

SSCO Community Safety information sheet, October 23, 2014

Part 1 crimes reported in Stevens Square-Loring Heights, September 26 to October 23, 2014 (source: Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams)

- 3 robberies of person:
 - 10/5, 11:55 p.m., Franklin & Nicollet, in which a suspect approached a person who was sitting at a bus bench, punched him, and stole his phone;
 - 10/8, 3 a.m., 18th & Nicollet, in which five male suspects robbed a person at gunpoint and also stole his vehicle which was parked nearby. The person reported the incident the next day and initially gave an incident location which does not exist. The stolen vehicle was recovered on 10/14, parked and locked at 19th & Stevens.
 - 10/18, 11 p.m., Franklin & 1st, in which two male suspects approached a person who was waiting for a bus, threatened him from behind with a gun, went through his wallet, and stole cash. After the person thought the suspects had left, one returned and stabbed the person with a knife in the right side, causing a non-life threatening wound. The person reported the incident the next day.
- 1 aggravated assault: 10/7, 10 p.m., 1900 block of 3rd Ave, in which officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and found that one of the passengers had a gunshot wound. The case was closed because the victim refused to cooperate with police.
- 2 burglaries: 10/10, 1707 3rd Ave, in which a TV was stolen from an apartment; 10/13, 500 Ridgewood Ave, in which unlisted items were stolen from a storage unit.
- 8 incidents of theft or shoplifting.
- 1 motor vehicle theft: 10/11, 19th & 3rd.

Follow-up on incidents from last month:

- Anthony Merschdorf (7/4/78) was arrested for the 9/17 robbery at 124 Groveland Ave and is in custody on \$60,000 bail pending a court appearance on 10/28.
- Justin Pitchford (12/22/84), arrested on 9/18 for aggravated assault in Stevens Square Park, was released from custody on 9/22 with a court appearance set for 11/24.

CLEAN list update, September 26 to October 23, 2014 (source: Community Attorney Nikki Appelbaum)

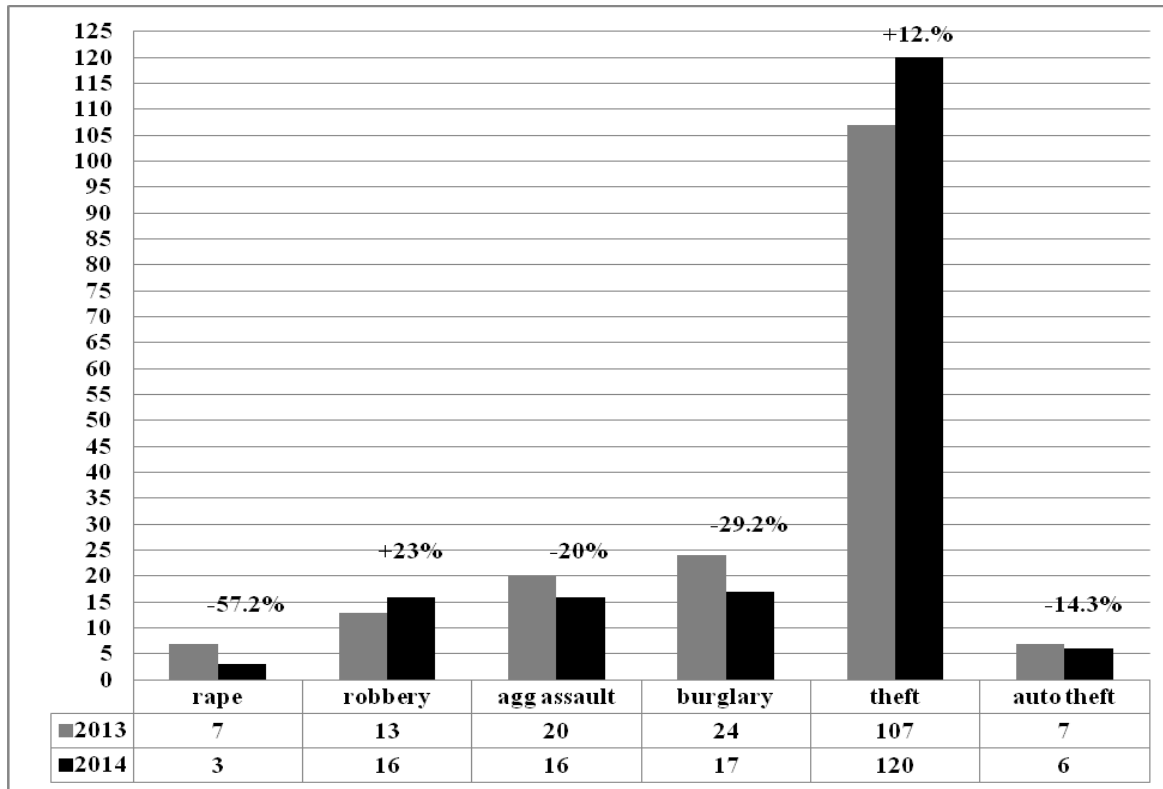
- [Troy Fait](#) – on supervised probation for open bottle, restricted from the area from LaSalle Ave / Blaisdell Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 28th St.
- [Lavell Love](#) – active arrest and detention warrant for violating probation on a disorderly conduct case.
- [Farid Suleiman](#) – in jail awaiting transport to the workhouse to serve 45 days for disorderly conduct and 90 days for criminal damage to property.

Other offenders:

- [Darek Gibson](#) (5/7/67) – Theft of a police bait vehicle case dismissed, pled guilty to 3rd degree felony drug sale, stay of imposition, supervised probation, serve 30 days beginning on 12/3.
- [Ahmed Haji-Mohamud](#) (4/1/76) – Consuming alcohol in public case dismissed, probation revoked on a gross misdemeanor trespassing case, serve 180 days at the workhouse, supervised probation, restricted from the area from LaSalle Ave / Blaisdell Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 28th St.

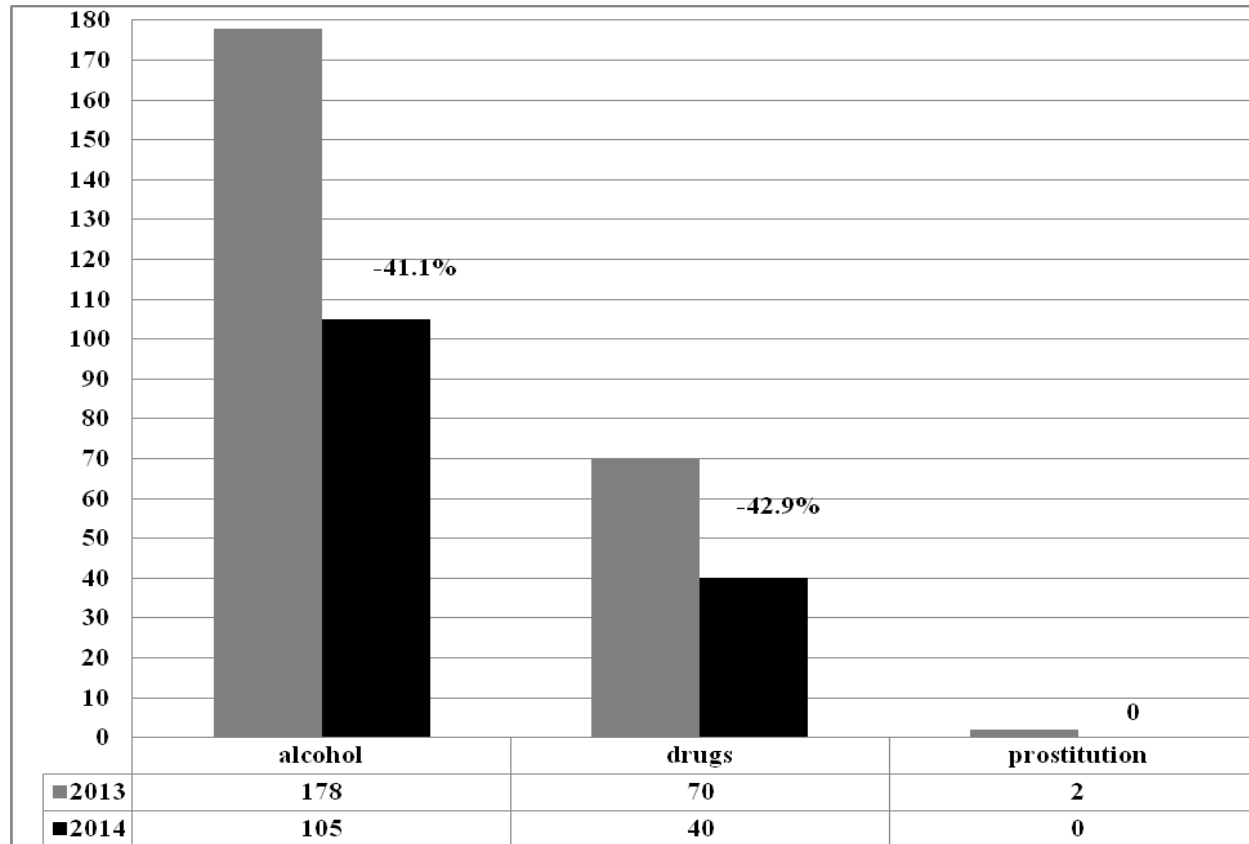
Stevens Square – Loring Heights Part 1 crimes, January through September (source: Minneapolis Police department)

crime	2013	2014	% change
rape	7	3	-57.2%
robbery	13	16	+23%
aggravated assault	20	16	-20%
burglary	24	17	-29.2%
theft / larceny	107	120	+12.1%
motor vehicle theft	7	6	-14.3%
total	178	178	-
total violent crime	40	35	-12.5%
total property crime	138	143	+3.6%



Alcohol, narcotics, prostitution arrests, January 1 to October 19, in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St (source: SSCO)

offense	2013	2014	% change
alcohol	178	105	-41.1%
narcotics	70	40	-42.9%
prostitution	2	0	-
total	250	145	-42%



Alcohol-related offenses include consuming alcohol in public, open bottle, and possession of liquor in a park.

Narcotics-related offenses include narcotics violation, loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Prostitution-related offenses include prostitution, loitering with intent to commit prostitution.

Google maps, September 22 to October 19, 2014 (source: SSCO)

- 8 [alcohol-related arrests](#), 20 in 2013 (Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St)
- 7 [narcotics-related arrests](#), 11 in 2013 (Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St)
- 0 prostitution-related arrests, 2 in 2013 (Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St)
- 28 police reports in the [Nicollet corridor](#) (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St)
- 7 police reports in the [Stevens Square Park area](#) (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave)
- 12 police reports in the [Clinton sector](#) (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave)
- 3 police reports in [Loring Heights](#) (Lyndale Ave to Pillsbury Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave)

SSCO submitted community impact statements to the court for the following cases:

Larry Charles Townsend (6/20/52, 57 prior convictions in Minnesota) – 10/3/14 aggressive panhandling at the Stevens Square Neighborhood Probation Office, 10 East 19th St. SSCO asked the court to sentence Townsend to the maximum amount of time in custody if convicted or to restrict him from the area if he is conditionally released.

[Troy Fait](#) (8/1/72, 10 arrests in the area in the past two years, 14 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 8/26/14 open bottle at Park Nicollet Clinic, 2001 Blaisdell Ave. SSCO asked the court to sentence Fait to the maximum amount of time in custody if convicted or to restrict him from the area if he is conditionally released.

SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:

Lester Allen Cloud (10/8/60) 14 arrests in the area in the past six years. 14 prior convictions in Hennepin County for disorderly conduct, domestic assault, consuming alcohol in public (4), open bottle (4), public urination, refusal to leave upon lawful demand, criminal contempt of court, and trespassing.
Case 8/16/14, open bottle at Franklin & Stevens, cited by day beat officers. (14-289118)
Outcome On 9/3/14, failed to appear in court; warrant issued. Arrested for the warrant on 9/26/14. On 9/29/14, pled guilty. Sentence: 3 days, with credit for 3 days served. \$50 fine and \$75 court fees waived. Additional \$78 court fees waived by judicial order.
Sentencing judge – David Duffy

Isaiah Terrell Hall (11/2/80) 17 prior convictions in Hennepin and Carver Counties for consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of alcohol by a minor (2), 5th degree felony possession of a controlled substance, possession/sale of a small amount of marijuana, possession of a small amount of marijuana, disorderly conduct, loitering, loitering with intent, solicitation of a juvenile, harassment (2), domestic assault, violating a domestic no contact order (3), and 3rd degree felony drug sale.

Case 10/15/13, 4th degree felony assault of a police officer at Franklin & Blaisdell. (13-329932)

Outcome On 9/29/14, pled guilty. Sentence: 365 days, with credit for 193 days served, ordered to be served concurrently with a 44-month sentence for 3rd degree felony drug sale from 11/28/12. \$78 court fees reduced by judicial order. Prison release: 8/30/16.

Sentencing judge – William Koch

Troy Daniel Fait (8/1/72) 10 arrests in the area in the past two years. 14 prior convictions in Hennepin County for driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct (5), domestic assault (2), possession of drug paraphernalia, open bottle (2), and trespassing (3).

Case 8/26/14, open bottle at Park Nicollet Clinic, 2001 Blaisdell Ave, cited by day beat officers. (14-302227)

Outcome On 9/11/14, failed to appear in court; warrant issued. Arrested for the warrant on 9/13/14. On 10/9/14, pled guilty. Sentence: 90 days, stayed for one year, with credit for five days served. Conditions of release: supervised probation; no use of alcohol or controlled substances; remain law abiding; restricted from the area from LaSalle Ave / Blaisdell Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 28th St. \$50 fine, stayed for one year. \$75 court fees waived. Pay \$78 additional court fees.

Sentencing judge – Gary Larson

Ahmed Omar Haji-Mohamud (4/1/76) 12 arrests in the area in the past four years. 39 prior convictions in Hennepin County for consuming alcohol in public (4), open bottle (5), possession of liquor in a park, trespassing (16), disorderly conduct (3), evading or eluding police, interfering with traffic (3), public urination (2), theft, and criminal contempt of court (3).

Case 10/6/14, citation for consuming alcohol in public at Fair Oaks Park, 2200 3rd Ave, cited by day beat officers. (14-354865)

Outcome On 10/17/14, this case was dismissed. Probation was revoked on a gross misdemeanor trespassing case from 11/1/13. Amended sentence: serve 180 days; complete treatment at the workhouse, then furlough to aftercare. Conditions of release: supervised probation; restricted from the area of LaSalle Ave / Blaisdell Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 28th St.

Sentencing judge – Gary Larson

Darek Christopher Gibson (5/7/67) 6 prior convictions in Hennepin County for violating an order for protection (3), 5th degree assault, theft, and trespassing.

Case 6/13/14, theft of a police bait vehicle at 22nd & Blaisdell, arrested by squad 6581. (14-199932)

Outcome On 10/20/14, this case was dismissed. Pled guilty to 3rd degree felony sale of drugs from 12/20/13. Sentence: stay of imposition; serve 30 days, with credit for 4 days served. Conditions of release: supervised probation; remain law abiding; no new offenses; no use of alcohol or controlled substances. \$75 court fees waived. Additional \$78 court fees reduced by judicial order. Report to the workhouse on 12/3/14.

Sentencing judge – Lois Conroy