

**Gemini Award
Winner**

A film by
Chris Triffo...

"If that's
what dads
are like,
I don't want one..."

DAD

From outward appearances, Roger seemed to have everything going for him. In the 1970's, he had a house in the suburbs, a white picket fence, a wife and four children and a bachelors degree in Business Administration.

Twenty years later Roger has been in jail more times than he cares to recall. He has lived on the streets, begging for food and money to buy drugs. Then, in 1985, he picked up a hammer and violently attacked his elderly mother. This senseless act lead to a ten year stay in a high security mental institution.

A powerful and compelling piece, *Dad* traces Roger Triffo's life from a successful family man to a street person convicted of attempting to murder his own mother. Through this documentary, Roger is confronted by his son who is hoping to get some answers to questions that have haunted him most of his life. Why did you leave the family? Why didn't you look us up over the past 25 years? Did you ever think about your family? Why did you attack your own mother?

Dad is produced and directed by **Chris Triffo** and aired on **Saskatchewan Communications Network (SCN)** and **Vision TV**. *Dad* will also air on **HBO** and **CBC Newsworld** and was produced with the financial participation of **Telefilm Canada**,



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This documentary was a very personal journey for director Chris Triffo, who explores the disintegration of his own father's life. Due to the personal nature of the subject matter, this project reveals as much about the filmmaker as it does about the subject being studied.

This film is a journey of discovery into the mind of a man who seemed to have it all, then it slipped away.



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