 5

ADDRESS_AR	Total
111 E UNIVERSITY AVE	30
200 E UNIVERSITY AVE	4
201 E UNIVERSITY AVE	3
100 S MAIN ST	2
100 SW 2 ND AVE	2
220 SE 2 ND AVE	2
1 NE 1 ST ST	1
100 SE 1 ST ST	1
100 SE 2 ND PL	1
100 SW 4 TH AVE	1
100 W UNIVERSITY AVE	1
101 E UNIVERSITY AVE	1
104 SE 1 ST AVE	1
106 SW 3 RD AVE	1
20 E UNIVERSITY AVE	1
200 SE 2 ND AVE	1
30 E UNIVERSITY AVE	1
300 W UNIVERSITY AVE	1
311 S MAIN ST	1
360 W UNIVERSITY AVE	1
400 SE 2 ND PL	1
401 E UNIVERSITY AVE	1
411 E UNIVERSITY AVE	1
Grand Total	60

Half of the arrests involving homeless individuals in the downtown area occurred at 111 E University Ave which is the downtown plaza.

Map 3: Homeless Arrests Downtown – Dec 2005 – Apr 2006



Map 3

Homeless Arrests Downtown Only by Charge – Period 12/01/05 – 04/30/06 Table 6

CHARGE	Total
OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATION, M	16
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IN CITY PARK	11
OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATION	7
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IN CITY PARK, M	7
TRESPASS IN PARK AFTER HOURS, M	4
PANHANDLING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY	3
THEFT PETIT	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A LEO	1
BATTERY ON A PERSON 65 YOA OR OLDER	1
BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED STRUCTURE	1
EXTORTION/THREATS	1
FELONY BATTERY	1
POSSESSION OF LESS THAN 20G OF	1

CANNABIS	
SIMPLE BATTERY	1
TRESPASS IN PARK AFTER HOURS	1
TRESPASS ON POSTED PROPERTY	1
Grand Total	60

Part XI: Provide any additional information gathered that may assist in explaining the reports, crimes etc. in the affected areas.

The following portion of the analysis takes a look into the Part 1 Crime aspect only. This is for the Downtown area and provides a comparison for the two listed time frames.

Part 1 Crime Comparison: Downtown Area

Table 7
Dec 04 – Apr 05

Table 8
Dec 05 – Apr 06

OFFENSE	Total	OFFENSE	Total
BATTERY (SIMPLE)	23	BATTERY (SIMPLE)	30
THEFT PETIT - OTHER	15	THEFT PETIT - OTHER	18
THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	7	THEFT GRAND - OTHER	9
THEFT GRAND - OTHER	6	BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	8
THEFT GRAND - FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	5	ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	7
STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	5	BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	7
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	4	BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	6
DOMESTIC BATTERY	4	STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO)	6
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	3	THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	5
THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	3	ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	5
THEFT GRAND - FROM BUILDING	3	ROBBERY (STRONG ARM)	4
SEXUAL BATTERY	2	BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	4
ASSAULT (AGGRAVATED)	2	THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE/NOT PARTS	4
BATTERY (AGGRAVATED)	2	THEFT GRAND - FROM BUILDING	4
THEFT GRAND - BICYCLE	2	THEFT GRAND - BICYCLE	4
ROBBERY (ARMED)	1	BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	4
BATTERY (FELONY)	1	ROBBERY BY SUDDEN SNATCHING	3
BATTERY (SIMPLE ? WITH OTHER WEAPON)	1	BATTERY (FELONY)	3
THEFT GRAND - PURSE SNATCHING	1	LOST/STOLEN VEHICLE TAG / DECAL	3
BURGLARY TO CONVEYANCE	1	THEFT PETIT - FROM BUILDING	3
THEFT PETIT - BICYCLE	1	STALKING (SIMPLE)	3
STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	1	STOLEN VEHICLE (MOTORCYCLE)	2
BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER)	1	SEXUAL BATTERY	1

Total	94	ASSAULT (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	1
		BATTERY (POLICE OFFICER AGGRAVATED)	1
		THEFT PETIT - RETAIL	1
		THEFT GRAND - FROM VEHICLE (NOT PARTS)	1
		THEFT PETIT - FROM VEHICLE (VEHICLE PARTS)	1
		DOMESTIC BATTERY	1
		Total	149

For Part 1 Crimes (UCR Codes 0110 – 0900), there was a difference of 55 total incidents between the two years that resulted in a **58.111%** increase.

The number of overall incidents in the downtown area did go up however a specific cause can not be specified. In my opinion it is due to a combination of the increased patrol in the area by the downtown unit and other factors presented in this report.

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