

Saskatoon Police Service

Case Study “Chad”



History:

Chad was unknown to police until recently. He was dealt with only 3 times in the year of 2022. And then in September of 2023, he popped up on their radar.

Police were called to a report of a broken window of a local restaurant. Chad had been seen on video smashing the window and made no attempts to flee. He was subsequently arrested and charged with Mischief and transported to police cells. However this would not be the last involvement.

Outcome

Two days after Chad’s arrest for mischief, police were called to another business where a window had been broken. Again, Chad was at the scene and admitted to committing the offence and also admitted to breaking glass at another building the previous night to get police attention.

While being transported to police cells, Chad shared that the reason he broke the law was that he was homeless and no longer wanted to be homeless. He shared that he unable to access social assistance as he had lost his identification and had no way to obtain new identification. And without identification he couldn’t access any shelters. He stated he decided to smash as many business windows to get lots of charges so he can stay in jail for the winter.

Chad was put in front of a Justice of Peace and released with a future court date. However, hours after his release, he attended to another business and smashed a window.

When officers arrested him this time, he apologized for the damage and shared that he did it because he was afraid of freezing to death as the nights were getting colder and he wanted to spend the winter in the correctional so he wouldn’t die outside.

Chad was sent to court for these three mischief charges and as a result has been sentenced to provincial custody.

Demographics:

- * Male
- * 28 years old
- * Caucasian
- * Homeless

Complex needs:

- * Housing
- * Mental Health

SPS INVOLVEMENT

- ◇ 3 mischief charges
- ◇ Damage to several local business