



**CONCLUDED  
PROBLEM REPORT  
PS-1**

Problem ID: 15

Reporting Division :NORTH

District:

Neighbourhood: PARKDALE

Address: 11518-80 ST

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
1296	CST	ELKOW	JAMES
1852	CST	EDWARDS	

Key Description : MENTALLY ILL SENIOR ASSAULTS WIFE

**Problem Description:**

On Saturday, 1993 September 18, the first of two complaint calls was received for the GARNER residence. The initial complaint was of a "man being held hostage by a woman". This turned out not to be the case as the complainant suffers from Alzheimers and was prone to delusion about his situation.

The next week a second complaint was received from the GARNER'S that was directly related to GARNER'S condition, which was worsening. This appeared to be a problem that if not checked would surely result in continued calls for assistance as GARNER'S condition worsened and the problems he was having at home increased. \*

**Problem solving strategies and results :**

Mr. and Mrs. GARNER have lived in the house at 11518 - 80 St. for the last 50 years. They have no relatives in the near area with one married daughter living in Prince George, B.C. Mr. GARNER is confined to a wheel chair and is 85 years old. His Alzheimers only progressively became worse in the last few weeks since August 1993. Neither of them really have a family doctor or other friends to turn to for advice.

Csts. EDWARDS and ELKOW visited the GARNERS daily for a week to help Mrs.GARNER come to terms with the situation. She wanted to have Mr. GARNER moved to a home so as to ensure better care and to free her from the pain and hazards of dealing with Mr. GARNER during his bouts with Alzheimers. She did not know what agencies were available or the routes to follow.

Mrs. GARNER was put in touch with Edmonton Board of Health of the Edmonton Home Care (455-1955) and a woman named Kathryn CAMPBELL-WILSON. Ms. CAMPBELL-WILSON next had Mr. GARNER assessed in-home by Dr. BONNYMAN and Dr. SOLMAN from Alberta Hospital. Their findings were that Mr. GARNER should be institutionalized but that it would be difficult because of Mr. GARNER'S violent swings when he becomes confused.

Mr. GARNER'S assessments were forwarded to Regional Services, who sits once a week to evaluate placements. As of 1993 October 19 Mr. GARNER was accepted for placement, however, there was a question as to which facility because of the violent behavior. The worst case scenario would result in his placement directly to Alberta Hospital.

In the interim, until Mr GARNER is taken from his home to an institution, through Home Care Services, Ms. CAMPBELL-WILSON arranged to have a care giver attend to the GARNER residence 4 hours per week.

Although a traumatic situation for both GARNERS it was realized by Mrs. GARNER that the best thing for her and her husband was that he was institutionalized. A problem that potentially could have resulted in numerous calls for assistance. In doing so a delicate family situation was eased and resolved.