



**CONCLUDED
PROBLEM REPORT
PS-1**

Problem ID : 11

Reporting Division : DOWNTOWN

District:

Neighbourhood:

Address: 9515-105AVE

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
1771	CST	FARQUHAR	T
1857	CST	GRIMES	G

Key Description : MENTALLY DISTURBED PERSON

Problem Description:

On the 28th of January, 1994, police Communications identified a problem through the complainant at the City works yard situated at the above noted address. Initially, the problem was identified as a trespasser who was violent and simply needed to be removed from the city work yard. Cst. GRIMES and Cst. FARQUHAR were not provided any additional information or past history.

After interviews with the complainant and additional witnesses it was soon learned that the suspect in question had in fact been returning on several occasions to the work yards and exploded in anger against the city employees due to the fact that the suspect felt that he was on fire when he saw the flashing orange lights from the graders. This apparently was the situation over the past few days. In review of the above facts it is evident that the problem is in fact not a violent trespasser, but is a mentally disturbed person who is and will continue to return to the address and cause problems to the employees and the city work yards in general.

Problem solving strategies and results :

Previous response units initially addressed the problem by re-locating the suspect out of the city work yard and provide additional warnings of trespassing. Given the limited information provided this course of action was appropriate, however, additional information provided to Cst. GRIMES and Cst FARQUHAR at the time suggested a new approach was required to not only prevent the escalation of violence but also the continuance of the incident

Upon initial response Cst. GRIMES and Cst FARQUHAR arrested the suspect, given the instability and mental problems; authority was under the Mental Health Act. It was agreed to utilize the resources of mental health and in particular the emergency mental health response team. It was later discovered that the emergency mental health team was not available and secondary option of having the suspect committed under the Mental Health Act was turned down at the Royal Alex Hospital. Although all other diversionary options were only temporary in nature and thus it was decided to arrest the **suspect** on the pretence that an offence was about to be committed in relation the attempted assault that the suspect committed that initially brought the issue to police attention. The suspect was arrested and forthwith delivered to **the detention** block. It is paramount at this time to emphasize the report was minor in structure and the majority and importance was solely focused on the conditions of bail and terms of release.

Outlined in the bail section was a detailed history of mental problems, family doctor information, psychiatric doctor, etc. Further it was discussed that the criminal charging of the suspect was directed only to assist in future treatment and placement of the suspect and psychiatric evaluation at the Alberta Hospital. As a result the suspect was committed to the Alberta Hospital for evaluation and assessment

Several days later, follow-up continued with the landlord of the apartment building, which was situated across the street from the city work yards. In review of the real problem, that being: suspect felt that he was on fire when he observed the graders' orange flashing lights in the city work yard, it was decided to re-locate the suspect when he returned from the Alberta Hospital from the North side of the high-rise apartments, which faced the city work yards to the south side of the building which was sheltered. Finally the emergency mental health team was advised of the situation for possible re-location of the suspect into other programs for additional help.

To date there has been no additional request for police in respect to this problem and city workers were

contacted and updated of the situation for satisfaction purposes. This problem may have been minor in the eyes of the police, however, the city employees identified this particular incident as not only potentially a dangerous situation but also a continuous nuisance.