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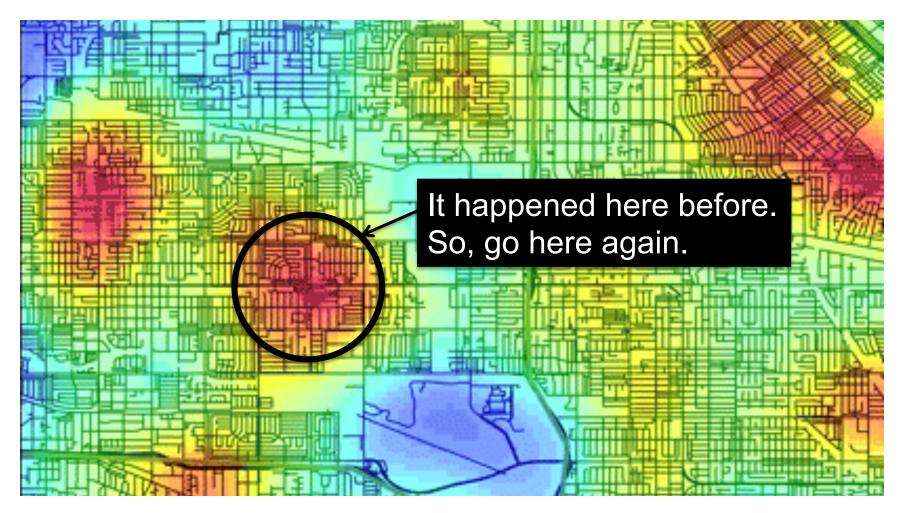
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LOCATION MATTERS



CRIME HOTSPOTS, HOTSPOTS POLICING



SUSTAINABILITY, ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES

- Analytical techniques shouldn't be "hooked" on inputs that are the outcomes intended to be prevented.
- A heavy reliance on crime incidents as the independent variable for forecasting is not sustainable when the goal of public safety is to have a measured and meaningful impact on suppressing or preventing crime.



"MAPLESS MAP"

"A mapless map...describes how one variable is distributed in space.... To determine 'why' it is distributed the way it is, the spatial distribution of at least one other variable needs to be considered." (Rengert & Lockwood, 2010; p. 109)

Hotspot

THE WHAT & WHY

- Hotspots show you where crime is happening, but not why.
- Hotspots tell where to go, but not what to do when you get there.
- Despite the many foot patrols, arrests, citations, and other traditional policing tactics, hotspot areas often remain resilient for years and even decades.
- Hotspots are merely signs and symptoms of environments that are highly criminogenic. RTM helps provide the spatial diagnosis.
- RTM Q: What attracts illegal behavior at high-crime areas?
- RTM Q: Why does crime cluster there over time?

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