

1,000-car thief spurs public anger

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Surrey's Robert Jeremy Osborne was caught on bait-car video in June 2004.

During the half-hour clip, the 29-year-old holds a gun as he speeds recklessly through city streets, screaming "oncoming" as he plays chicken with a police cruiser.

Osborne, believed to have stolen at least 1,000 vehicles, is a drug addict police say is a risk to the public. When he was finally arrested, a provincial court judge gave him a four-year sentence. Less than 18 months after being captured, he is eligible for day parole on Dec. 1.

Province readers were outraged to discover Osborne is refusing drug treatment in prison, and police have promised to speak up at his parole hearing.