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## Shattering The Stereotypes - Day 2

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In Kris Reyes' 5-part newserial we travel into the heart of some of Toronto's most notorious neighbourhoods. Kris helps us rediscover these communities, commonly defined by their crime stats, with the help of some of their favourite sons and daughters, success stories from the so-called "Hood." Shattering the Stereotypes airs on CityNews, starting Monday, February 4th.

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### Shooting Day 2

Whenever we show up at Jane and Finch in our CityNews truck, camera in tow, we often get suspicious looks. Sometimes people are even

angry. They tell us, we're only there when there's a shooting. It's not entirely incorrect. For the most part, it is the gang bust, shootings and murders that bring me, a local news reporter, to the neighbourhood. So, I understand the scowls.

Today is a different story. As part of this series, we get to see the neighbourhood through the eyes of Roger Rowe, a lawyer and community activist who proudly works, lives and raises his children in Jane and Finch. Roger loves his neighbourhood. Loves it, loves it, loves it.

I say that not to exaggerate but to give you an idea of the feeling he conveys when talking about the walking trails, the beautiful streets and the people who reside in his community. This is not the Jane and Finch you see on TV, he tells me. Check out his story next week and get a tour of the lesser-known side of the neighbourhood known for its notorious intersection.



I've posted a little interview of him talking about PEACH, a grassroots organization he's involved in and some pics of our shoot!

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