

Case Study - Mr Pink

This case study is based on an actual case which was tried in a BC Court. Names and details have been changed.

On June 18, 2016, at 1:14 p.m., the police observed a vehicle driven by Mr. Pink, and based on their observations the police believed that the operator of the vehicle was possibly involved in drug trafficking. A query of the licence plate was performed and the response received indicated that there was an outstanding inspection order for the vehicle.

After a period of time the police decided to stop the vehicle. The police activated their emergency lights and pulled up to the nose of Mr. Pink's vehicle. The officer then exited his vehicle and started walking towards Mr. Pink's vehicle. Mr. Pink reversed his vehicle and accelerated forward driving around the stopped police vehicle and the approaching officer.

The officer re-entered his vehicle, activated the siren and lights and he performed a u-turn. He then began following Mr. Pink who was accelerating away.

After a brief pursuit, the police pulled to the curb and shut off their lights and siren. They then watched as Mr. Pink continued driving south. When Mr. Pink reached the intersection of Canada Way and Smith, he entered the intersection without stopping or slowing for a red light. Of note is, the intersection was a major four lane thorough-fare and traffic at the time was heavy.

Once in the intersection, Mr. Pink collided with two vehicles. When Mr. Pink's vehicle came to a stop he did not render assistance to the occupants of the other vehicles; rather, he ran from the scene. The police were on the scene within moments and they apprehended Mr. Pink as he ran through a nearby lot.

The occupants of the other vehicles suffered injuries. Fortunately, the injuries were not serious.

Mr. Pink was searched and on his person the police located a folding knife.

In the vehicle the police located on the front passenger's seat a large package of drugs. Specifically the following drugs were located:

- 12.06 grams of cocaine wrapped in 58 white bags,
- 17.49 grams of cocaine and fentanyl in 39 orange bags, and
- 4.43 grams of cocaine wrapped in 45 blue bags.

The police also located four cellular telephones, \$200 cash, a baseball bat and identification in the name of Pflueger.

MR. PINK'S BACKGROUND

Mr. Pink is 23 years old and he does not have a criminal record. His parents separated when he was young, as such, Mr. Pink moved regularly between his parents. Today, Mr. Pink has

a good relationship with his mother, but he has limited contact with his father who has substance abuse issues.

It is Mr. Pink's perspective that the break-up of his parents combined with the limited contact that he has with his father has resulted in self-esteem issues. In this regard, Mr. Pink bullied children when he was in grade five, which resulted in him transferring schools. At his new school Mr. Pink associated with students who were prone to acting out.

Mr. Pink went to a Vancouver high school. He did not graduate as he needs one further class to fulfil his graduation requirements. Despite not having completed high school, Mr. Pink attended a career college. Although well intentioned, Mr. Pink was not motivated by his courses and he withdrew shortly before his arrest in 2016. At the time of his offences Mr. Pink was not drug dependent and it appears his offences were motivated by greed.

After his arrest in 2016, Mr. Pink's paternal and maternal grandfathers passed away, and then in November of 2016, Mr. Pink's paternal grandmother passed away. These individuals played a significant role in Mr. Pink's upbringing and their passing had a significant impact on him.

Mr. Pink has been on judicial interim release since July 30, 2016. As per the conditions of his release, he has been subject to a curfew requiring him to be inside his residence between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. In May of 2017, the curfew was amended allowing Mr. Pink to be outside of his residence provided he was in the company of his mother, his sister or his girlfriend.