

# Saskatoon Police Service

## Case Study “Leah”



### History:

Leah had a long history of police involvement when she was a youth and involved with the gang life and was committing petty thefts and mischiefs criminal charges.

Various police officers have had lengthy conversations with Leah about getting out of the gang life and provided partner agency options for supports to do so. Leah eventually started using drugs which subsequently showed a deterioration in her mental health.

### Outcome

Several calls from passersby have been received since January of 2022 where Leah has been found loitering in front of local coffee shops or businesses. She is found wrapped in blankets from sleeping there all night. Her behavior is alarming for people as she doesn't make sense when she is speaking, blurting out nonsensical, shocking words or sentences when people walk by. She is almost always extremely high during these encounters and experiencing a drug induced psychosis.

Leah has been banned from shelters due to her aggressive behavior and fear that she may harm someone.

Leah has become quite aggressive with people, resulting in assault and weapons charges. Break and enter and mischief charges have occurred as well, typically when she is trying to find somewhere to stay for the night.

Early this year, Leah suffered a serious injury after being assaulted but has no idea how she got hurt or who did it, due to her level of intoxication.

The most recent involvement with Leah was while she was high by drugs. She randomly assaulted 2 unknown people outside a local business and just kept walking until she was later located and arrested by police. Both victims required emergency medical care.

### Demographics:

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

### Complex needs:

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

### SPS INVOLVEMENT

- ◇ 15 SOPA arrests
- ◇ 7 Criminal charges of assault / possess weapons/ mischief/ possess drugs
- ◇ 3 Fail to attend court
- ◇ 4 Breach charges
- ◇ 3 Agra tickets