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Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative places 15th participant in residential treatment

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:*

On Wednesday, April 19, Officer Inci Yarkut, a member of the Community Outreach and Enforcement Team (COET), transported Seth*, our 15th Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) participant to Bella Monte Recovery Center.

Seth's mother had heard about the PAARI program from a friend who regularly receives the [Safe Streets Newsletters](#). Seth's mother reached out to COET to learn more about the program, and to see if her son would be a good fit.

Shortly after that conversation, Seth gave me a call and expressed interest in turning his life around. I met with Seth while he was obtaining medical treatment, and due to EPD's close partnership with Bella Monte Recovery I was able to secure a bed for him that same day.

During my meeting with Seth he shared his story with me, including details from his childhood. I learned that at just 12 years old, Seth began using drugs, and quickly moved from codeine to marijuana, then cocaine at 14 years old.

Soon after that, he was using Vicodin, heroin, and meth. His drug use ended up damaging many of his relationships with his friends and family, leaving him on the streets with nowhere, and no one, to turn.

He lived on the streets, in various wooded areas and in abandoned homes. Throughout this time he attempted treatment four different times with various periods of sobriety.

Seth has been in intensive residential treatment for two weeks now, out of his minimum three-month stay. I have received glowing reports highlighting his positive attitude, consistent involvement with treatment sessions, and commitment to getting healthy and staying clean.

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