

Ginaya's Interview with Robert "Spags" Spagnuolo

The Road to Recovery

GG: What was your childhood like?

RS: I grew up in Stoneham and had a good childhood.

GG: When did you start using?

RS: In high school, at the age of 16, I started selling weed then I started using prescription pills and cocaine. When I turned 17, I started using oxycontin until I was 18 years old. When I turned 18 years old, I started sniffing heroin and selling heavier drugs. Shortly after that I started shooting heroin and other drugs.

GG: What are some of your most challenging experiences as a person struggling with substance use?

RS: Some of my most challenging experiences have been dealing with the death of my mother. It was a turning point for me and made me realize I needed to stop using drugs. After being incarcerated, I got clean and continued treatment and stayed clean.

GG: Describe your experiences with the Charlestown Drug Court

RS: My experience with the Charlestown drug court have been positive overall. I felt supported and liked knowing that I could count on people to be there for me when I needed them the most.

GG: Overall how are you doing now?

RS: Currently, I am clean and I am attending school to become a licensed plumber.

