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## Commander Works to Keep Homeless Out of Lockup

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CORPUS CHRISTI (Kiii News) -

Earlier this week, we told you how overcrowding is a major problem in the Nueces County Jail. Now a key Corpus Christi Police Commander has come up with a unique plan to try to minimize the number of homeless people who wind up being arrested for comparatively minor offenses.



"Its an endless cycle, so to break that we would like to educate them," says Commander Mark Scahuer. Today he spoke to homeless shelter employees and other people who work with the homeless everyday. He knows his uniform can be intimidating to people living on the street and reaching out to this group might help get his message to his target audience.

He says the police make a substantial number of arrests and issue a large number of citations to homeless individuals. Most are for nuisance crimes like illegal camping, trespassing or littering but they all add up. In fact, he claims one homeless man was arrested 50 times in the past few years.

He hopes the key points of today's "Stay Out of Jail" presentation will get to the homeless and help them better understand what they can and can't legally do.



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