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Good afternoon,

Here is the Service's response to Jeremy O'Connor's concern.

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**Subject:** RE: Public Health Order Concern

Hello Mr. O'Connor

Thankyou for including the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners in your email of concern. The Board forwarded your message to me and asked that I provide you with a response.

Throughout this pandemic, the Saskatoon Police Service has worked with provincial health authorities to ensure a consistent approach to enforcing public health orders. Under section 53 of *The Public Health Act*, Public Health officers are given the primary authority and responsibility to enforce Public Health regulations and orders, which include orders pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic. Section 55 permits peace officers (such as police officers with the Saskatoon Police Service) to assist Public Health officers. Given the wide-reaching effects of the global pandemic in

Saskatchewan, SPS members undertook a direct role in responding to complaints of violations of the public health orders; in 2021, our agency has laid 109 charges against individuals for violating these orders (many relating to the rallies which specifically protested the orders themselves).

We will continue to receive reports from the public about violations of public health orders and conduct enforcement where necessary. With the provincial government's announcement of progression through Step 1 and, as of yesterday, Step 2 of the Re-opening Plan, we are receiving far fewer complaints of violations since previous activities which may have been violations are no longer contraventions of the orders. With fewer complaints of violations, it's reasonable to expect fewer instances occurring where enforcement will be necessary.

With regard to quarantine (under the federal *Quarantine Act*, as opposed to the provincial *Public Health Act*) quarantine requirements of foreign/returning travelers to Canada have been enforced by the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency since November 2020. Prior to that, the Saskatoon Police Service did lay some charges for people failing to follow quarantine orders, up until that responsibility was transferred to the SPSA.

Additionally, SPS members have been involved with apprehending and transporting persons subject to a Detention Order (these are orders under the *Public Health Act* which have required transportation to the quarantine facility at the Saskatchewan Hospital). Prior to making any such apprehensions, a Detention Order must first be issued by the appropriate authority.

I hope this provides you with some insight into SPS enforcement efforts of public health orders to date.

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**From:** Jeremy O'Connor [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Public Health Order Concern

Hello,

I have a concern about people violating the public health orders in Saskatoon, SK. With the current system in place for reporting violations of the public health orders, the Saskatoon City Police have become lazy in responding to them. At current, they will not take a report of someone violating the orders, and will pass it off to Sask Health to deal with. I believe that this is a very passive move on the part of the Saskatoon City Police, as people are violating the public health orders in Saskatoon constantly with the attitude of: "I won't get caught, They can't prove it was me that infected anyone, no one will know the reason for me laughing is covid etc." With the province poised to reopen, is there going to be a more proactive enforcement of the public health orders, especially with those that are supposed to be isolating (or quarantined) and aren't? I would appreciate this getting looked into and a response.

Thank you very much for your time

Jeremy O'Connor