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Everett man thanks social worker after completing long-term recovery program

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

I first met Pedro this past summer through one of his friends, whom I was working to get into treatment. The mother of the friend contacted me and told me her son's friend, Pedro, was interested in getting his life back on track, in order to be the best father he could be.

I was able to learn a lot about Pedro, including his addictions, aspirations, and how tired he was of being homeless. I helped him get into detox in Everett, and after his release, Officer Shane Nelson and I transported him to SeaTac, where he then flew to Bella Monte Recovery Center, a long-term residential treatment facility in Desert Hot Springs, CA. We have helped connect several Everett residents with Bella Monte through the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Institute, including three since June.

People are often curious about what happens to these individuals after they get out of treatment. In September, Pedro [sent me a letter](#), which offers a glimpse into one person's experience. He writes, "I want to thank you for giving me a second chance at life. I take my recovery seriously!!"

Each person who completes a long-term recovery program will have a different discharge plan. Some decide to live in a new community close to the treatment facility and others come home to sober family supports. We have consistent communication after discharge and will assist them in getting housing and referrals to outpatient treatment, among other things.

For Pedro, he continues to stay on track for the goals he has in his future. He is doing very well, and has been clean for four months and counting. He writes, "Life won't always be easy, but facing my problems sober on learning to trust people is what I have learned here."

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[Read Pedro's letter to learn how the assistance from Everett Police and Bella Monte changed his life.](#)

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