

The Real Locations of Payday 3 (Electric Boogaloo)

The original document got deleted so here I am to replicate it (plus to add in more information). I also must preface that I am just an individual, and claim to be no expert of the area (I'm not even a native of New York). There are real addresses/businesses mentioned, and I do not state or claim that these locations have any affiliation with PAYDAY 3. This is purely for entertainment and research purposes. Enjoy!

CRIME.NET Selection Screen

First off, this selection screen is quite inaccurate, while some locations are relevantly accurate. There are both semantic issues, like how Under The Surphaze is supposed to be on the left of the Brooklyn Bridge. But also a large amount of the inaccuracies that are likely due to the limited space, like where Cook Off and Houston Breakout are placed. However there are some baffling choices that aren't limited because of space, like how despite being set in the Garment District, Gold & Sharke is placed in Chelsea.

Overall, it works well enough to display the general location of heists.

Core Heists

No Rest For The Wicked/Bank Withdrawal

PD3's Given Location - Bowery

Matching Real Address - 109 Essex Street, NY 10002

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Secure Capital Bank, Lower East Side, Manhattan

There are street signs present that directly place the location of Secure Capital Bank on Essex Street, with the escape zone being where Essex and East Houston Street intersect. While this is possible in reality, what isn't based in reality is the fact that this supposedly meant to take place inside of Bowery. [The] Bowery does have part of Essex running through it, however at where Essex and Houston intersect it would be more appropriately set in Lower East Side.

Additionally, while the streets place the eastbound road as East Houston, the area more closely resembles where Essex and Deleancy intersect (hence the chosen address). This is made more clear with the fact that the Essex Market is visible on the corner, something that is on the corner of where Essex and Deleancy meet.

Fun Fact: NRFTW concept art shows it was going to take place in Chinatown, under the Manhattan Bridge.

Road Rage

PD3's Given Location - Queensboro Bridge

Matching Real Address - 61 Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge, NY 10044

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Upper Level, Queensboro Bridge, East River

The setting is faithful to the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge. There are two levels to the bridge, with the top level having four lanes, this can be seen. Additionally, the backdrop of Roosevelt Island is very well done.

Fun Fact: While Shade does mention that the chimneys are on the south, with the “two big buildings” being on the north, this is not the case in real life, with the cardinal locations of these two landmarks being swapped. The “two big buildings” being the Graduate by Hilton, and the House of Cornell Tech.

Dirty Ice

PD3's Given Location - Sutton Place

Matching Real Address - 2 Sutton Place South, NY 10022

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Ashton Fine Jewelry Store, Sutton Place, Manhattan

This is an extremely faithful adaptation. The street signs place this at Sutton Place South and 57th Street. With the coastal view of the East River and Queensboro Bridge being visible. The overall ramp design itself is fairly accurate.

Fun Fact: Using free cam shows that the heist location at 57th street is exactly two blocks away from where Queensboro Bridge starts to reach Manhattan, just like the real location.

Rock The Cradle

PD3's Given Location - Pier 17

Matching Real Address - 89th South Street, NY 10038

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Pier 17, South Street Seaport, Manhattan

The overall nightclub is accurate, with the pier having some creative liberties taken. Mainly with how the harboring port for boats is angled.

Fun Fact: The Neon Cradle nightclub can be seen from Under The Surphaze.

Under The Surphaze

PD3's Given Location - Dumbo

Matching Real Address - 45 Water Street, NY 11201

Corrected PD3's Given Address - SURPHAZE Art Gallery, DUMBO, Brooklyn

The exterior of SURPHAZE Art Gallery is extremely faithful to its source material St. Anne's Warehouse (there is even a small detail that even lists the correct area code is given), with the garden and brick design remaining faithful, albeit slightly exaggerated height wise. While the area of DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass) is captured very well, the general surroundings are less accurate.

In reality, there is a much larger grass area, additionally, there is an entrance to a subway station.

Fun Fact: Shade states that SURPHAZE Art Gallery used to be a tobacco warehouse. This is a reference to the real origins of the St. Ann's Warehouse.

Gold & Sharke

PD3's Given Location - Garment District

Matching Real Address - 1356 Broadway, NY 10018

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Gold & Sharke Bank, Garment District, Manhattan

This is largely the most difficult to find, with pieces of conflicting information. First off, the description states the heist is in "Lower Manhattan", while the Garment District is much closer to Midtown. Additionally, if it's supposed to take place in the Garment District, there wouldn't be a subway station, then there wouldn't be a station for Essex and East Houston right outside. While it's likely just reused assets, it still conflicts with the given area.

Fun Fact: While the large "1840" at the front of the bank may appear as a part of an address, it may serve as a reference to the year the bank was established. Its founder, William Sharke, would've been 30 in the year 1840.

99 Boxes

PD3's Given Location - Port Jersey

Matching Real Address - 403 Port Jersey Boulevard, NJ 07305

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Port Jersey, Constable Hook, Hudson County

The area of Port Jersey is broad, but with the maritime terminal being the initial setpiece, it gives some insight on the area. There are some small issues with the port itself. For example, the size of the cargo lifters Ship-to-Shore Gantry Cranes are much larger, and blue, along with how the rows of containers are actually at a diagonal angle.

Fun Fact: The main maritime terminal is owned and operated by the in-game company Roger Wilson. In reality, this terminal is owned by the Port Authority of New Jersey with Port Liberty Bayonne merely acting as the operating workforce.

Touch The Sky

PD3's Given Location - Hunters Point

Matching Real Address - 46-30 Center Boulevard, NY 11109

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Laurent's Penthouse, Hunters Point, Queens

Since the heist takes place entirely in Laurent's penthouse unit, it's hard to find the exact location. While there are apartments near the coast in Hunters Point, their general area is broad and hard to find.

Although, using free cam does allow you to see there are two buildings surrounding the apartment building with Laurent's penthouse, thus giving the address I listed.

Fun Fact: The building directly across, is the United Nations Headquarters. Coincidentally it's on Keegan Road, which shares a name with the contractor, Blaine Keegan.

Side Hustles

Turbid Station

PD3's Given Location - Roosevelt Island

Matching Real Address - 50 36th Avenue, NY 11101

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Turbid Station, Astoria, Queens

For some reason both Locke and the loading screen state the heist takes place on "Roosevelt Island", however it takes place at the base of the Roosevelt Island Bridge. Additionally, the Ravenswood Generating Station is right next to the depot, with the chimneys being visible.

With Turbid Station's location, it appears to have taken up the north parts of Ravenswood, Vordonia Towers, and Rainey Park.

Fun Fact: The area of the heist is right next to Vernon Avenue, sharing the name with the contractor, Vernon Locke.

Cook Off

PD3's Given Location - Chemung County

Matching Real Address - (None match the description, there are a few single bedroom villas)
Corrected PD3's Given Address - Villa Lab, Chemung County

This is the most broad location out of any of the heists. Chemung County is a very northern area of upstate New York, with that specific area housing many villas. Since it's a legacy heist not originally set in New York, it gets a pass on not being the most accurate.

The address given was mainly just a villa I found, along with thinking the road name "Baker" was fitting for Cook Off.

Fun Fact: Cook Off is placed in Hackensack, New Jersey on the CRIME NET selection screen.

Diamond District

PD3's Given Location - 47th Street
Matching Real Address - West 47th Street
Corrected PD3's Given Address - Diamond District, Midtown, Manhattan

This is a fairly accurate depiction of the Diamond District, with the only problem being that there should be a more densely packed set of stores. In reality, stores the size of A&K Jewelry are more likely to fit the area.

Fun Fact: There are some cash-for-gold businesses present, something that the real district does frequently feature.

First World Bank

PD3's Given Location - Worth Street, Tribeca
Matching Real Address - 53 Worth Street, NY 10013
Corrected PD3's Given Address - First World Bank, Worth Street, TriBeCa

This is an extremely fictionalized setting of the heist. While Worth Street does run through TriBeCa, only a small part of it does in reality, with no large multi-floor parking garages.

Fun Fact: The location of First World Bank was originally New York, before switching to Washington D.C, back to being New York.

Party Powder

PD3's Given Location - Review Avenue and 35th Street
Matching Real Address - 3500 Review Avenue, NY 11101

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Roadframe Warehouses, Long Island City, Queens

This is another extremely faithful adaptation of the warehouses. While some small creative liberties are taken, like the larger John Jay Bridge, and the additional buildings seen on the other side of Railway Avenue. There is a comically large power station to the north.

Fun Fact: Despite the heist taking place in Long Island City, Queens. Cops from the 51st Precinct are initially present, despite them being a Bronx police station.

Delivery Charge

PD3's Given Location - Columbia Street Waterfront District

Matching Real Address - 100 Columbia Street, NY 11201

Corrected PD3's Given Address - GenSec Depot, Columbia Street Waterfront District, Brooklyn

The main depot is seemingly based on the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. However the fictional GenSec depot is much larger and is owned by a private company, unlike the Waterfront Commission which is its own agency and police force in New York City.

Fun Fact: There is a bridge present to the left of the heist (or south). This is despite the fact there is no bridge that crosses over between water near the Waterfront District. The closest thing being Hamilton Avenue, however there is a bridge that goes between Red Hook and Carroll Gardens that does not go above water.

Bad Apple DLC

Syntax Error

PD3's Given Location - Ryan Park

Matching Real Address - 1100 6th Avenue, NY 10036

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Ryan Park, Midtown, Manhattan

The adaptation of the area is extremely faithful, and near perfect. The buildings themselves are extremely faithful, even including a nod to Whole Foods. The setting of the actual park too is accurate, with the stage and the Main Rose Reading Room. However, the only issue with the location is the random subway station seen on the sidewalk of Ryan Park.

Fun Fact: Ryan Park is based on Bryant Park.

Boys In Blue/Search And Seizure

PD3's Given Location - 51st Precinct, Longwood, Bronx

Matching Real Address - 1035 Longwood Avenue, NY 10459/2 East 169th Street, NY 10452

Corrected PD3's Given Address - 51st Precinct, Longwood, The Bronx

The fictional 51st Precinct does take quite a few pieces of inspiration from the real 41st and 44th Precincts. The overall design of the precinct, along with the general area, is based on the 44th, while the address given is that of the 41st.

Fun Fact: The storybeat of the 51st Precinct being both corrupt and on the brink of being decommissioned is taken from the movie *Fort Apache: The Bronx*. In which the 41st Precinct is suffering the same issue.

Houston Breakout

PD3's Given Location - Supreme Judicial Court of New York

Matching Real Address - 60 Centre Street, NY 10007

Corrected PD3's Given Address - Supreme Judicial Court of New York, Civic Center, Manhattan

The adaptation of the courthouse is well done, however it's simplified. The detail of metal detectors is accurate, but the mural seen above the rotunda is missing. Additionally, there are details of the surrounding area, like the Thurgood Marshall Court and the Triumph of Human Spirit sculpture in Foley Square.

Fun Fact: Houston would likely not be sent to any private prison owned by Concord, as the state of New York outlawed the use of privately owned prisons.

Fear & Greed

PD3's Given Location - Financial District, Manhattan

Matching Real Address - 11 Wall Street, NY 10005

Corrected PD3's Given Address - New York Financial Exchange, Financial District, Manhattan

While only the Exchange is accessible, the trading floor is extremely accurate with the booth designs. While there are supposed to be more present, it does the job well enough. It is more difficult to fact check features as the Exchange is not open to the public.

Fun Fact: There are tons of references to famous things in cinema or direct movies referenced in the Fear & Greed content update (from what I could find) these include: *The Wolf of Wall Street*, *The Dark Knight Rises*, *American Psycho*, and *Looney Tunes*.

