



**Ricky (Dirty Tricks) Atkinson** is 62. He has spent 32 years of his life in prison cells across Canada. Atkinson is the leader of the notorious Dirty Tricks Gang, responsible for the most armed bank robberies in Canadian History. Ricky's still on parole and unable to communicate with certain associates, and tries to use his past as one of the country's most nefarious to turn others away from the grip of gangs and crime. Apart from training amateur boxers and teaching children and youth pottery in his United Spirits Ceramics Studio in his native Alexandra Park Co-op, Ricky is a member of the speaker's bureau in the I Am Not Invisible African-Canadian prisoner rights campaign at Parkdale Community Legal Services.