

## Avondale Crime Statistics Year to Date: December 31

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 2012/ 2014	% Change 2013/ 2014
Homicide	0	4	10	NC	150%
Rapes	12	11	11	-8%	0%
Robberies	108	115	87	-19%	-24%
Felonious Assault	55	70	72	31%	3%
Burglaries	181	152	150	-17%	-1%
Breaking & Entering	85	66	49	-42%	-26%
Thefts from Autos	203	83	84	-59%	1%
Other Thefts	300	289	272	-9%	
Auto Thefts	51	52	29		
Total Pt. 1 Crimes	995	842	764		

\*\*Auto Thefts\* do not include unreported

\*Other Thefts\* include unreported

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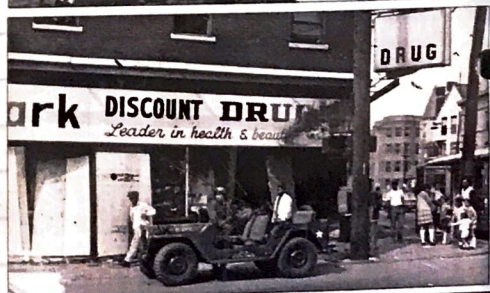
## Flashback: The Riots of 1967 & 1968

The riots of 1967 followed years unemployment, lack of housing and educational opportunities<sup>1</sup> in Avondale. The day before the riots began, Martin Luther King Jr. preached nonviolence at the Zion Baptist Church in Avondale. The riots followed the disputed June 1967 conviction of Postel Laskey Jr., accused of being the Cincinnati Strangler<sup>2</sup>. Laskey was accused of raping and murdering six white women, and the conviction was considered controversial. On June 11 Peter Frakes, Laskey's cousin, picketed with a sign that read, "Cincinnati Guilty-Laskey Innocent!" Frakes was arrested by police for blocking the sidewalk<sup>1</sup>. Incensed black leaders held a protest meeting on June 12 at the Abraham Lincoln statue on the corner of Reading Road and Rockdale<sup>2</sup>. Witness say rioting began over the constant police harassment, lack of

jobs, and shopkeepers raising prices and selling bad products<sup>2</sup>. A thousand rioters smashed, looted and attacked cars, buildings and stores. Riots vandalized homes and businesses on Reading Road and Burnet Avenue. Crowds filled the streets and threw bottles and firebombs at businesses. The Ohio National Guard was called in to restore order<sup>3</sup>. By June 15, one person was dead, 63 injured, 404 people had been arrested, and the city suffered over a million dollars in property damage<sup>2</sup>.

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson's Commission on Civil Disorders issued a report that blamed the riots on the poverty of the segregated neighborhoods in Cincinnati and the practice of police officers in "stopping Negroes on foot or in cars without obvious basis" and using loitering laws disproportionately against minorities<sup>3</sup>. Further riots broke out in Avondale in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. A mob smashed store windows and looted the stores or burned the merchandise. Two people were killed, at least 220 injured and 260 arrested during two nights of violence<sup>2</sup>. Governor James A. Rhodes ordered Ohio National Guardsmen into Cincinnati to stop the rioting<sup>3</sup>. The National Guard patrolled the streets in jeeps, armed with machine guns. Images of the riots show barricaded streets, and National Guard patrolling the streets.

The Aftermath - Avondale's flourishing business district along Burnet Avenue was abandoned after the riots of 1967 and 1968, with damaged areas left vacant for over a decade. The riots may have helped fuel beliefs that the Avondale and nearby neighborhoods were too dangerous for families and helped accelerate "white flight" to the suburbs. We are witnessing a renaissance here in Avondale. Avondale will return to greatness.



## Safe Play Days

Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> - S. Avondale Elementary

Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> - Rockdale Academy

1PM - 3PM

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<sup>1</sup> The Legacy of the Cincinnati Strangler. Cincinnati Magazine. August 1997 <sup>2</sup> Civil unrest woven into city's history. Cincinnati Enquirer. July 2001  
<sup>3</sup> Two Ohio Cities are Focal Points of Overnight Racial Disorders. Reading Eagle. June 1967