



# SAFESTREETS

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## Street Stories: Social worker, PAARI connects two Everett individuals with treatment services

EVERETT - *From time to time, we'll share streets reports and successes from our police, social worker and other City staff. Today's stories come from Kaitlyn Dowd, an embedded social worker with Everett Police:*

### **Peter\*:**

While working with an individual, his mother contacted me to tell me that her son's friend, Peter, was interested in going to treatment. When I spoke with Peter on the phone, he explained that he uses heroin and meth, is homeless and is willing to go anywhere and do anything to get clean.

Peter explained that he tried getting into treatment multiple times in the past, but it never worked out. I met Peter the following day, and he shared information with me about his past, such as how he became homeless and addicted to drugs.

Peter talked about wanting to turn his life around. He said he is tired of being homeless and that he wants to be the best father that he can be. While I worked on setting up detox and treatment for Peter, I encouraged him to stop at the Everett Gospel Mission for a meal, a shower, some clothes, and a place to stay.

I was able to get Peter into detox through Providence Medical Center, where he would transition to Bella Monte Recovery Center, in Desert Hot Springs, CA, for residential treatment. We were able to do this through our partners at the [Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative](#) (PAARI) program, a tool the Everett Police Department uses to help those with addiction issues who are trying to change their lifestyle.

Peter detoxed for several days. Then Officer Shane Nelson and I picked him up and transported him to the airport where he flew to California for treatment. In treatment, Peter learned a lot about relapse prevention, working on recovery and is starting to plan for the future.

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**Sam\*:**

Sam recently came to the north precinct interested in talking with someone about the PAARI program. He spoke with Captain John DeRousse, who referred him to me to see if he was an appropriate candidate for this program.

The following week, I met with Sam and his father. Sam explained that he uses heroin on a daily basis, and is staying on his grandmother's couch and sometimes even on the street. Sam talked to me about how he started using and what his life has been like.

He said he was ready to change his life and get clean. Later in the week, Sam entered detox through Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, where he stayed for five days.

The next week, Officer Nelson and I transported Sam to the airport, where he flew to California for treatment. Sam's time in Bella Monte has him looking forward to getting back on the right track.

\*Names have been changed to maintain confidentiality.

*Learn more about the [social worker program](#). Please note that the intent of the embedded social worker program is not to circumvent established social service programs, but to assist officers in providing assistance to frequent utilizers and the chronically homeless beyond the traditional role of law enforcement. If you, or someone you know, are in need of services, please contact 2-1-1 for assistance or [visit their website](#). 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember phone number that quickly connects people with resources in their community.*

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