

Saskatoon Police Service

Case Study “Todd”



History:

Since January 2022, Todd has been dealt with by SPS over 120 times in the 20 month period.

During this time, he got arrested for shoplifting three times. The first time, officers let him go with a warning. Second time was for stealing a \$7.19 bottle of Listerine and the third a \$10.50 bottle of Listerine. On both occasions when Todd was arrested for shoplifting, he had just been released from police cells and immediately went looking for alcohol.

Outcome

Each time SPS dealt with Todd they would try to bring him back to his bed at the Shelter he was residing at, however he was not welcome there when he was intoxicated. As a result, the only other choice was police cells. On most occasions, Todd would ask officers to take him to police cells, as he knew he had a warm place to sleep and would receive food.

While in detention, regular cell checks are performed and Todd would always be asking for more food as if he hadn't eaten in days.

Once Todd was sober enough to care for himself, he would be released on his own accord. During the cold winter months he was often not dressed appropriately when located in public, therefore, police would provide him winter clothing when releasing from police cells. Often the jackets, toques and mitts given to Todd by police would never be seen again and he admitted to trading them for alcohol or Listerine.

The two shoplifting charges, resulted in 7 additional charges for failing to attend. Which will eventually lead to a warrant for his arrest.

Todd was a part of the MAP (Managed alcohol program) in the past.

Todd struggles with alcohol addictions and lack of appropriate housing for his needs. Todd requires assistance in making appropriate decisions for his well-being.

Demographics:

- * Male
- * 31 years old
- * Indigenous
- * Homeless

Complex needs:

- * Alcohol addiction
- * Housing

SPS INVOLVEMENT

- ◇ Countless calls for service where he was moved along
- ◇ 120 arrests for intoxication
- ◇ 2 Agra tickets
- ◇ 2 CC charges, one where he stole a \$7.19 bottle of Listerine and another a \$10.50 Listerine
- ◇ These charges above resulted in 7 Fail to attend charges