# Predictive Policing Pilot Evaluation

June xxxx, 2016

### Pilot Background

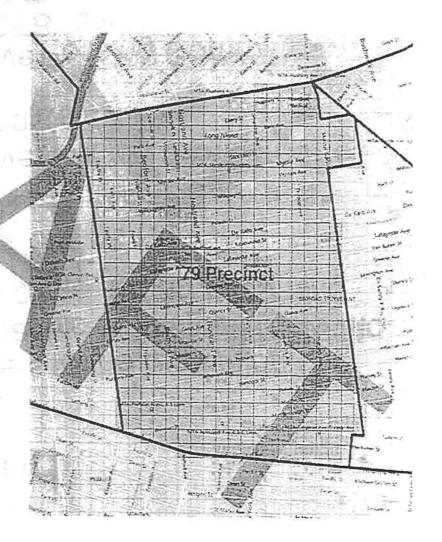
- "Predictive policing" refers to the prediction of a limited number of geographic boxes, estimated to have the highest risk of crime, for an upcoming time window
- Three external vendors bid to participate in a no-cost NYPD predictive policing pilot: PredPol, Azavea (HunchLab), and KeyStats
- OMAP and the Predictive Policing Committee, including DCO, OCD, CTB, and ITB, established the framework for the pilot and the evaluation

#### Pilot Parameters

Predict five 300' x 300' boxes:

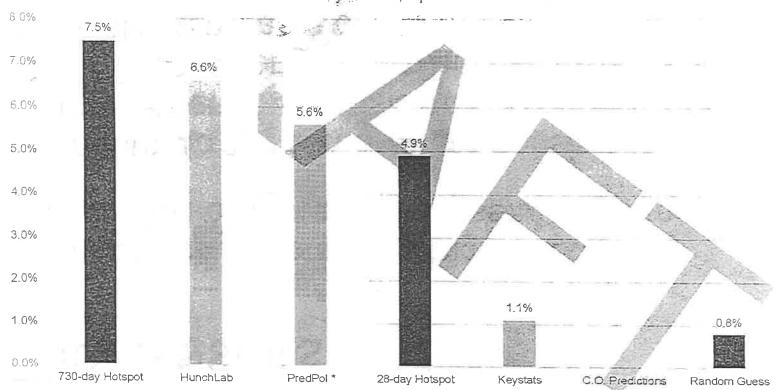
- Per precinct\*
- Per platoon
- Per crime type:
  - Robbery
  - · Fel. & Misd. Assault
  - Burglary
  - Grand Larceny from Person
  - Grand & Petit Larc. from Auto
  - Shooting incidents
  - Plus one composite of all six crime types

<sup>\*</sup> Vendors were also asked to provide an additional set of predictions for 1% of each patrol borough



### Pilot Results: Composite Index

Percent of Composite Index Crimes Predicted by Boxes, April 28 – June 12



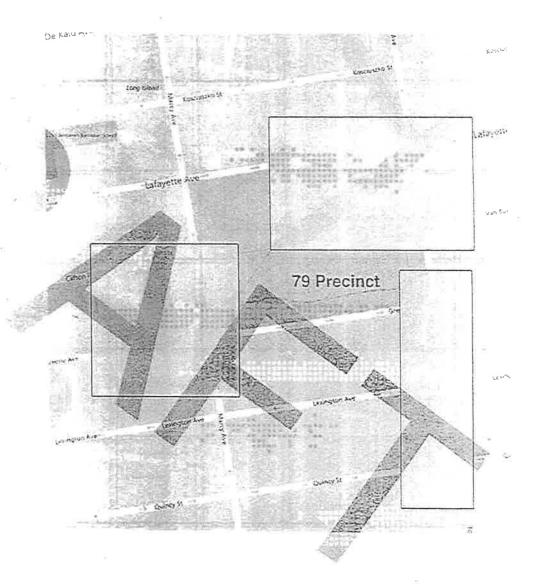
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### Pilot Design

- Predictive Policing Committee designed the pilot in order to maximize fairness of comparison across vendor products
- In some ways, the pilot design does not reflect the exact products that vendors may provide a police department under contract
- The following slides examine some key differences between the design of this pilot and a typical vendor predictive policing product

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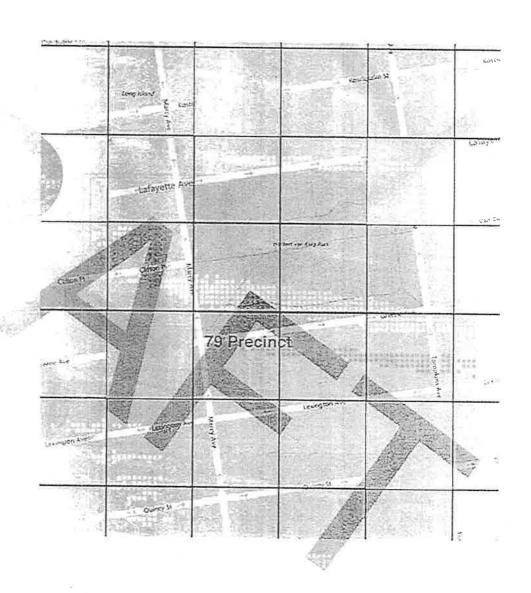
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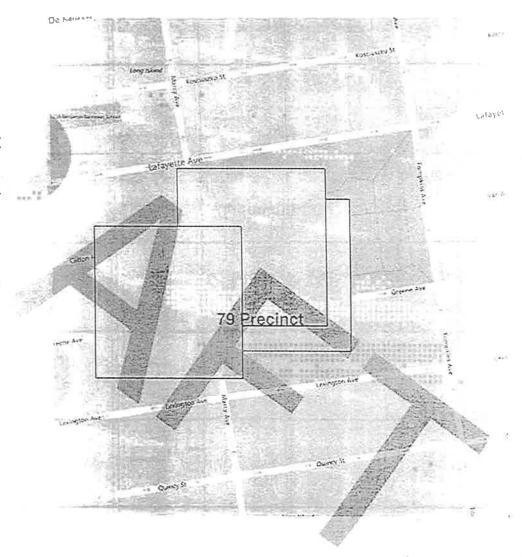
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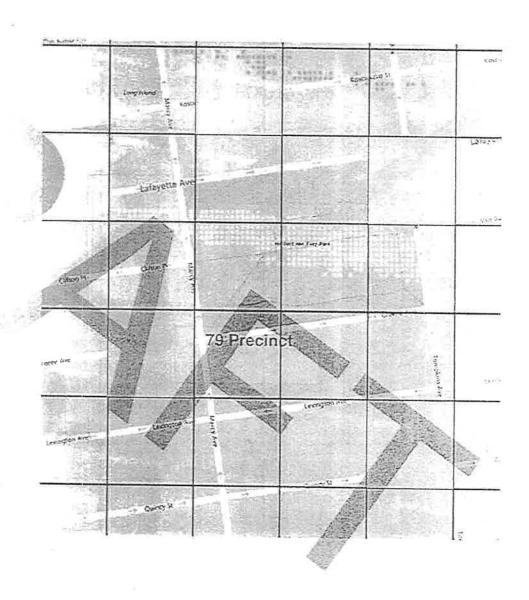
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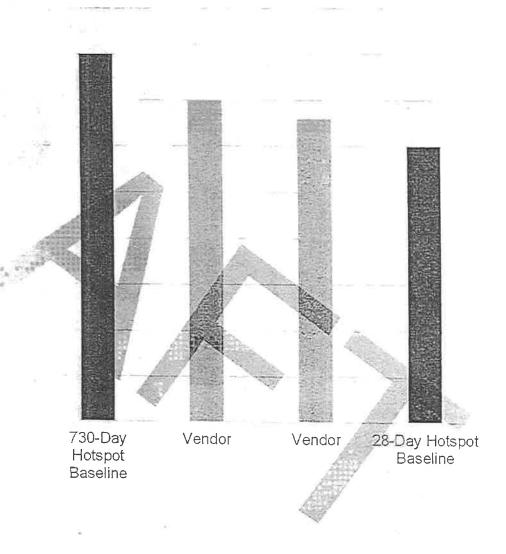
NYPD asked all vendors to provide five boxes per platoon, per crime type, per precinct, in order to compare vendors on an identical basis.



## Pilot Design: Baselines

NYPD used baselines of various lengths – not only the industry-standard 28-day hotspot, but also 365-day and 730-day hotspots.

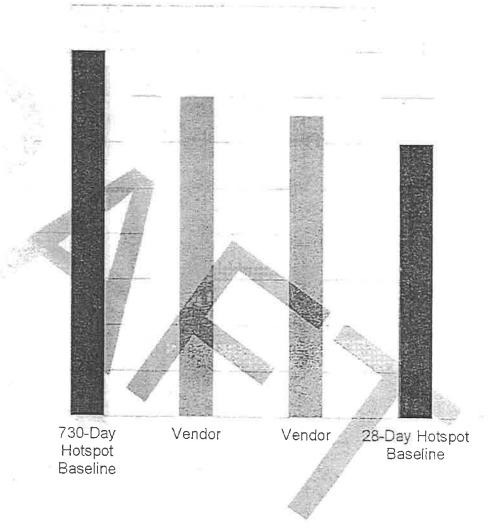
While two vendors regularly outdid the 28-day hotspot – consistent with published research – they did not outperform the longer 365-day and 730-day hotspots.



#### Pilot Design: Utility

Vendor predictions may be more practical because they move around the precinct over time. Long-term hotspots may be less useful operationally, because they don't move much. However, the generally low performance of vendor models negates this advantage.

Other similar operational considerations were not evaluated as part of this pilot.



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# Appendix: Additional Charts

## Results Summary

NYPD Predictive Policing Pilot

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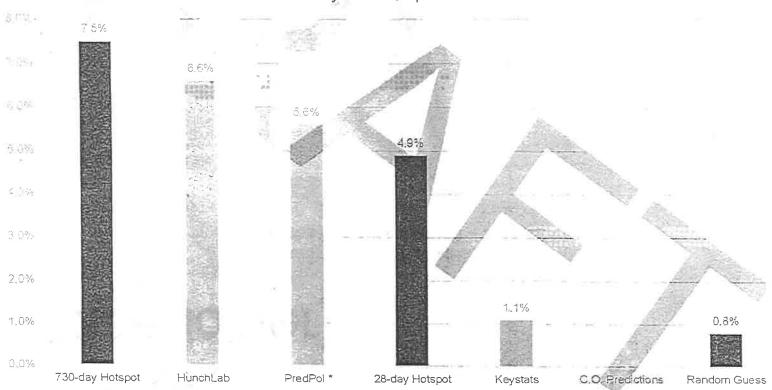
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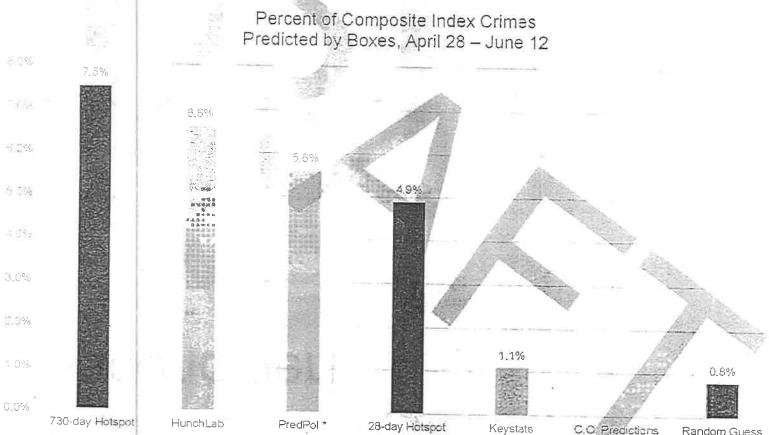
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# Predicted Crime Categories (excluding shooting incidents)

