



CONCLUDED PROBLEM REPORT PS-1

Problem ID : 7

Reporting Division :WEST .

District:

Neighbourhood: CANORA

Address: 15326 STONY PLAIN RD

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
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Key Description : HOTEL PROMOTES DRUG & LIQUOR CRIMES

Problem Description:

Problem:(Between 1988 and 1990)

The Klondiker hotel was really a front for drug sales, bulk stolen meat and cigarettes, some prostitution and was unconcerned with over service of alcohol which caused a multitude of spinoff problems. A hotel not in control to make it simple. This hotel was a problem for police regarding numerous calls for service due to drunks passed out on the street, fights, and muggings of over served patrons. It was also a problem for the community at large due to the tough customers for the drug sales creating an atmosphere of fear for law abiding patrons and passers-by, the problem was identified by using police computer information and by sending informants inside to assess criminal activities.

Problem solving strategies and results :

Solving the myriad of problems required a lengthy collection of information regarding the players and their roles by identifying several informants. Twenty-one full time and part time dealers were identified, corrupt staff were identified and their methods. It became evident that the goal to be achieved was to either educate both the owners of the hotel and its staff or to target and eliminate corrupt staff who were facilitating the criminal activities and practices of over service of alcohol.

The strategies used were progressive from reactive to the more proactive. Drug dealers were initially identified, again using informants, and either arrested or their drugs were taken away from them. Corrupt staff, one manager in particular, refused to ban identified dealers from the premises indicating it wasn't their mandate. After a period of time it was realized that arresting dealers was only a temporary delay unit) another body filled the position. The next strategy was to target the shareholders and let them be educated as to what was happening in this hotel. A meeting was held with the various owners comprised of lawyers, judge's wife and local business persons. Most seemed genuinely unaware that corrupt activities were taking place and all agreed to co-operate to rid themselves of the unsavory reputation their hotel had in the community.

An important factor developed from this meeting was the fact that owners would order staff to ban known dealers and criminals from the premises utilizing sections in the Liquor Control Act that gave them that right. Dealers were identified to staff and were now out permanently - staff had no choice. The bar manager, who was collecting fees from dealers and sales of bulk stolen property was targeted and arrested 3 times for suspended driving and had to be replaced because he **was** in jail. Other staff were caught, using under cover drug squad members to make buys from them. Once dealers and their customers, over the next year (1990), were reduced, more of the older folk started coming back because the element of fear had been reduced. Beer sales actually increased 30% and the hotel found a new reason for keeping it this way. Better managers were obtained, in-house seminars were arranged for staff regarding the legal implications of over service of alcohol. Cst. EVANS-DAVIES managed to get an addition made to the Liquor Control Act that imputed liability upon licencees if they know of, or were allowing illegal activities to continue on their premises. A.L.C.B. meetings were also utilized at one point in time to re-inforce attitudes that had slackened off during the banning of drug dealers.

Results: After 2 and 1/2 years, drug dealing has been reduced by at least 90% in this hotel. Measurement of this is done by sending in informants/drug squad to make purchases. Police response is reduced by checks made with computer information. The public is happier, Cst. EVANS-DAVIES is told by several older patrons that this bar is a lot nicer to come to now because they stay longer and enjoy themselves more.