

# Saskatoon Police Service

## Case Study “Jeff”



### History:

Police have been having interactions with Jeff for several years, however noticed when he started using drugs the steady increase of police involvement. In his early twenties he had self-identified as a gang member, however once he got addicted to drugs, he was eventually not welcome with his gang any longer due to his erratic and uncontrollable behavior when he got high.

This left Jeff with no support, no family or friends and homeless. Jeff would be found sleeping in various apartment building hallways or outside in bushes or encampments.

### Outcome

Since January of 2022, Jeff has been diverted by Police at least 25 times where they avoided bringing him to police detention. However, there were 12 times where he was arrested for being high by drug and unable to care for himself and had to be taken to cells.

Police also attempted to divert Jeff’s behavior with tickets and he was issued several trespassing tickets as well as Agra tickets.

During these interactions, police could see his mental health was deteriorating. Subsequently, two mental health warrants were issued for Jeff as he was required to get injections for his mental health and had not attended to get them. However, Jeff was unable to be located during the validity of the warrants so was left unmedicated while in the community.

Jeff committed various mischief and theft charges and was always found to be intoxicated by drug when arrested for such. Police have observed Jeff become more aggressive and violent over the months and this resulted in Jeff assaulting a police officer by biting them on one occasion, spitting on them on another occasion and most recently attempting to fight them, which ended with a CEW deployment by police.

Almost all of the interaction with Jeff occurs in a high populated area of Saskatoon, causing fear and concern to passersby. Jeff’s behavior not only puts police at risk, but innocent bystanders as well as Jeff himself.

### Demographics:

- \* Male
- \* 29 years old
- \* Indigenous
- \* Homeless

### Complex needs:

- \* Drugs
- \* Mental Health
- \* Housing

### SPS INVOLVEMENT

- ◇ 12 SOPA arrests
- ◇ 8 Criminal charges of mischiefs/thefts
- ◇ 2 Criminal charges of assaulting police officer
- ◇ 1 Fail to attend court
- ◇ 2 Mental Health warrants
- ◇ 9 Trespass tickets
- ◇ 2 Agra tickets
- ◇ Approximately 25 other calls to move him along