

OSINT Report: Cal Maskery (Moncton, NB)

This report compiles publicly available open-source intelligence regarding Cal Maskery, focusing on his professional work in Moncton, New Brunswick, his personal background as revealed in public testimony, and the contextual details of his criminal history.

1. Professional and Public Role

Cal Maskery is a well-known figure and faith-based social services advocate in the Greater Moncton area, focused on homelessness and addiction recovery.

- **Founder of Harvest House Atlantic (1997):** He is the founder of this long-running faith-based shelter and addiction recovery organization [1.1, 2.2].
- **Founder of Shekinah GO (Gospel Outreach) (2022):** After leaving Harvest House, he founded this non-profit, which specializes in aftercare, sober living homes, and establishing a "Modified Detox and Triage Centre" [1.2, 1.3].
- **Public Advocacy:** Maskery is frequently cited in local media, raising awareness about the growing drug crisis—particularly **crystal meth**—and the challenges faced by Moncton's shelters [1.4].
- **Community Stance:** He has publicly voiced concerns about aid programs (like CERB) potentially fueling addiction and has shifted his focus from the emergency shelter model (Harvest House) to a housing-focused, aftercare model (Shekinah GO) to prevent residents from becoming "stuck" in chronic homelessness [1.5, 1.6].

2. Personal History and Criminal Background

Maskery's personal history is the foundation of his ministry, and he openly discusses his past as a testament to the power of transformation.

- **Incarceration:** He served time at **Dorchester Penitentiary** in his early 20s, with a significant period of his youth spent "**in and out of prison**," totaling "5 out of 8 years" starting at age 17 [1.7].
- **Nature of Offenses (General):** His criminal life is described as a "**life of drug addiction, crime and prison**," including a family dynamic where his father trained him to smuggle drugs [2.2].
- **Specific Offense (Contextual):** While the specific legal charge from 1981 is not explicitly listed in public records, it is referenced as a "**violent crime**" in a parliamentary debate record related to his background [2.3].
- **Turning Point:** His life-changing religious conversion occurred while he was imprisoned in Dorchester in 1981 after watching a Billy Graham crusade [1.7].

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