CONCLUDED
PROBLEM REPORT
PS-1

Problem ID: 64

Reporting Division: DOWNTOWN
Neighbourhood: CITY CENTER
Address: 100 AVE /102 STREET

Reg: 1279
Rank: CST
Last Name: STOREY
First Name: DOUG

Key Description: TROUBLE WITH MAN

Problem Description:
Area residents complained of a male transvestite who frequented the same location in front of a local night spot. This person was viewed as a dangerous menace who would lurk in doorways and had been known to bump into passers-by. Area residents were fearful of this individual.

Problem solving strategies and results:
The individual was easily identified as he was located at the prescribed spot. It was teamed he was really only a pathetic male prostitute/drug abuser and posed more of a nuisance than a danger. Area residents remained unconvinced and continued to report their concerns.

Initial intentions were to move this individual along by "strong-arm" methods, but all this really accomplished was that the subject would see the police approaching and break into a run. A more innovative approach would have to be tried.

The previously mentioned night spot/restaurant was a problem of its own. Already the subject of targeted police attention, officers had some rapport with staff. An unsightly premise with garbage lettered about open 24 hours a day, it was viewed in mind as the same dim light as the transvestite out front.

Cst. Storey suggested a mutually beneficial arrangement. In exchange for some food, shelter and some sense of belonging, the problem individual would clean the area up and down the street. The improvement in appearance was immediate.

The same people who previously saw a menacing individual now see a productive person sweeping and cleaning all along 102 Street. Complaints over his presence have ceased.