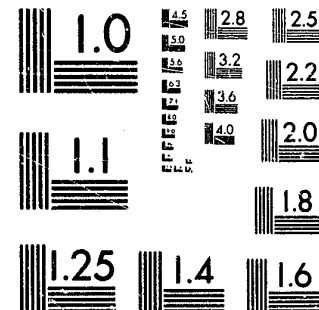


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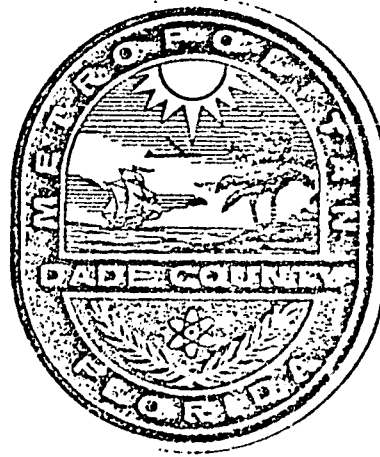
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INTRODUCTION

Approximately seven years ago a program to redevelop N.W. 62nd Street was begun. This street is designated as Martin Luther King Boulevard in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Two of the early community groups involved in this effort were The Martin Luther King Development Corporation and the Liberty City Community Council. The approach to redevelopment of the Boulevard is a multi-modality one including public works, economic development, housing development, transportation systems, and social, cultural, and recreational development.

One of the major thrusts of the program is to improve the roadway and provide a park system with the goal of revitalizing the businesses along the Boulevard and attracting new businesses to the area. While physical redevelopment of the area would be a major step in this process, other problems exist that will hamper this goal. One of the most serious is the perceived high crime rate which plagues the Boulevard and the surrounding area.

The Martin Luther King Boulevard Coordinating Committee, composed of various public and private organizations including the Martin Luther King Businessman's Association and the Sixty-Second Street Corporation, approached the Dade County Criminal Justice Planning Unit for assistance in obtaining funding for crime prevention efforts. Although no funding was immediately available, it was decided to gather certain basic crime statistics on which future funding requests might be based. A crime profile of the Boulevard area was developed to verify the perceived high crime rate and to identify the types of crime prevalent in the area.

The area analyzed is bordered on the north by N. W. 64 Street, on the south by N.W. 60 Street, on the west by N. W. 37 Ave., and on the east by N.W. 7th Avenue. This involved the jurisdictions of both the City of Miami Police Department and the Dade County Public Safety Department. The City of Miami's jurisdiction includes N. W. 7 Ave. north to N. W. 17 Ave. The Public Safety Department is responsible for the remainder.

Data was gathered on high-fear crimes such as murder, rape, robbery and assault, as well as certain crimes against property which would be particularly harmful to existing and potential business concerns. Data was also gathered on several less serious crimes, including prostitution and drug offenses, which would tend to make the area unattractive to potential customers.

The crime profile covers the period of January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976. The data for analysis was obtained from and analyzed with the complete cooperation of both law enforcement agencies. Due to the difference in reporting techniques the data presented is not identical for both jurisdictions. Therefore, each jurisdiction is treated separately.

CITY OF MIAMI JURISDICTION

General Findings

For the twelve offenses on which data was collected a total of 429 incidents were reported during the period of January 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976. Of these, 55 or 12.8% were crimes against persons, 185 or 43.1% were directed against property and 189 or 44.1% were so called "victimless" crimes (prostitution and drug offenses). One hundred fourteen or 26.6% of the reported offenses occurred between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., 148 or 34.5% between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., 117 or 27.3% between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., and 50 or 11.6% occurred between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Three hundred forty one or 79.5% of the reported offenses occurred on a weekday (Monday through Friday evening up to 8:00 p.m.) and 88 or 20.5% of the reported offenses occurred during the weekend.

One hundred ninety six or 45.7% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard (N. W. 62 St.) itself, while 301 or 70.1% of the offenses occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

Crimes Against Persons

The 55 reported crimes against persons accounted for only 12.8% of the total reported offenses. The major offense reported was simple assault, having 41 or 74.5% of the incidents reported in this category. This was followed by robbery, having 9 or 16.4% of the total offenses; murder, having 4 or 7.3% of the total offenses; and aggravated assault with only one (1) reported offense. Interestingly enough, there were no rapes reported during this twelve month period.

Murder

There were a total of four (4) homicides reported during this twelve month period. The table below shows the time of day and day of week that these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-1  
MURDER

Time Period	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00pm	0	0
2:00 pm - 8:00pm	1	25
8:00 pm - 2:00am	3	75
2:00 am - 8:00am	0	0
Total	4	100
Weekday	3	75
Weekend	1	25

MAP CM-1 shows the location of the four offenses. Two or 50% of the four murders occurred on the Boulevard itself and 3 or 75% of the murders occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

Rape

During this twelve month period there were no reported incidents of rape. It should be remembered that "reported offenses" will only include those incidents reported to the Police. In many cases the victim of a sexual attack will choose not to report the incident for a number of different reasons. Victims treated at Jackson Memorial Hospitals' Rape Treatment Center are not required to report the offense as a condition of receiving treatment.

Robbery

There were nine (9) robberies reported during this twelve month period. Table CM-2 shows the time of day and time of week that these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-2  
ROBBERY

Time Period	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	2	22.2
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	1	11.1
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	1	11.1
2:00 am - 8:00 am	5	55.6
Total	9	100
Weekday	5	55.6
Weekend	4	44.4

The location of the nine offenses is pictured in MAP CM-2. Four of the nine or 44% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself, while seven of the nine or 77.8% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

Aggravated Assault

There was only one (1) reported incident of aggravated assault. This offense occurred on the Boulevard itself in the 1400 block on a weekday between the hours of 2:00 am and 8:00 am.

Simple Assault

By far the most reported crime against person was simple assault. There were a total of forty one reported incidents. The table below shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-3  
SIMPLE ASSAULT

Time Period	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	5	12.2
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	15	36.6
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	21	51.2
2:00 am - 8:00 am		
Total	41	100
Weekday	28	68.3
Weekend	13	31.7

The location of these assaults may be seen in MAP CM-3. As can readily be seen, a high concentration of the offenses, 18 or 44% occurred on the Boulevard itself. Twenty nine (29) or 71% of the offenses occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard. The corner of 15th Avenue and 62nd Street was one location with an especially high concentration of reported offenses.

#### Crimes Against Property

During this twelve month period, there were 185 reported incidents of crimes directed against property. This accounted for 43.1% of the total offenses reported in this category within the area surveyed. The major offense reported was breaking and entering, having 55 or 29.7% of the total reported offenses. This was closely followed by motor vehicle theft, having 52 or 28.1% of the reported offenses; followed by larceny with 45 or 24.3% of the total; vandalism with 19 or 10.3% of the total; and buying, receiving, or concealing stolen property with 14 or 7.6% of the total.

#### Breaking and Entering

There were fifty five (55) reported incidents of breaking and entering during this twelve month period. The data available did not differentiate between residential and commercial breaking and entering. The table below shows the time of day and time of week that these offenses occurred.

TABLE CM-4  
BREAKING AND ENTERING

Time Period	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	17	30.9
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	18	32.7
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	16	29.1
2:00 am - 8:00 am	4	7.3
Total	55	100
Weekday	44	80
Weekend	11	20

MAP CM-4 shows the location of the 55 reported offenses. Thirty or 54.5% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself and 45 or 81.8% of the reported offenses occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

#### Motor Vehicle Theft

A total of 52 incidents of motor vehicle theft were reported during this twelve month period. The time of day and time of week that these offenses occurred is presented in the table below.

TABLE CM-5  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Time Period	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	9	17.3
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	18	34.6
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	22	42.3
2:00 am - 8:00 am	3	5.8
Total	52	100
Weekday	39	75%
Weekend	13	25%

MAP CM-5 shows the location of these 55 reported offenses. Sixteen (16) or 30.8% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard while 33 or 65% of the reported offenses occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

#### Larceny

During this twelve month period a total of 45 incidents of larceny were reported to the Miami Police Department. Table CM-6 shows the time of day and time of week that these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-6  
LARCENY

Time of Day	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	12	26.7
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	18	40.0
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	11	24.4
2:00 am - 8:00 am	4	8.9
Total	45	100
Weekday	37	82.2
Weekend	8	17.8

The location of these reported offenses is shown in MAP CM-6. Twenty-four (24) or 53.3% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself, and



32 or 71.1% of the offenses occurred on or within one block of Boulevard. The corners of 7th Ave. and 62nd St., 12th Ave. and 62nd St., 15th Ave. and 62nd St., and 17th Ave. and 62nd St., all showed relatively high numbers of reported offenses.

#### Vandalism

There were a total of nineteen(19) reported incidents of vandalism during this twelve month period. Table CM-7 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-7  
VANDALISM

Time of Day	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	10	52.6
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	2	10.5
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	3	15.8
2:00 am - 8:00 am	4	21.1
Total	19	100
Weekday	17	89.5
Weekend	2	10.5

The location of the reported offenses is shown in MAP CM-7. Only four (4) or 21% of the incidents were reported to occur in the Boulevard itself. The remaining incidents displayed a relatively scattered pattern, although 7th Ave. had a fairly high number of reported offenses.

#### Buying, Receiving, or Concealing Stolen Property

A total of 14 incidents involving buying, receiving, or concealing stolen property were reported during this twelve month period. Table CM-8 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE CM-8  
BUYING, RECEIVING, OR CONCEALING STOLEN PROPERTY

Time of Day	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	1	7.1
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	8	57.1
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	5	35.8
2:00 am - 8:00 am	0	0
Total	14	100
Weekday	12	85.7
Weekend	2	14.3

The location of these fourteen reported offenses is pictured in MAP CM-8. Only two (2) of the fourteen (14) offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself. Most or all of these reported incidents probably occurred on a day prior to the day the call was dispatched. This type of crime usually involves an arrest on a warrant.

#### "VICTIMLESS" CRIMES

Data was gathered on two of the so called "victimless " crimes; prostitution and drug offenses. The data available did not differentiate between the number of possible drug offenses involving possession and sale. The one hundred eighty nine (189) reported "victimless" crimes accounted for 44.1% of the total reported offenses.

The "victimless" crime most reported and the single most reported offense overall were drug offenses. There were 130 reported incidents which accounted for 68.7% of the reported offenses in this category. Drug offenses also accounted for over 30% (30.3%) of the total offenses reported during that twelve month period.

There were a total of 59 reported offenses involving prostitution. This accounted for 31.3% of the offenses reported in this category.

#### Drug Offenses

During this twelve month period there were a total of one hundred thirty (130) reported incidents involving drug offenses. These offenses involved both sale and possession and were not differentiated by the data available. Table CM-9 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

CM-9  
DRUG OFFENSES

Time of Day	n	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	35	26.9
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	53	40.8
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	28	21.5
2:00 am - 8:00 am	14	10.8
Total	130	100
Weekday	105	80.8
Weekend	25	19.2

The location of these offenses reported is pictured in MAP CM-9. Fifty five (55) or 42.3% of the reported incidents occurred on the Boulevard itself, while 89 or 68.5% of the reported incidents occurred on or within one (1) block of the Boulevard. The corner of N. W. 62 St and N. W. 7 Ave. had an extremely high incidence of reported offenses. Also, the corners of N. W. 62 St and 11th Ave., N. W. 62nd St and 15th Ave., N. W. 62 St and 17 Ave., N. W. 7 Ave and 60 St., N.W.

7th Ave., and 63 St., and N. W. 7 Ave. and 64 St., displayed relatively high concentrations of reported offenses.

### Prostitution

For the twelve month period there were a total of fifty nine (59) reported incidents involving prostitution. The time of day and time of week these offenses occurred is presented in the table below.

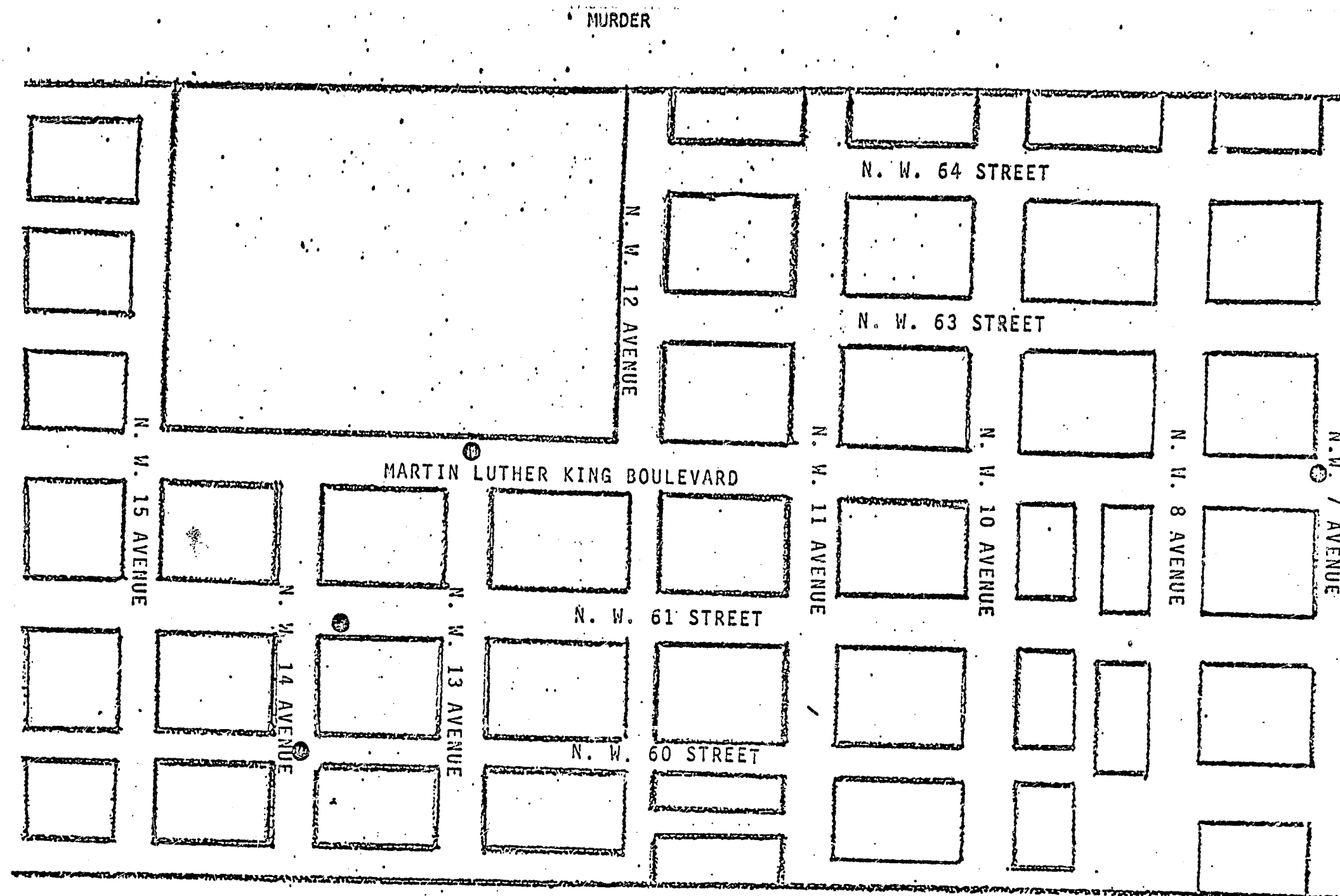
TABLE CM-10  
PROSTITUTION

Time of Day	N	%
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	23	39.0
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	14	23.7
8:00 pm - 2:00 am	7	11.9
2:00 am - 8:00 am	15	25.4
Total	59	100
Weekday	50	84.7
Weekend	9	15.3

MAP CM-10 shows the location of these 59 reported incidents. Twenty-five (25) or 42.4% of the offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself, while 47 or 79.6% of the reported incidents occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard. The offenses were concentrated primarily on the Boulevard and N. W. 7th Street at intersections. The corner of the Boulevard (N. W. 62 St.) and 7th Ave. showed the highest concentration of reported offenses.

### CRIME MAPS

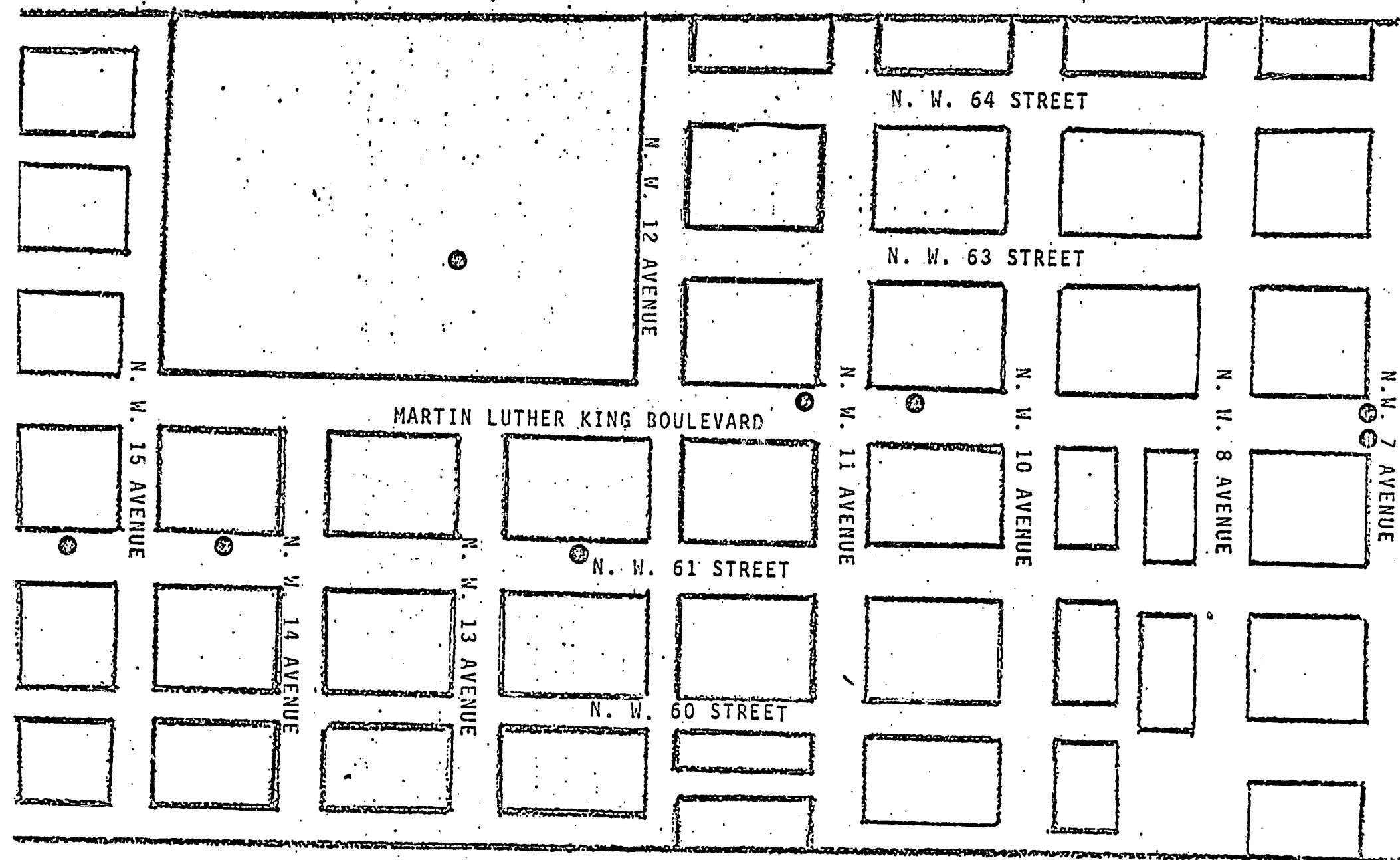
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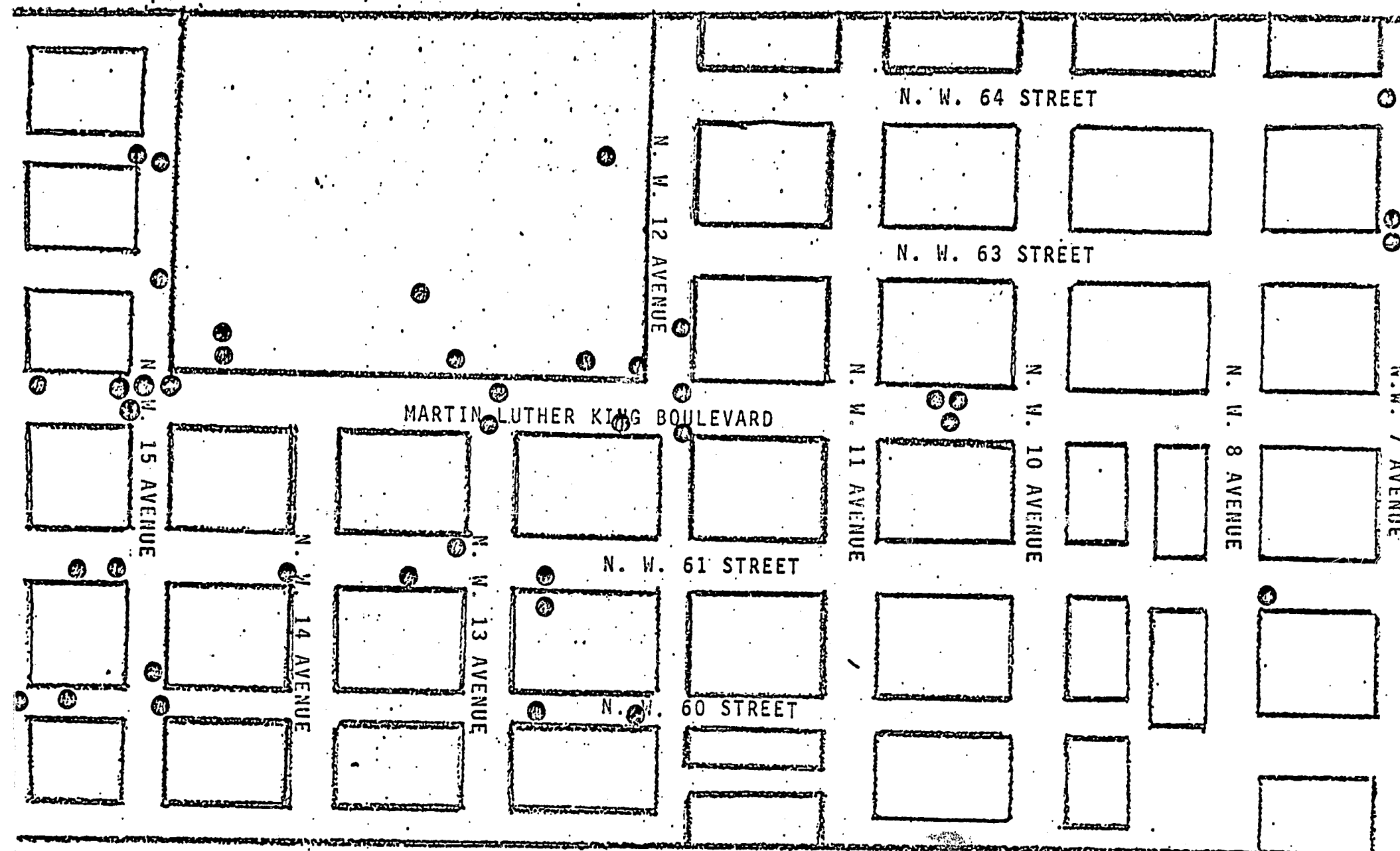


Single Incident /Offense

TOTAL OFFENSES: 9



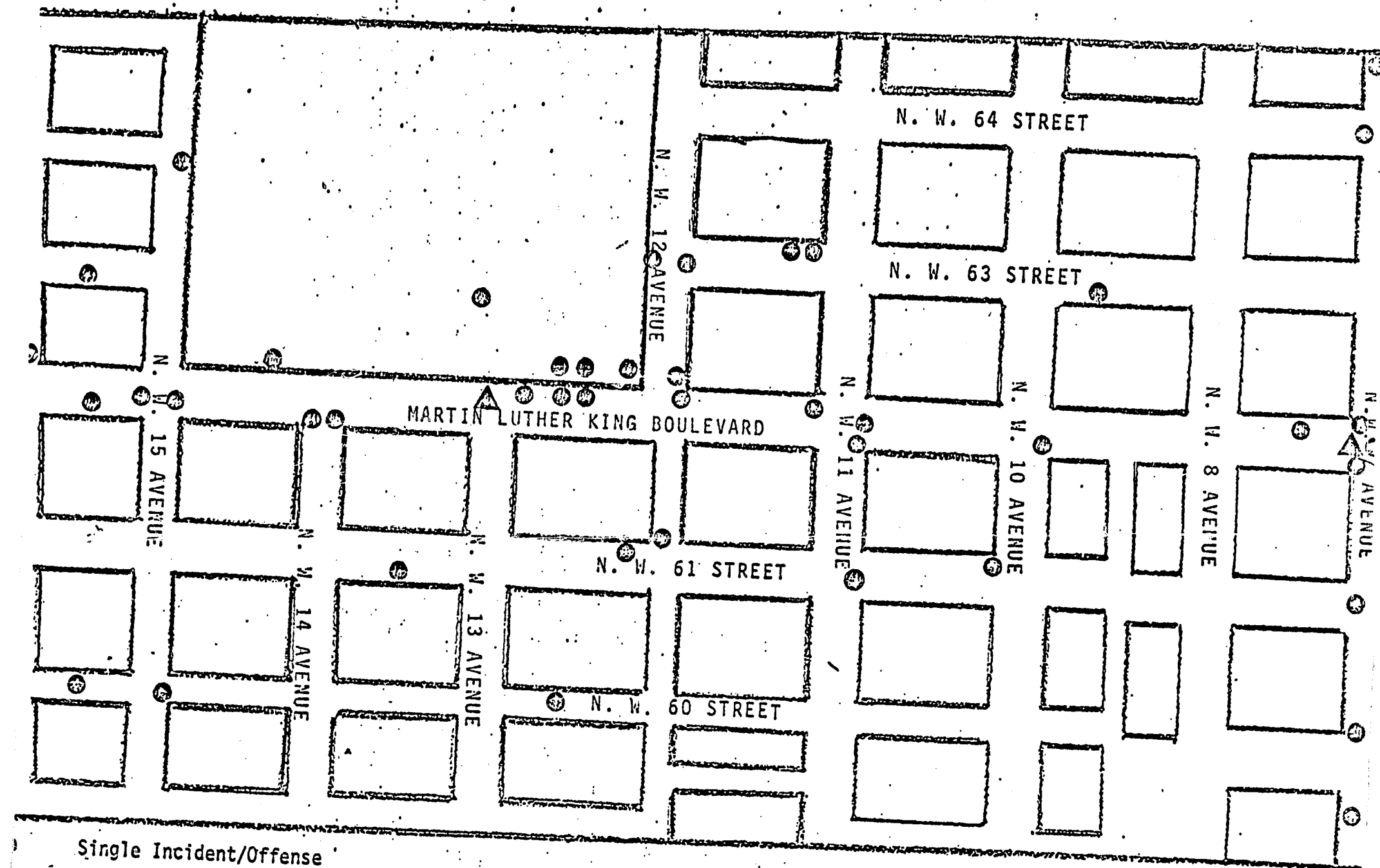
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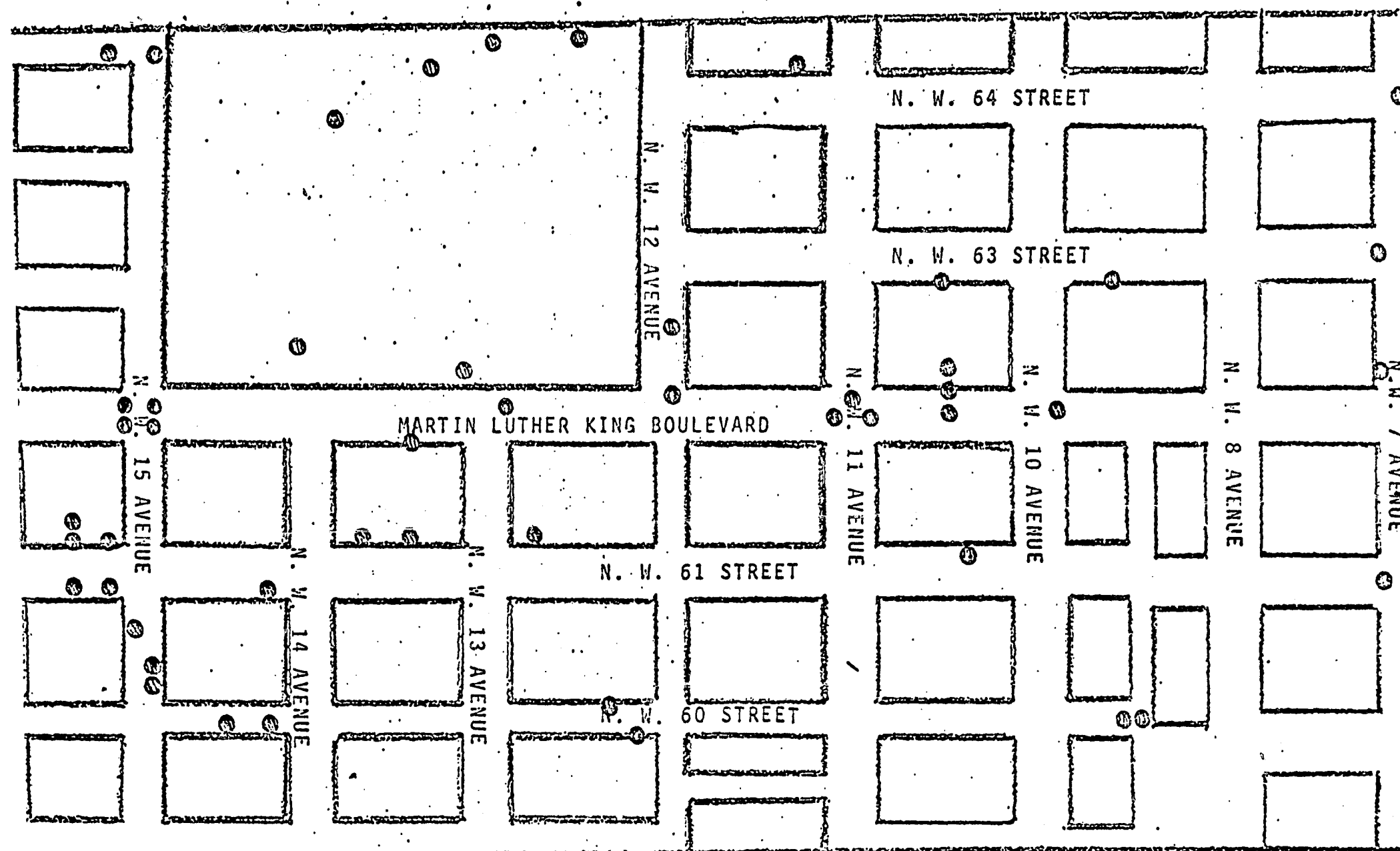
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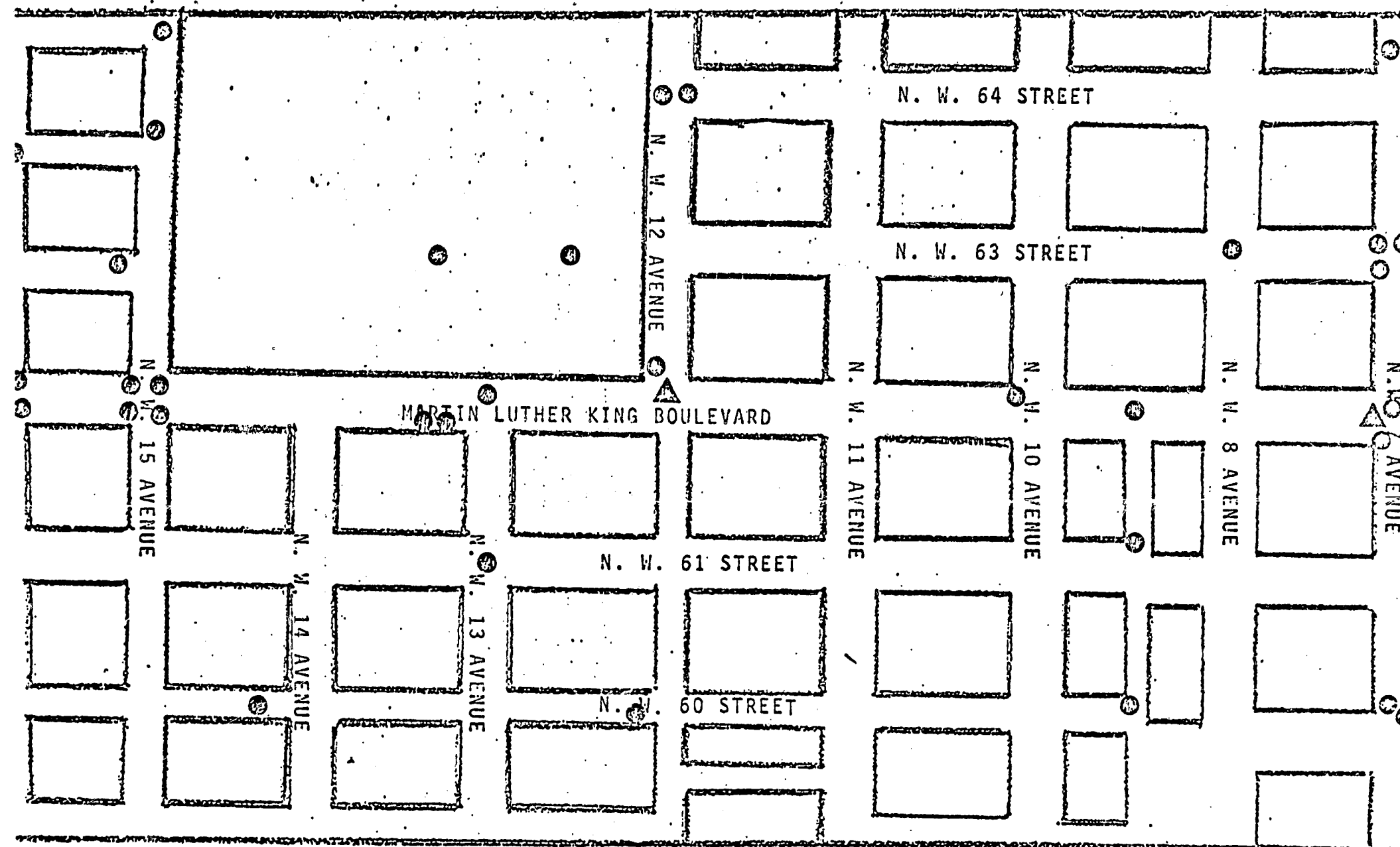
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Single Incident/Offense

TOTAL OFFENSES: 52

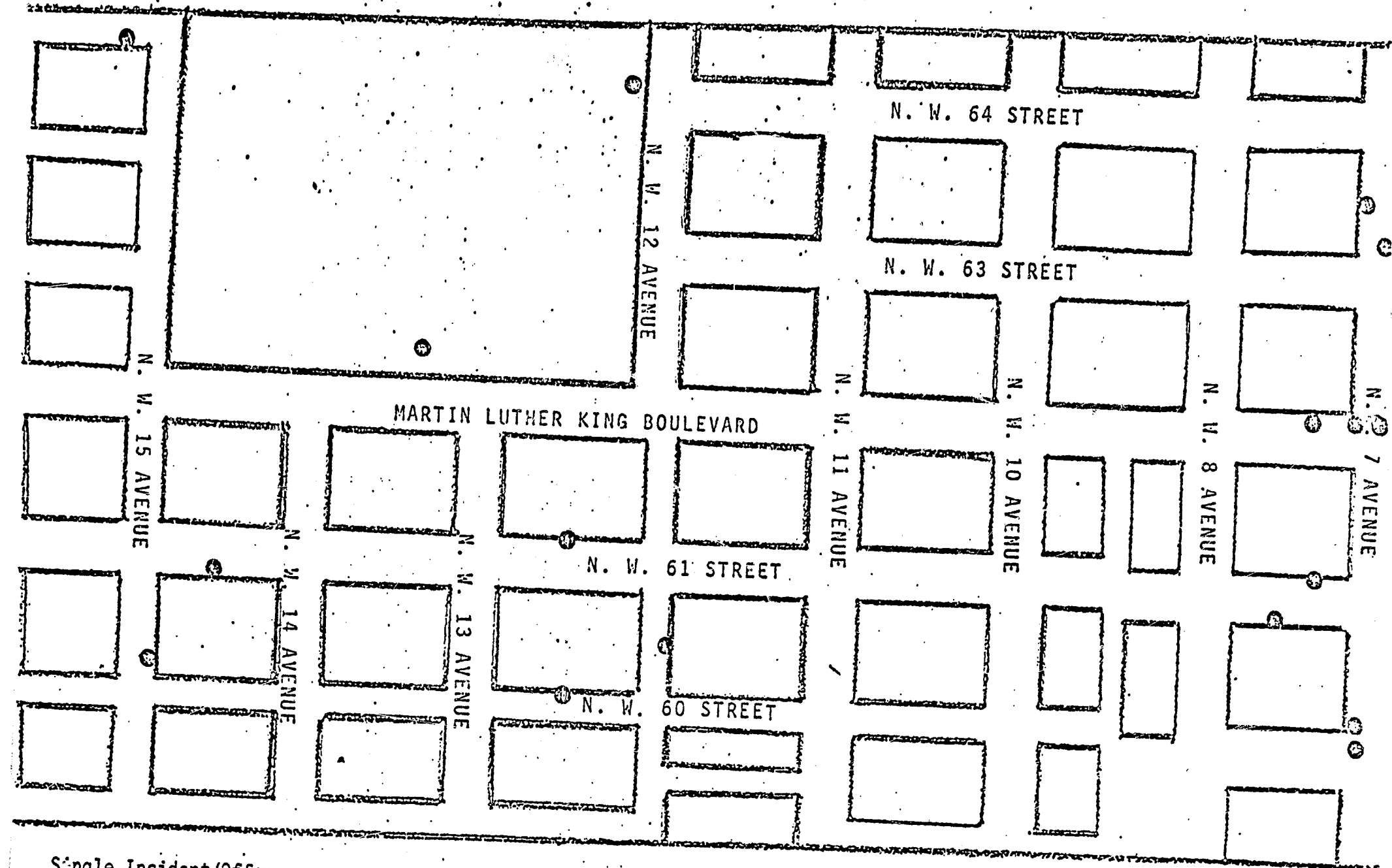
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LARCENY



● Single Incident/Offense  
▲ Five Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 45

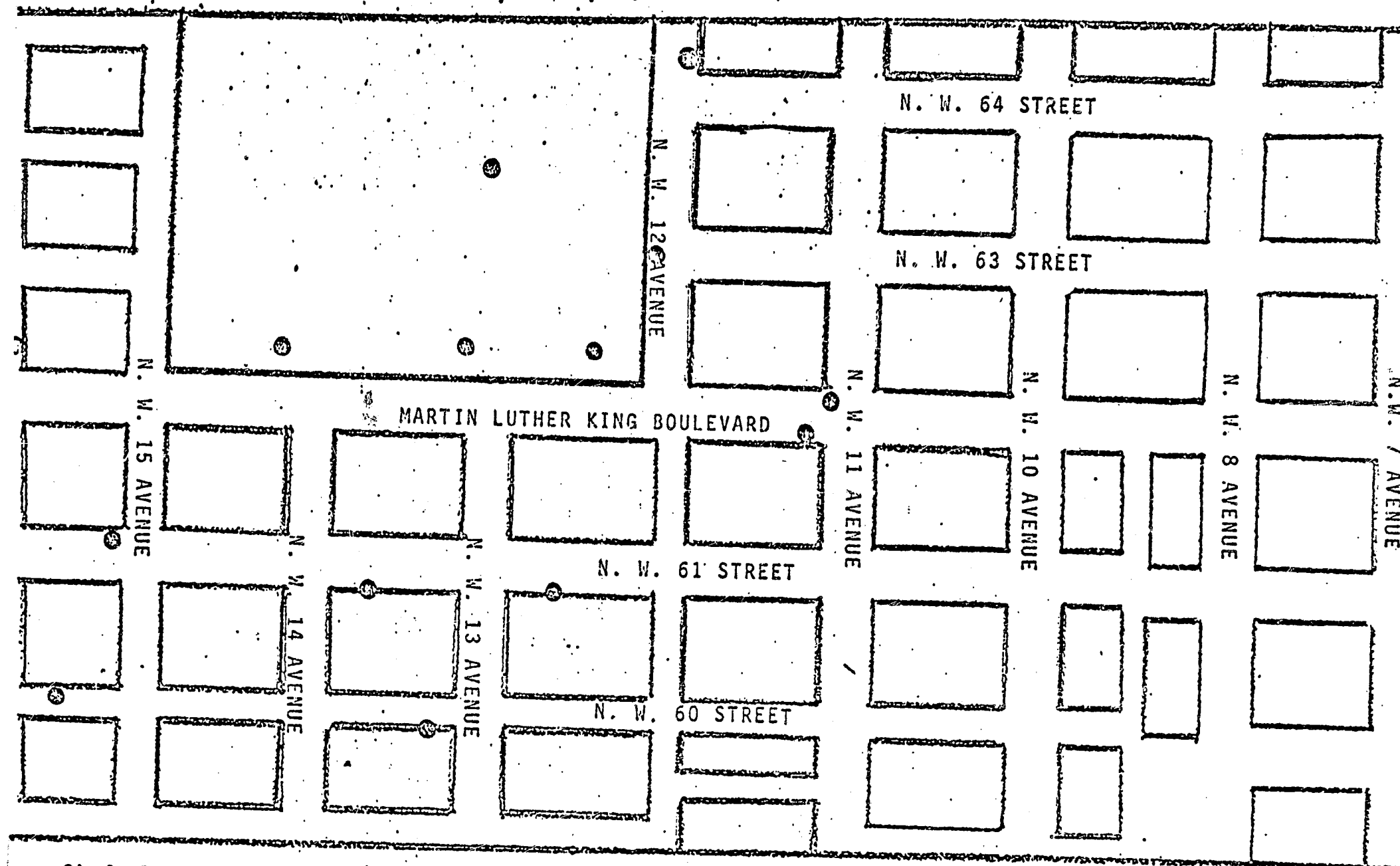
VANDALISM



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TABLE CM-8  
 BUYING, RECEIVING & CONCEALING  
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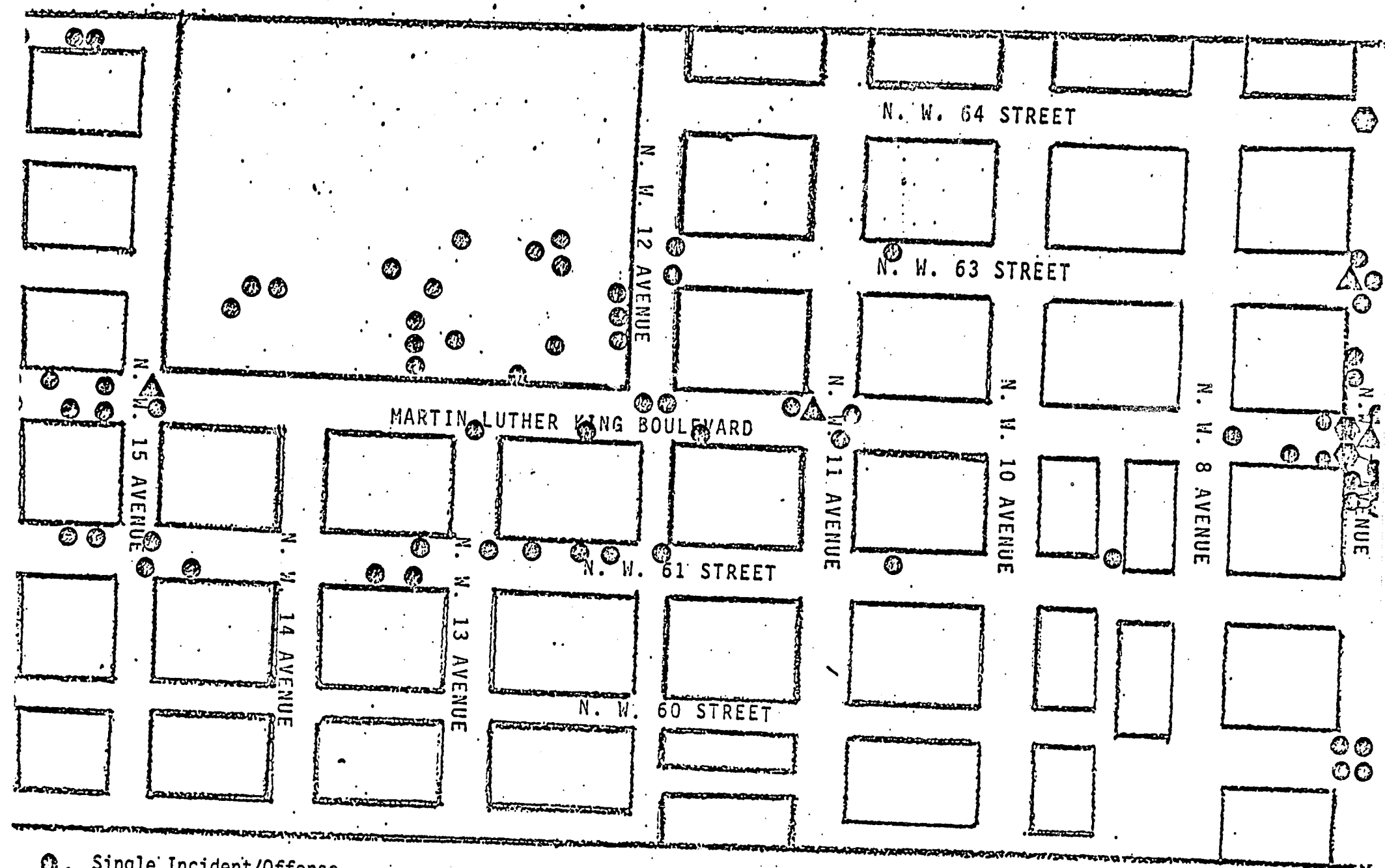


Single Incident/Offense

TOTAL OFFENSES: 14



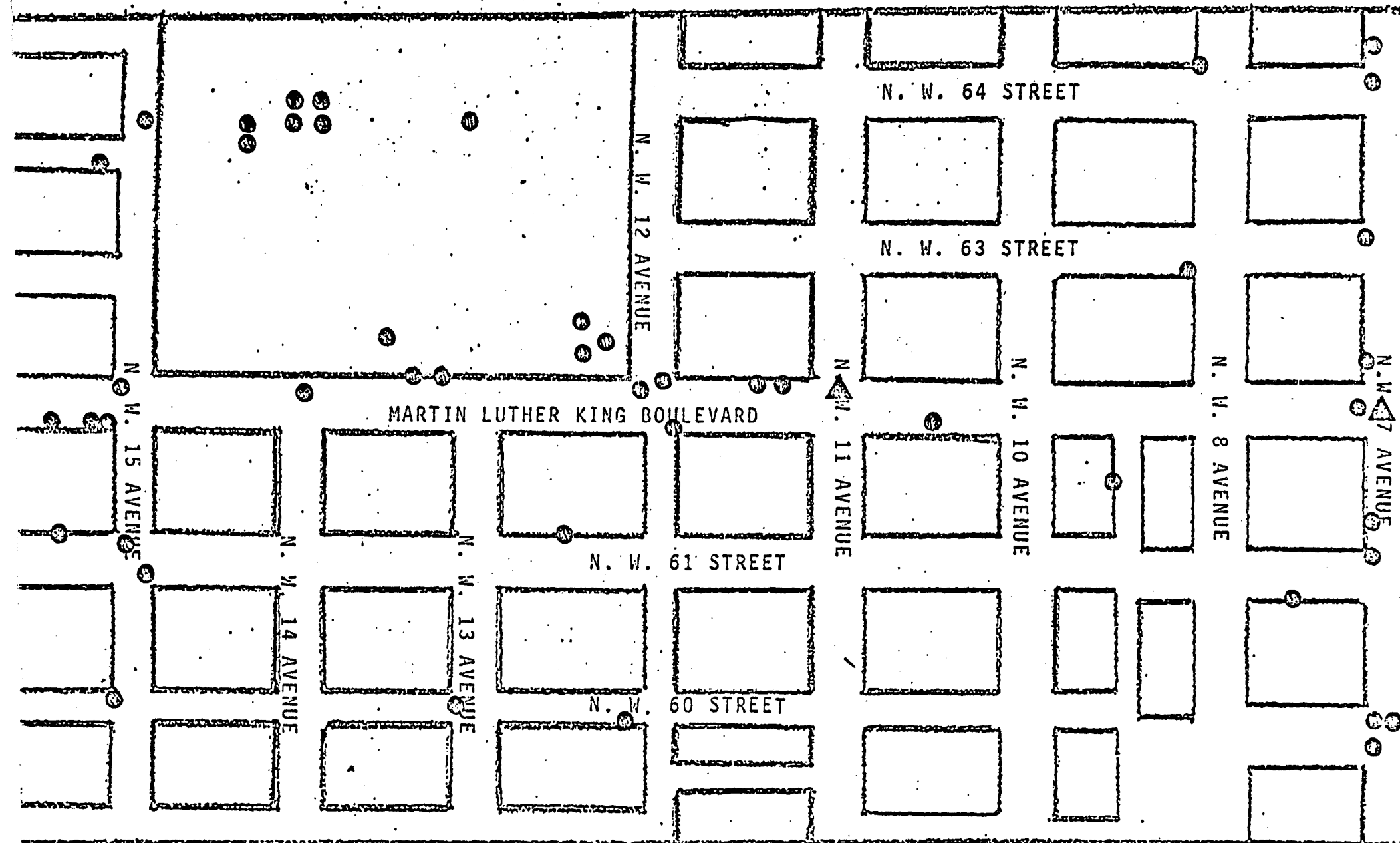
TABLE CM-9  
DRUG OFFENSES



- Single Incident/Offense
- ▲ Five Incidents/Offenses
- ⊗ Ten Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 130

# PROSTITUTION



Single Incident/Offense

Five Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 59

# PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION

## General Findings

For the eight offense categories on which data was collected, a total of 2,375 incidents were reported. Of these, 320 or 13.5% were crimes against persons, 406 or 17.1% were directed against property, while 1,649 or 69.4% were classified as "general investigations". The latter category includes the so called "victimless" crimes (prostitution and drug offenses) and all other undifferentiated types of offenses. Five hundred forty (540) or 22.7% of the reported offenses occurred between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., 725 or 30.5% between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., 783 or 33.0% between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., and 327 or 13.8% occurred between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Seventeen hundred eighty three (1,783) or 75.1% of the reported incidents occurred on a weekday (Monday thru Friday evening up to 8:00 p.m.) and 592 or 24.9% of the reported incidents occurred during the weekend.

Eight hundred sixty eight (868) or 36.5% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard (N. W. 62 st.) itself, while 1,726 or 72.7% of the offenses occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

## Crimes Against Persons

The 320 reported crimes against persons accounted for only 13.5% of the total reported offenses. The major offense reported was assault, having 237 or 74.1% of the incidents reported in this category. This was followed by robbery, having 73 or 22.8% of the total offenses; rape, having 9 or 2.8% of the total offenses and murder, having 1 or .3% of the total offenses. The available data did not differentiate between aggravated and simple assault.

### Murder

There was only one homicide reported during this twelve month period. This offense occurred on the Boulevard itself in the 2400 block, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

### Rape

There were a total of nine (9) rapes reported during this twelve month period. The table below shows the time of day and day of week that these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-1  
RAPE

Time Period	n	%
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	2	22.3
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	0	0
8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	4	44.4
2:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	3	33.3
Total	9	100
Weekday	5	55.6
Weekend	4	44.4

MAP PSD-1 shows the location of these nine reported offenses. Three (3) or 33.3% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself and 7 or 77.7% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

### Robbery

During this twelve month period, there were 73 reported robberies. Table PSD-2 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-2  
ROBBERY

Time Period	n	%
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	15	20.5
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	23	31.6
8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	25	34.2
2:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	10	13.7
Total	73	100
Weekday	52	71.2
Weekend	21	28.8

The location of the seventy three offenses is pictured in MAP PSD-2. Sixteen or 21.9% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself, while 38 or 52.1% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

### Assault

By far, the most reported crime against person was assault. Unlike the data obtained through the City of Miami Police Department, the data available to the Public Safety Department did not differentiate between simple and aggravated assault. A total of 237 incidents of assault were reported to have occurred during this twelve month period. Table PSD-3 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-3  
ASSAULT

Time Period	n	%
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	31	13.1
2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	75	31.6
8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.	106	44.7
2:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	25	10.6
Total	237	100
Weekday	162	68.4
Weekend	75	31.6

The location of these assaults may be seen in MAP PSD-3. Ninety two (92) or 38.8% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself while 164 or 69.2% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

#### Crimes Against Property

During this twelve month period, There were 406 incidences of crimes directed against property. This accounted for 17.1% of the total offenses reported in this category within the area surveyed. The most reported offense was burglary having 247 or 61.6% of the incidents reported within this category. This was followed by larceny having 122 or 30.4% of the reported offenses; and vandalism with 37 or 9.2% of the offenses reported within this category.

The data provided by the Public Safety Department did not include the offenses of motor vehicle theft or buying, receiving, or concealing stolen property.

#### Burglary

There were two hundred forty seven (247) reported incidents of burglary during this twelve month period. The data available did not differentiate between residential and commercial burglary. The table below shows the time of day and time of week that these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-4  
BURGLARY

Time Period	n	%
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	75	30.4
2:00p.m.-8:00p.m.	63	25.5
8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.	54	21.8
2:00a.m.-8:00a.m.	55	22.3
Total	247	100
Weekday	180	72.9
Weekend	67	27.1

MAP PSD-4 shows the location of the 247 reported offenses. Fifty eight (58) or 23.5% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself and 169 or 68.4% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

#### Larceny

During this twelve month period there were a total of 122 incidents of larceny reported to the Public Safety Department. Table PSD-5 shows the time of day and time of week that these offenses were to have occurred

TABLE PSD-5  
LARCENY

Time Period	n	%
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	45	36.9
2:00p.m.-8:00p.m.	45	36.9
8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.	19	15.6
2:00a.m.-8:00a.m.	13	10.6
Total	122	100
Weekday	92	75.4
Weekend	30	24.6

The location of the 122 reported offenses may be seen in MAP PSD-5. Forty nine (49) or 40.1% of the reported offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself, while 94 or 77% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

#### Vandalism

There were a total of thirty seven (37) reported instances of vandalism during this twelve month period. Table PSD-6 shows the time of day and time of week these offenses were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-6  
VANDALISM

Time Period	n	%
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	7	18.9
2:00p.m.-8:00p.m.	12	32.4
8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.	12	32.4
2:00a.m.-8:00a.m.	6	16.3
Total	37	100
Weekday	28	75.7
Weekend	9	24.3

The location of the 37 reported offenses is shown in MAP PSD-6. Fifteen (15) or 40.5% of the offenses occurred on the Boulevard itself and 27 or 73% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

### GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

General investigations, by far the category with the largest number of reported incidents (1,649), is a catch-all category utilized by the Public Safety Department. Included in this would be most of the crimes not separately documented in this report including prostitution and drug offenses. Also included in this category are all responses to crimes other than that indicated by the original signal code.

There were a total of 1,649 reported incidents within the code for the general investigations category. Table PSD-7 shows the time of day and time of week these incidents were reported to have occurred.

TABLE PSD-7  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

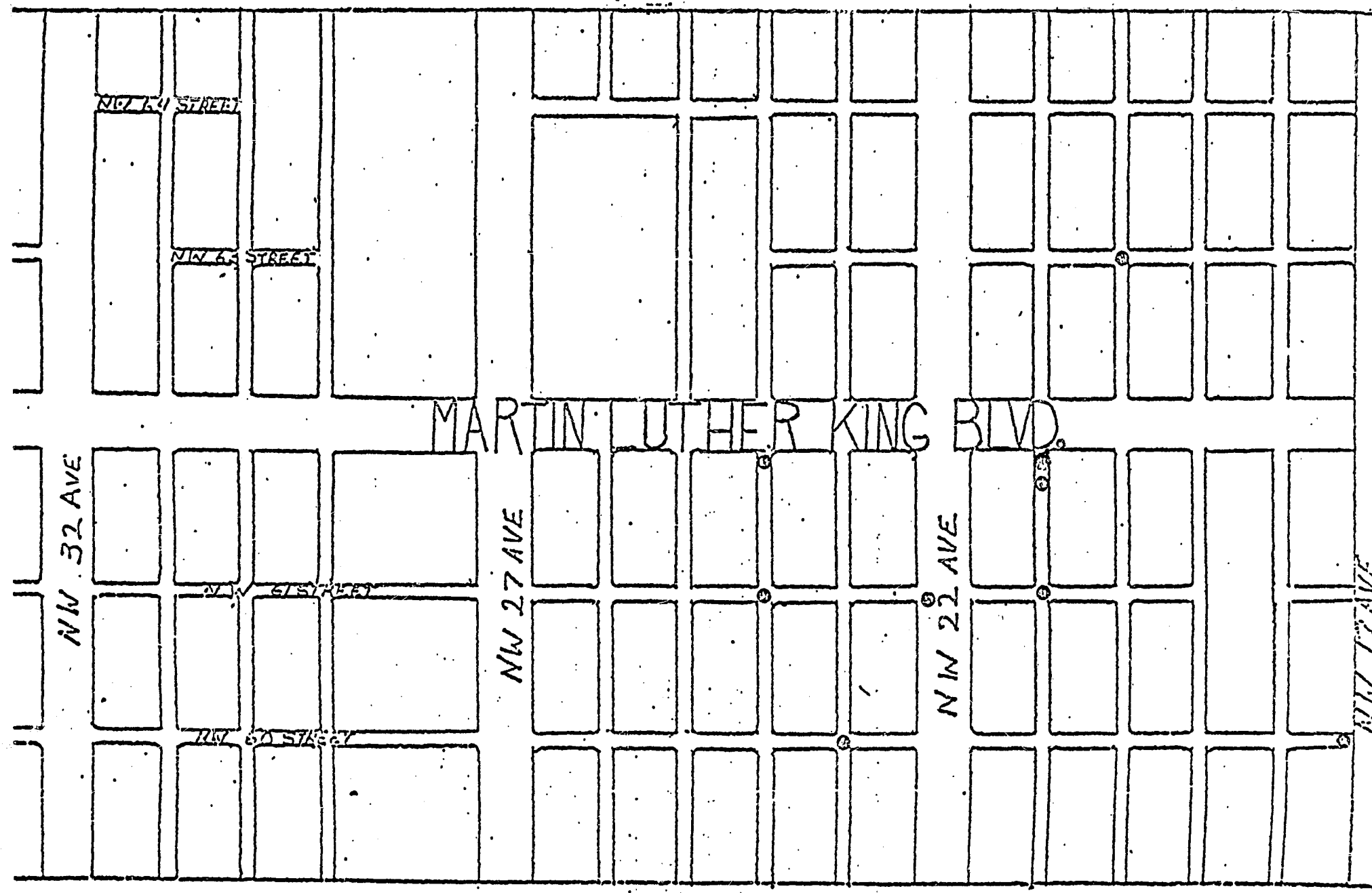
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8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	365	22.1
2:00p.m.-8:00p.m.	507	30.7
8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.	562	34.1
2:00a.m.-8:00a.m.	215	13.1
Total	1 649	100
Weekday	1,263	76.6
Weekend	386	23.4

The location of the 1,649 incidents categorized as general investigations is pictured in MAP PSD-7. Six hundred thirty four (634) or 47% of these reported incidents occurred on the Boulevard itself while 1,226 or 90.9% occurred on or within one block of the Boulevard.

### CRIME MAPS

### PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION

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RAPE

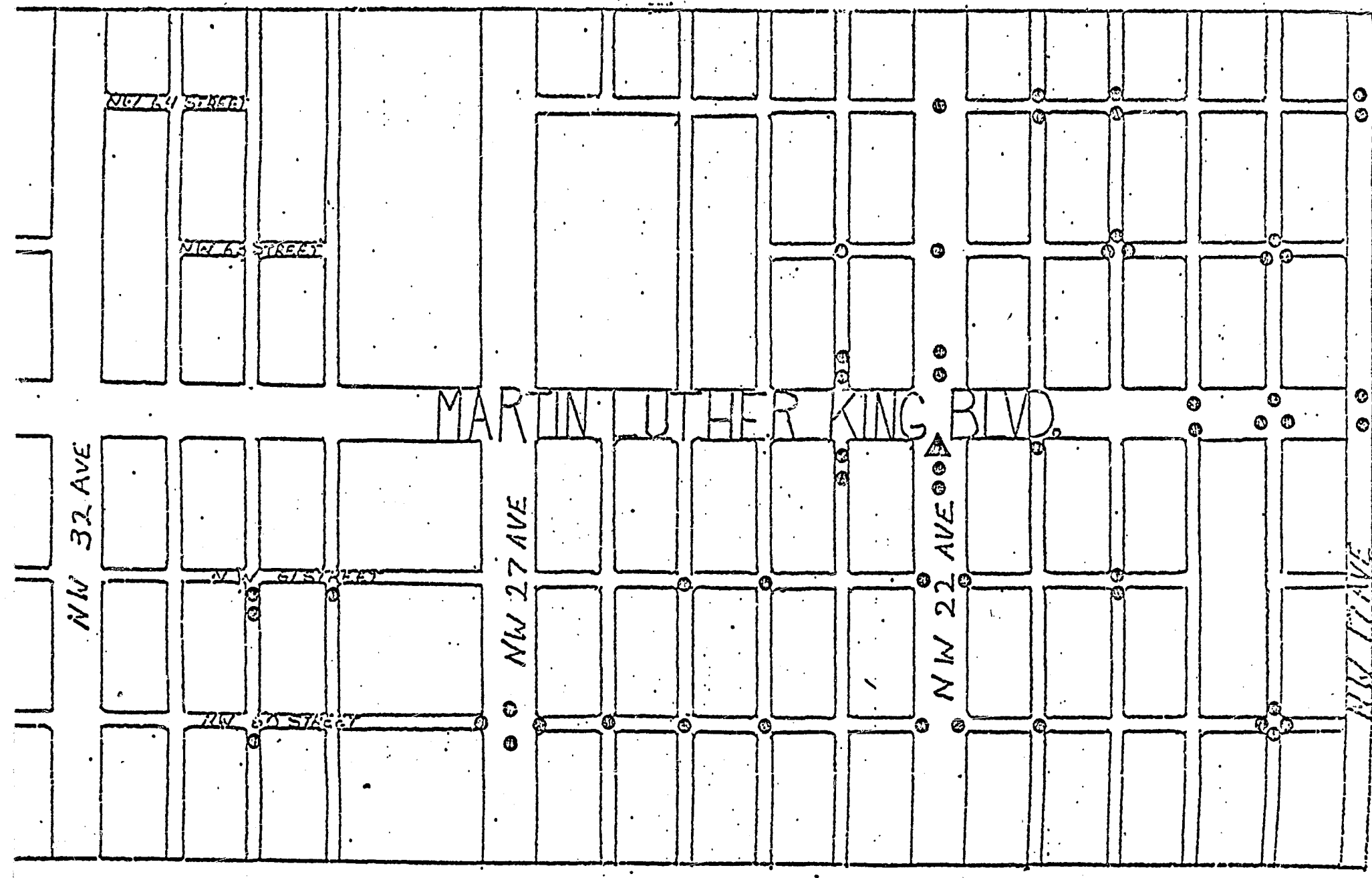


● Single Incident/Offense

TOTAL OFFENSES: 9



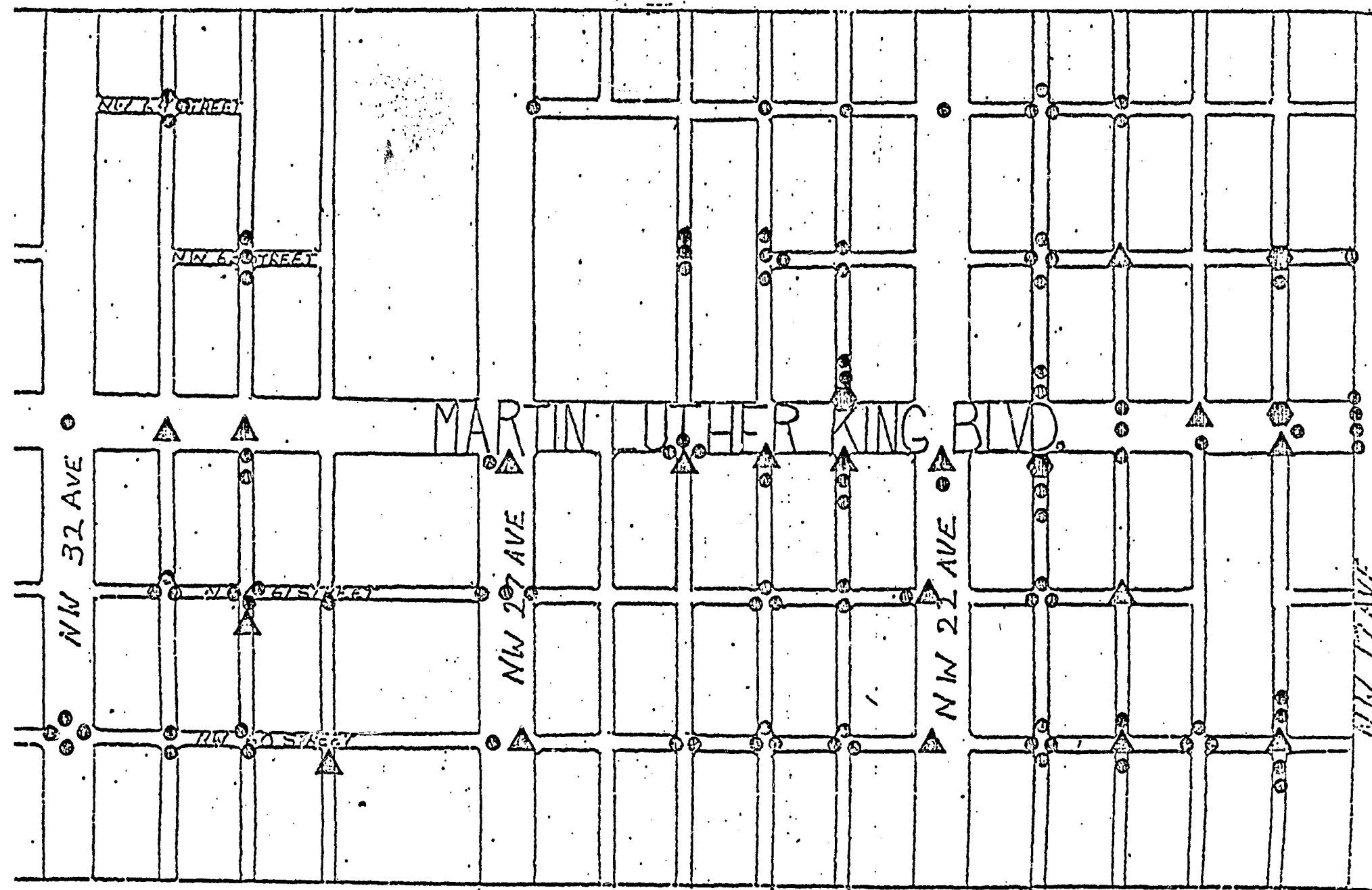
# ROBBERY



○ Single Incident/Offense  
 ▲ Five Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 73

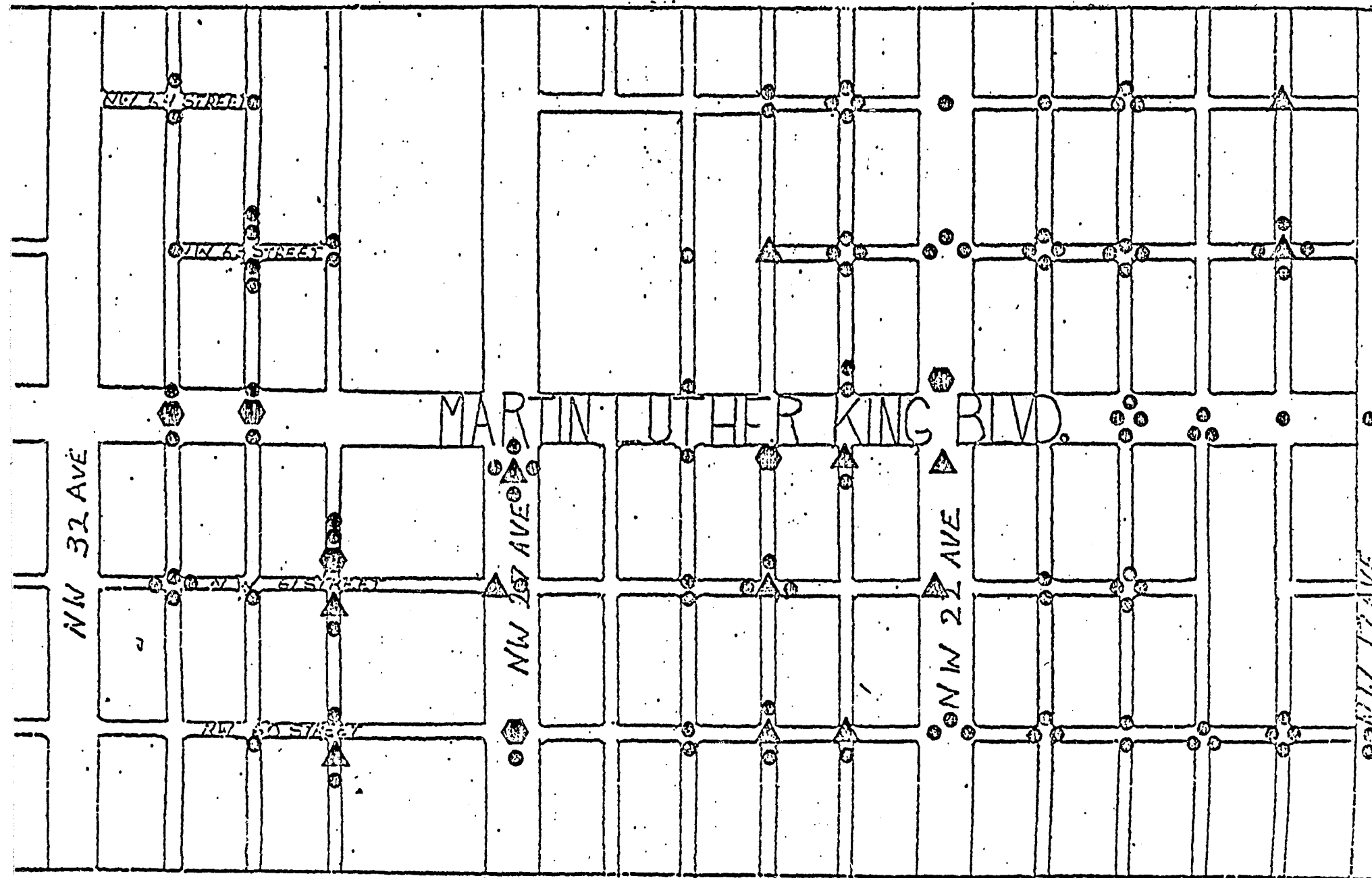
# ASSAULTS



- Single Incident/Offense
- ▲ Five Incidents/Offenses
- ◆ Ten Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 237

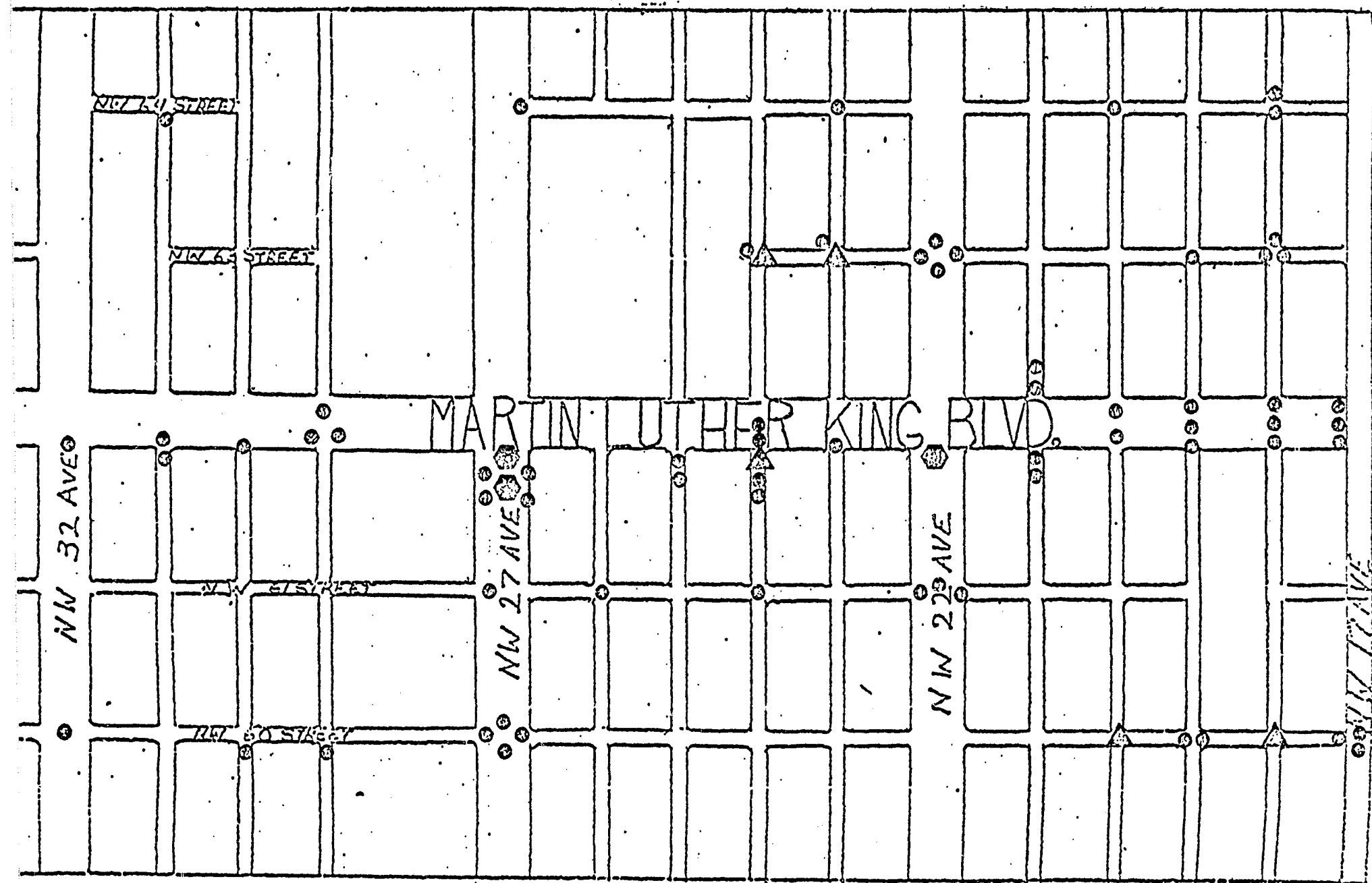
TABLE PSD-4  
BURGLARY



- Single Incident/Offense
- ▲ Five Incidents/Offenses
- ⊗ Ten Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 247

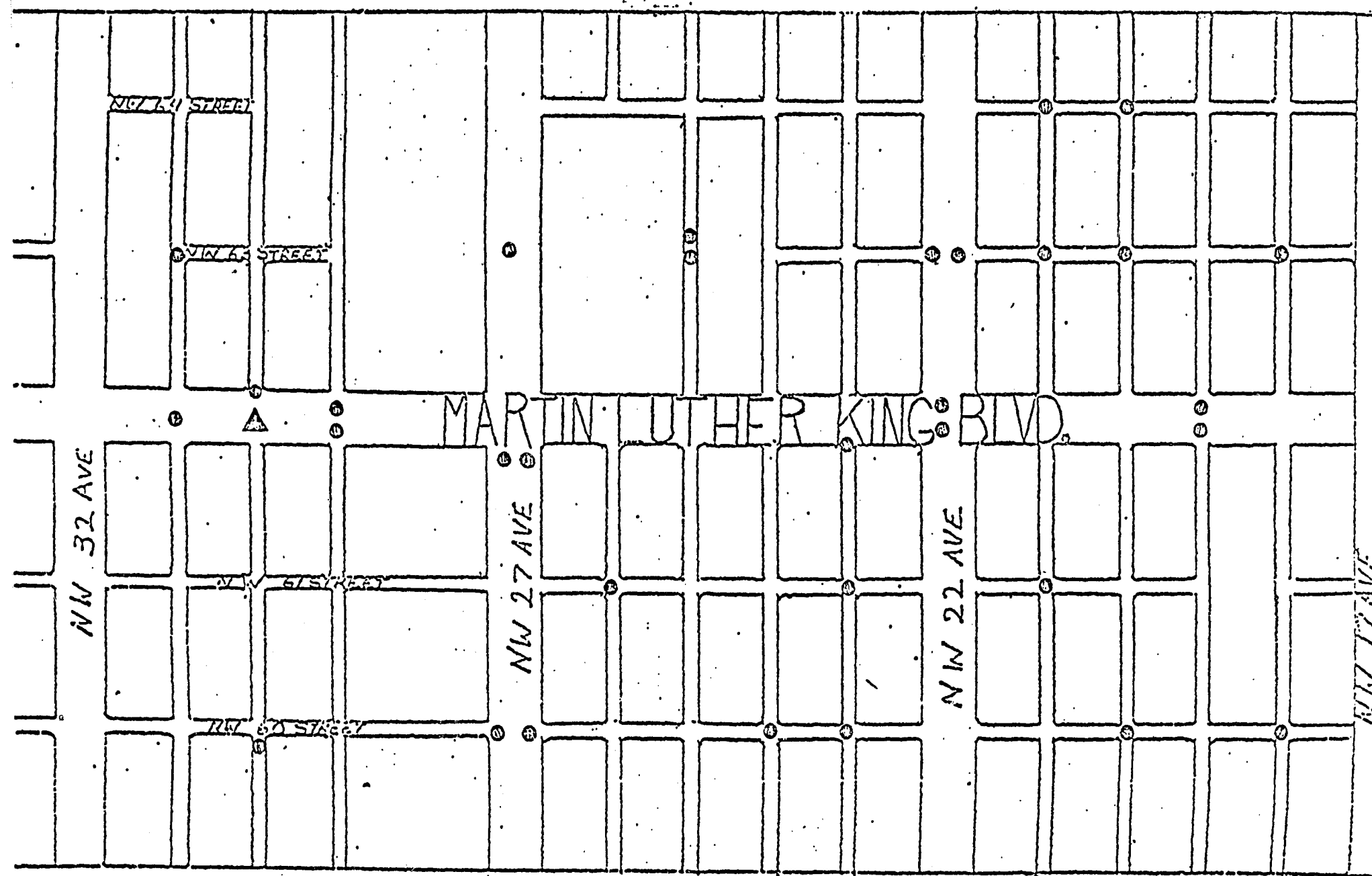
TABLE PSD-9  
LARCENY



- Single Incident/Offense
- ▲ Five Incidents/Offenses
- ⬢ Ten Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 122

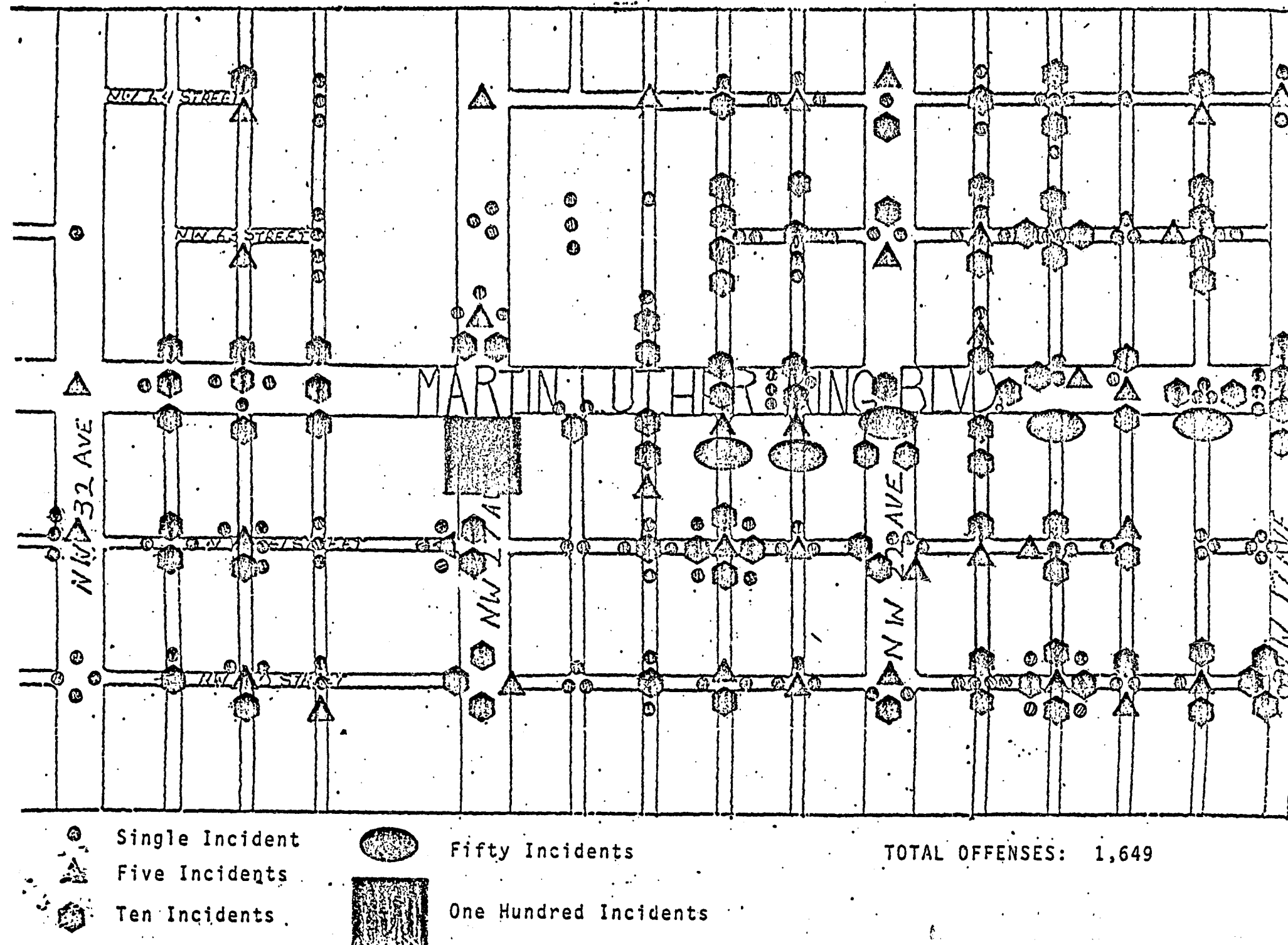
TABLE PSD-6  
VANDALISM



○ Single Incident/Offense  
△ Five Incidents/Offenses

TOTAL OFFENSES: 37

TABLE PSD-7  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION





## SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An analysis of the crimes occurring within the jurisdictions of both the City of Miami Police Department and the Public Safety Department during the period of January 1, 1976, through December 31, 1976, clearly demonstrates that unless steps are taken to diminish the amount of crime occurring on and around Martin Luther King Boulevard the area will remain unattractive to the customers of existing and potential businesses. Although crimes against persons were a small percentage of the total crimes reported in both jurisdictions, 12.8% and 13.5% respectively, this still represents a significant amount of serious crimes. Especially detrimental to potential revitalization of the area is the number of robberies and assaults which occurred in both jurisdictions.

Also significant is the high incidence of less serious crime occurring in the area of the Boulevard, especially those incidents relating to prostitution and drug offenses. A quick glance at the maps displaying the location of these incidents (CM-9, CM-10, PSD-7), depicts an area that would certainly be less than attractive to potential customers of local businesses. The once flourishing area along N. W. 79 Street is a good example of what the presence of these types of crime can and have done to an area.

The chances of attracting new businesses to the Martin Luther King Boulevard area will range from relatively slim to none, in spite of physical redevelopment of the area, in view of the amount of person and property crime occurring in the area. Especially significant is the amount of breaking and enterings or burglaries occurring in the area. Fifty five (55) incidents of breaking and entering were reported to have occurred within the City of Miami's jurisdiction, while 247 were reported to have occurred within the Public Safety Department's jurisdiction. This high incidence of burglary has made it cost prohibitive for existing businesses to carry insurance to cover their losses. Therefore, new business simply will not be attracted to this area.

Obviously, a program to redevelop and revitalize the Boulevard must go far beyond simple physical improvement. A full range of crime prevention efforts should be instituted within the area of the Boulevard. These prevention efforts should include members of the local business community and residents of the area working in cooperation with the appropriate law enforcement agencies. In addition, the latest in building security techniques should also be implemented.

The following are some specific recommendations for the type of crime prevention efforts which the community should consider during the process of revitalizing the Boulevard:

1. Existing businesses and residences in the area should take advantage of the free security surveys available through the City of Miami Police Department and the Dade County Public Safety Department. The recommendations of the security survey team should be implemented as soon as possible.

2. All new construction should make use of the latest target hardening measures. Such efforts need not detract from the overall beautification in view of the technology now available.
3. The use of high intensity sodium vapor lighting or other effective illumination techniques should continue in and around the area of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
4. The businessmen and residents in the Martin Luther King Boulevard area should form a block association whose purpose is to involve the community as a whole in crime prevention efforts. Such efforts should involve the community members in cooperation with the City of Miami Police Department and the Public Safety Department. Programs of this type are commonly referred to as neighborhood watch or neighborhood walk programs.
5. The City of Miami Police Department and Public Safety Department should examine the crime profile of this area and work with the community in developing effective crime prevention/patrol efforts.

Police officials and criminologists recognize that active and serious citizen involvement is essential if crime is to be substantially reduced. Such citizen involvement will only be effective if it occurs in cooperation with our local law enforcement agencies.

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