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It appears that the two scans that Sheard underwent were improper, possibly by staff lacking adequate training. (...) In December 2019, I attended the inquest of Jeffrey Bruce Woodman, a 32-year-old Kitchener, Ont., man serving four years and eight months taking into consideration pretrial custody at Warkworth Institution, a federal penitentiary northeast of Cobourg, Ont. Woodman had overdosed on fentanyl and by the time his distress was spotted, lifesaving measures were unsuccessful. Correctional officers notified nursing staff who moved Woodman to the floor of his cell. (...) When the inquest was called over two years later, the coroner conducting the inquest granted standing to **Correctional Service Canada (CSC)** and to the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers. Woodman's family was unable to attend for health reasons, the jury was told. It was never suggested that an intervener who had knowledge of the correctional system be granted standing. The evidence painted a picture that neither the **CSC** nor the guards' union could be seen to be at fault and there were no jury recommendations for improvements to the system of drug screening. The guards' union and the **CSC** were the only parties with standing. (...)” The Lawyers Daily (2021-02-01)

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Thunder Bay jail union calls for provincial help as COVID-19 case numbers jump

The union representing staff at the Thunder Bay District Jail is calling for more support from the province as confirmed COVID-19 cases at the facility increase. Ten new cases of the virus were confirmed at the jail on Monday. Bill Hayes — president of Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 737, which represents jail staff — said as of Monday, 22 inmates and 16 staff members were positive for COVID-19. Hayes says about 21 staff in total are off work to isolate, including those who have been identified as close contacts of staff members who have tested positive. (...) CBC News

No, you won't get treatment in jail. A new website details the 'broken record' of incarceration in Ontario

Desperate for money so he could feed his drug addiction, Elliot Hudson robbed a convenience store and a gas station. He needed help, he said in a recent interview, instead he got jail. "I think a lot of people think you are going to be able to access services if you are incarcerated ... it sucks that that person went to jail but at least they are getting the help they need," he said. "That's just not true... I was flabbergasted." This is one of the misconceptions about how mental health problems and addictions are dealt with in the criminal justice system that Hudson is hoping a new website from the John Howard Society of Ontario will correct. The website, called "Broken Record" follows a 2015 report from the organization detailing how people with mental illnesses are criminalized in Ontario and the reforms needed from policing to courts to jails. The report prompted "an unprecedented outpouring of stories from families right across the province" of painful, tragic experiences with the justice system, said Jacqueline Tasca, the director of partnerships and strategic initiatives at the John Howard Society of Ontario. Snippets of some of those stories are interspersed with statistics on the website to explain how a person with a mental illness could become trapped in the criminal justice system, and how that can be exacerbated by racism, poverty and homelessness. (...) The report also stresses the need for better health care in jails, and better post-release planning - something Hudson said was incredibly challenging for him even with the support of the John Howard Society. (...) Toronto Star

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Yet another inquest

An opinion piece says "Once again, we are reading of the death of an inmate due to fentanyl overdose. CBC News is reporting on the death of 26-year-old Jordan Sheard who died at the Central East Correctional Centre (CEDC) in Lindsay, Ont. The man had a prior history of drug usage and suffered from PTSD and depression. Sheard entered the provincial detention facility on May 30, 2020, when his bail was pulled after he threatened suicide. On intake at the jail, he underwent a body scan meant to detect drugs concealed internally. Prisoners are known to try to import contraband by hiding the foreign material in their rectums, a process they refer to as "suit casing." (...) Ontario jails, like federal penitentiaries, are acutely aware of drugs entering the system. People entering correctional facilities undergo checks including metal detectors, ion detectors, drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors. In 2016, Ontario's provincial institution added body scanners costing the taxpayers \$9.5 million. Body scan images are accurate if read properly by trained staff. It appears that the two scans that Sheard underwent were improperly read, possibly by staff lacking adequate training. (...) In December 2019, I attended the inquest of Jeffrey Bruce Woodman, a 32-year-old Kitchener, Ont., man serving four years and eight months taking into consideration pretrial custody at Warkworth Institution, a federal penitentiary northeast of Cobourg, Ont. Woodman had overdosed on fentanyl and by the time his distress was spotted, lifesaving measures were unsuccessful. Correctional officers notified nursing staff who moved Woodman to the floor of his cell. (...) When the inquest was called over two years later, the coroner conducting the inquest granted standing to **Correctional Service Canada (CSC)** and to the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers. Woodman's family was unable to attend for health reasons, the jury was told. It was never suggested that an intervener who had knowledge of the correctional system be granted standing. The evidence painted a picture that neither the **CSC** nor the guards' union could be seen to be at fault and there were no jury recommendations for improvements to the system of drug screening. The guards' union and the **CSC** were the only parties with standing. (...) [The Lawyers Daily \(2021-02-01\)](#)

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Thunder Bay jail union calls for provincial help as COVID-19 case numbers jump

The union representing staff at the Thunder Bay District Jail is calling for more support from the province as confirmed COVID-19 cases at the facility increase. Ten new cases of the virus were confirmed at the jail on Monday. Bill Hayes — president of Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 737, which represents jail staff — said as of Monday, 22 inmates and 16 staff members were positive for COVID-19. Hayes says about 21 staff in total are off work to isolate, including those who have been identified as close contacts of staff members who have tested positive. (...) [CBC News](#)

No, you won't get treatment in jail. A new website details the 'broken record' of incarceration in Ontario

Desperate for money so he could feed his drug addiction, Elliot Hudson robbed a convenience store and a gas station. He needed help, he said in a recent interview, instead he got jail. "I think a lot of people think you are going to be able to access services if you are incarcerated ... it sucks that that person went to jail but at least they are getting the help they need," he said. "That's just not true... I was flabbergasted." This is one of the misconceptions about how mental health problems and addictions are dealt with in the criminal justice system that Hudson is hoping a new website from the John Howard Society of Ontario will correct. The website, called "Broken Record" follows a 2015 report from the organization detailing how people with mental illnesses are criminalized in Ontario and the reforms needed from policing to courts to jails. The report prompted "an unprecedented outpouring of stories from families right across the province" of painful, tragic experiences with the justice system, said Jacqueline Tasca, the director of partnerships and strategic initiatives at the John Howard Society of Ontario. Snippets of some of those stories are interspersed with statistics on the website to explain how a person with a mental illness could become trapped in the criminal justice system, and how that can be exacerbated by racism, poverty and homelessness. (...) The report also stresses the need for better health care in jails, and better post-release planning - something Hudson said was incredibly challenging for him even with the support of the John Howard Society. (...) [Toronto Star](#)

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