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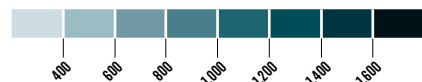
What a Safer City Really Looks Like

Indeed, crime is down spectacularly in New York since the nineties. A more realistic way of putting that might be: The city is no longer plagued by historically epic amounts of violence and tragedy. So while the streets aren't quite as mean as they used to be, they're not strangers to the consequences of anger, desperation, and greed. Below, a look at crime rates in each precinct—and a small sampling of the cases that make them up.

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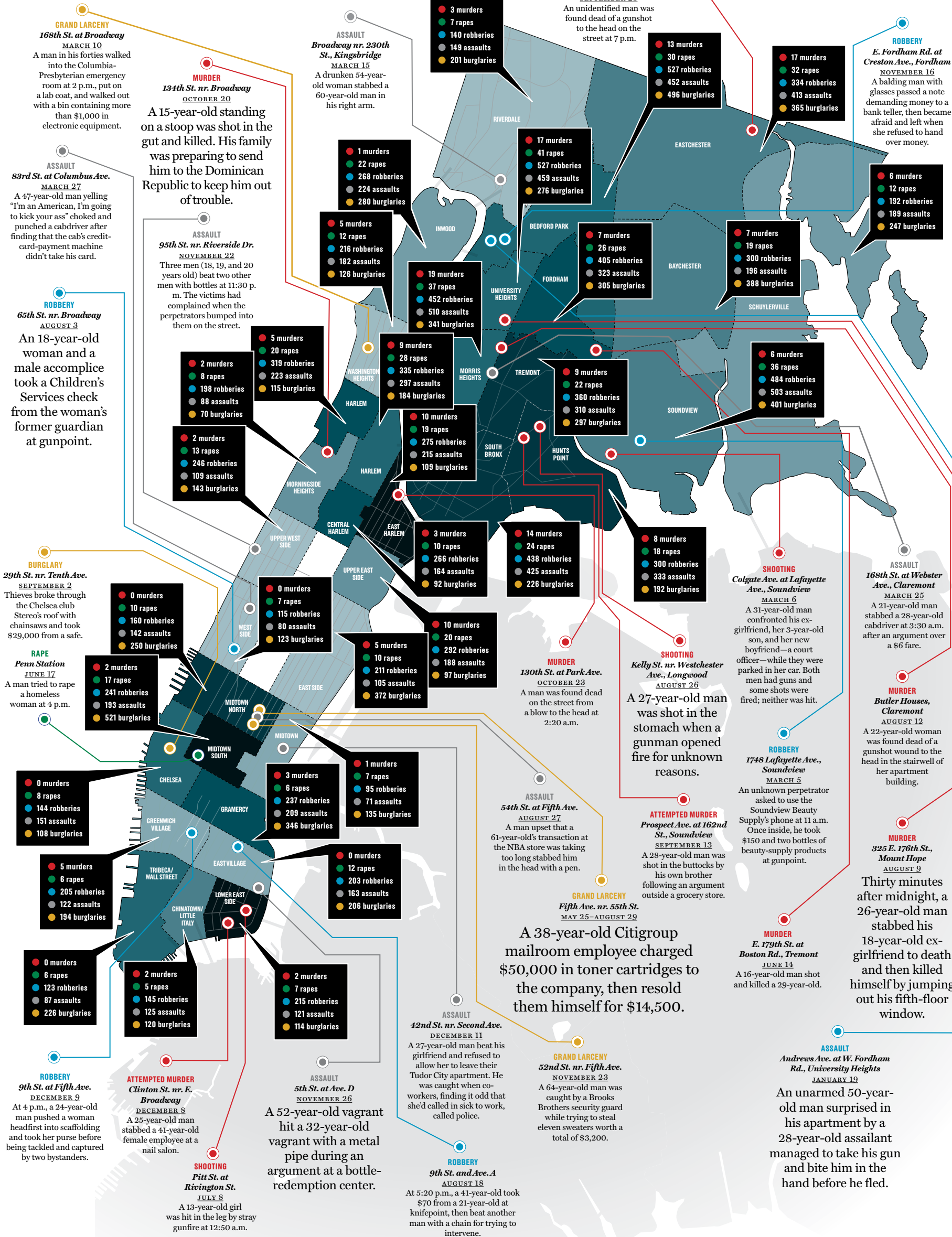
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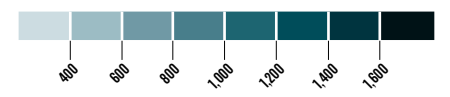
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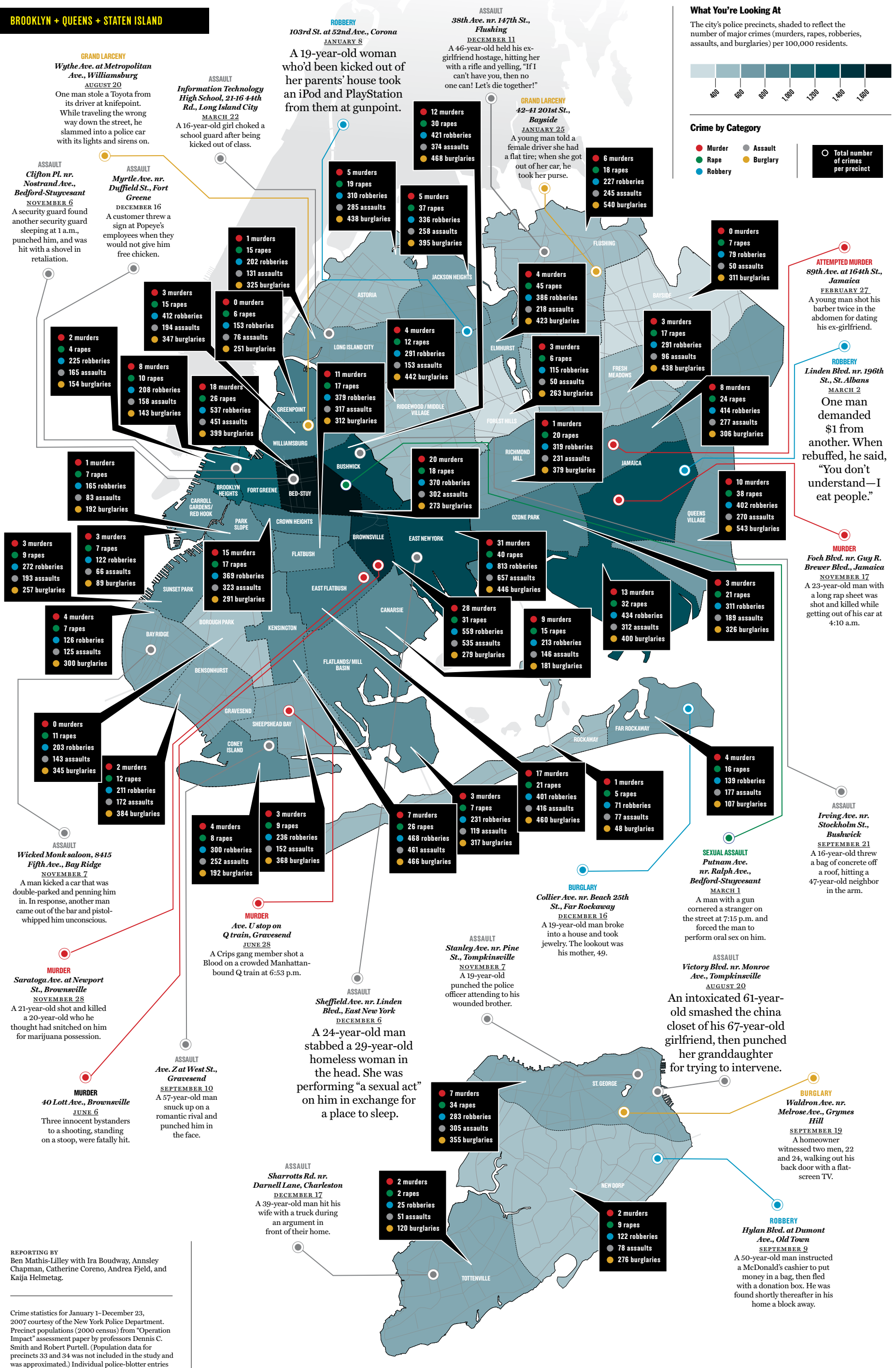
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ROBBERY
103rd St. at 52nd Ave., Corona
JANUARY 8
A 19-year-old woman who'd been kicked out of her parents' house took an iPod and PlayStation from them at gunpoint.

ASSAULT
38th Ave. nr. 147th St., Flushing
DECEMBER 11
A 46-year-old held his ex-girlfriend hostage, hitting her with a rifle and yelling, "If I can't have you, then no one can! Let's die together!"

GRAND LARCENY
42-41 201st St., Bayside
JANUARY 25
A young man told a female driver she had a flat tire; when she got out of her car, he took her purse.

ASSAULT
Information Technology High School, 21-16 44th Rd., Long Island City
MARCH 22
A 16-year-old girl choked a school guard after being kicked out of class.

GRAND LARCENY
Wythe Ave. at Metropolitan Ave., Williamsburg
AUGUST 20
One man stole a Toyota from its driver at knife-point. While traveling the wrong way down the street, he slammed into a police car with its lights and sirens on.

ASSAULT
Clifton Pl. nr. Nostrand Ave., Bedford-Stuyvesant
NOVEMBER 6
A security guard found another security guard sleeping at 1 a.m., punched him, and was hit with a shovel in retaliation.

ASSAULT
Myrtle Ave. nr. Duffield St., Fort Greene
DECEMBER 16
A customer threw a sign at Popeye's employees when they would not give him free chicken.

ATTEMPTED MURDER
89th Ave. at 164th St., Jamaica
FEBRUARY 27
A young man shot his barber twice in the abdomen for dating his ex-girlfriend.

ROBBERY
Linden Blvd. nr. 196th St., St. Albans
MARCH 2
One man demanded \$1 from another. When rebuffed, he said, "You don't understand—I eat people."

MURDER
Foch Blvd. nr. Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica
NOVEMBER 17
A 23-year-old man with a long rap sheet was shot and killed while getting out of his car at 4:10 a.m.

ASSAULT
Irving Ave. nr. Stockholm St., Bushwick
SEPTEMBER 21
A 16-year-old threw a bag of concrete off a roof, hitting a 47-year-old neighbor in the arm.

SEXUAL ASSAULT
Putnam Ave. nr. Ralph Ave., Bedford-Stuyvesant
MARCH 1
A man with a gun cornered a stranger on the street at 7:15 p.m. and forced the man to perform oral sex on him.

ASSAULT
Victory Blvd. nr. Monroe Ave., Tompkinsville
AUGUST 20
An intoxicated 61-year-old smashed the china closet of his 67-year-old girlfriend, then punched her granddaughter for trying to intervene.

BURGLARY
Waldron Ave. nr. Melrose Ave., Grymes Hill
SEPTEMBER 19
A homeowner witnessed two men, 22 and 24, walking out his back door with a flat-screen TV.

ROBBERY
Hylan Blvd. at Dumont Ave., Old Town
SEPTEMBER 9
A 50-year-old man instructed a McDonald's cashier to put money in a bag, then fled with a donation box. He was found shortly thereafter in his home a block away.

ASSAULT
Stanley Ave. nr. Pine St., Tompkinsville
NOVEMBER 7
A 19-year-old punched the police officer attending to his wounded brother.

BURGLARY
Collier Ave. nr. Beach 25th St., Far Rockaway
DECEMBER 16
A 19-year-old man broke into a house and took jewelry. The lookout was his mother, 49.

ASSAULT
Sheffield Ave. nr. Linden Blvd., East New York
DECEMBER 6
A 24-year-old man stabbed a 29-year-old homeless woman in the head. She was performing "a sexual act" on him in exchange for a place to sleep.

MURDER
Ave. U stop on Q train, Gravesend
JUNE 28
A Crips gang member shot a Blood on a crowded Manhattan-bound Q train at 6:53 p.m.

ASSAULT
Ave. Z at West St., Gravesend
SEPTEMBER 10
A 57-year-old man snuck up on a romantic rival and punched him in the face.

ASSAULT
Wicked Monk saloon, 8415 Fifth Ave., Bay Ridge
NOVEMBER 7
A man kicked a car that was double-parked and penning him in. In response, another man came out of the bar and pistol-whipped him unconscious.

MURDER
Saratoga Ave. at Newport St., Brownsville
NOVEMBER 28
A 21-year-old shot and killed a 20-year-old who he thought had snitched on him for marijuana possession.

MURDER
40 Lott Ave., Brownsville
JUNE 6
Three innocent bystanders to a shooting, standing on a stoop, were fatally hit.

ASSAULT
Sharrotts Rd. nr. Darnell Lane, Charleston
DECEMBER 17
A 39-year-old man hit his wife with a truck during an argument in front of their home.

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Crime statistics for January 1–December 23, 2007 courtesy of the New York Police Department. Precinct populations (2000 census) from "Operation Impact" assessment paper by professors Dennis C. Smith and Robert Purcell. (Population data for precincts 33 and 34 was not included in the study and was approximated.) Individual police-blatter entries from the New York Post.