



**CONCLUDED
PROBLEM REPORT
PS-1**

Problem ID : 6

Reporting Division : WEST

District: A5

Neighbourhood : CANORA

Address:

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
1445	CST	EVANS-DAVIES	

Key Description : MENTALLY ILL YOUTH UPSETS CITIZENS

Problem Description :

PROBLEM: Mentally challenged 21 year old male continuously escaping from his group home, breaking into hair salons to satisfy a fetish for shaving off his head hair and pubic hair. In addition to this he also exposed himself in public and masturbated without concern that others were watching. RAYMOND A. was a problem for public - 22 responses in an 8 month period by tying up police resources. He was a problem for the Skills Care people who were approached to look after him by Alberta Social Services. And he was a problem to the public who had to suffer his break-ins (no restitution possible) and his indecent acts. Problem identified by beat constable studying computer printouts on RAYMOND.

Problem solving strategies and results :

The fact that RAYMOND was becoming a repetitive problem was discovered by running his name through the police computer. All 22 files were pulled regarding RAYMOND'S "adventures" and no police personnel had ever addressed any problem-solving strategies to reduce or eliminate his activities. Cst. EVANS-DAVIES had been sent off to RAYMOND'S break & enter of the Saxony Hair Stylist shop realizing that RAYMOND and his case workers needed to get together to resolve the problems. In order to prepare for a meeting, all 22 files were studied to determine RAYMOND'S patterns, likes, dislikes and what type of mentally challenged person he was. The parties required for the meeting needed to discuss RAYMOND were identified: his parents (who still had control in his well being), RAYMOND'S psychiatrist, his case workers from "Skills Training", executive members from Alberta Social Services and Cst. EVANS-DAVIES. The goal of the meeting was to identify strategies that would eliminate or at least reduce police response and public concern regarding the mischief to property and indecent exposure.

The meeting was held a few weeks later and all of the above mentioned agencies and parties attended. Some of the strategies developed at this meeting were as follows: Restrict RAYMOND'S ability to leave the group home at free will. This was accomplished by "discovering" a buzzer system that had been forgotten about in RAYMOND'S group home. Cst EVANS-DAVIES had suggested this before the meeting and it was a surprise to learn that it had always been there but never used. Now RAYMOND could not come and go without being buzzed out by a second party. Another strategy developed was to help RAYMOND "bum off" excess energy by getting him more involved in household chores and sporting events with people who were similarly affected. Finally Cst. EVANS-DAVIES suggested that RAYMOND be permitted to own his personal hair clipper so that he could shave his own head and pubic hair. This suggestion was initially met with resistance by the parents who didn't want their son looking like a "P.O.W.". However, when they fully appreciated the nature and amount of police responses they agreed to this suggestion.

Results: For 8 to 9 months after this meeting there were no police responses on RAYMOND'S account. He then flared up several times more and was charged with a mischief offence just to let Skills Training know that their vigilance had slumped. After words there were only isolated incidents and for all of 1993, RAYMOND does not appear on the police computer. Goal accomplished. RAYMOND'S activities have been drastically reduced if not eliminated thus reducing police response and public concern.