

From: Public Testimony
To: Holly Trouville; Curls, Darrell; Willett, Nathan; MayorQ; Public Testimony; Bough, Andrea; chrispin.rea@kcmo.org; Rogers, Wes; Clerk
Subject: RE: Kratom death

Good morning members,

My name is Holly Trouville and I am writing in support of a ban for Ordinance 251028

I am writing to you as a mother who lost her only child Ty, to mitragynine toxicity, on February 6th, 2024. I am not a lobbyist, a business owner making money, nor a user. My only goal is to prevent any parent from feeling the complete and utter devastation I felt losing my only child. I am trying to prevent having a parent only be able to speak to their child, 6 feet under, in a cemetery.

Mitragynine toxicity was Tyrell's sole cause of death, with no secondary causes nor opioids in his system. And, it was ruled as only an accident(copy of death certificate included). Tyrell died from a Kratom seltzer drink that is marketed as caffeine free, sugar free, and alcohol free. He drank them at the Kava bar he would go to.

I am sure many of you have been inundated with Kratom advocates who are saying that yes there should be regulations, and even synthetic 7OH banned. Many are lobbyists or businesses who have profits to gain and see what is coming down the line. They recognize and see that states, towns, police officers, and more are seeing how dangerous ALL Kratom really is. They will say these deaths are caused from synthetic 7OH but what they won't say is that synthetic 7OH did not come into play until late 2023.

Regulation does not work, as much as people may think it does. The majority of deaths are men over 21, to regulate under 21 is futile. Due to there being no federal regulations, oversight, nor FDA approval, we do not know if mixing anything with Kratom, even something such as Benadryl or prescription medicine will give an adverse effect. There is not enough information known to say how much could be taken to prevent an adverse effect. There is no labeling saying what could cause an adverse effect. There are also no dosage recommendations on any of these packages. So when talking about selling Kratom to uninformed consumers, people who are looking for help and trusting sellers to do the right thing, that is not always happening.

Here are a few proven facts. The majority of people using whole leaf, synthetic, or 7OH are recovering addicts. You can hear it stated in almost every hearing. Why did Fell Free Wellness Tonic, one of the largest sellers of Kratom drinks, have to pay 8.75 million dollars and add a disclaimer on the back of their can stating "Individuals with a history of substance abuse are advised against use." If it is so natural, why can't you use it if you have a history of substance abuse and why does it state you should consult a physician before trying it, if you are on any medication? This should be gravely concerning to you.

You will hear people testify that veterans use it to help them with their PTSD. Then please answer this, why did the DOD ban Kratom in **ALL** armed forces? Use of it is punishable by the Uniform Military Code of Justice. That in and of itself is telling. The DOD obviously does not believe it benefits military people. I could go on and on but these are just a couple examples of how Kratom, in all forms, is being recognized as dangerous, addictive, and deadly.

I implore you to ban **ALL** forms of Kratom, natural and synthetic. You will be saving more lives than not. My view on Kratom is personal and proven. All of these people testifying that Kratom has saved their life, that is opinion only. I have yet to see one letter from a doctor stating that it has saved a life. You will not see that because a doctor will not put their stamp on that. However, I have a letter from a doctor stating that Kratom took my son's life. Death certificates do not lie, autopsy reports do not lie. My son is dead and Kratom killed him.

Please don't allow another parent to have to live the rest of their life without their child, due to a substance that if it already hasn't, will kill some of the people you represent..

Thank you and with much respect,
Holly

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CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER: 2024023663 DATE ISSUED: MARCH 28, 2024
 DECEDED INFORMATION DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 9, 2024

NAME: TYRELL NJUGUNA TROUVILLE

DATE OF DEATH: FOUND ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024 SEX: MALE AGE: 025 YEARS
 DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 29, 1998 BIRTHPLACE: LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

PLACE OF DEATH: DECEDENT'S HOME
 FACILITY NAME OR STREET ADDRESS: 3101 NORTHEAST WEST END BOULEVARD APT 14
 LOCATION OF DEATH: JENSEN BEACH, MARTIN COUNTY, 34957
 RESIDENCE: 3101 NORTHEAST WEST END BOULEVARD APT NO. 14, JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA 34957 COUNTY: MARTIN

OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY: WAITER, RESTAURANT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? NO
 EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR GED COMPLETED
 HISPANIC OR HAITIAN ORIGIN? NO, NOT OF HISPANIC/HAITIAN ORIGIN
 RACE: WHITE, BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

SURVIVING SPOUSE / PARENT NAME INFORMATION
 (NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE, IF APPLICABLE)
 MARITAL STATUS: NEVER-MARRIED
 SURVIVING SPOUSE NAME: NONE
 FATHER'S/PARENT'S NAME: PHARES MATHORE NJUGUNA
 MOTHER'S/PARENT'S NAME: HOLLY ALISSA TROUVILLE

INFORMANT, FUNERAL FACILITY AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION INFORMATION
 INFORMANT'S NAME: HOLLY A TROUVILLE
 RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT: MOTHER
 INFORMANT'S ADDRESS: 115 TENNIS PLAZA ROAD, UNIT 9, DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS 01826, UNITED STATES
 FUNERAL DIRECTOR/LICENSE NUMBER: PRISCILLA JOHNSON, F043009
 FUNERAL FACILITY: HAISLEY FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE F041314
 3015 OKEECHOBEE RD, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34947
 METHOD OF DISPOSITION: REMOVAL FROM STATE
 PLACE OF DISPOSITION: ST JOSEPH CEMETERY
 CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

CERTIFIER INFORMATION
 TYPE OF CERTIFIER: ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE NUMBER: 24190087
 TIME OF DEATH (24 HOUR): FOUND AT 1407 DATE CERTIFIED: MARCH 27, 2024
 CERTIFIER'S NAME: ADRIENNE ELIZABETH SAUDER
 CERTIFIER'S LICENSE NUMBER: ME135600
 NAME OF ATTENDING PRACTITIONER (IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER): NOT APPLICABLE

CAUSE OF DEATH AND INJURY INFORMATION
 MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT
 CAUSE OF DEATH - PART I - AND APPROXIMATE INTERVAL: ONSET TO DEATH
 a. MITRAGYNE TOXICITY
 b.
 c.
 d.

PART II - OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RESULTING IN THE UNDERLYING CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I:

AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE CAUSE OF DEATH? YES
 DATE OF SURGERY: DID TOBACCO USE CONTRIBUTE TO DEATH? UNKNOWN
 REASON FOR SURGERY:
 PREGNANCY INFORMATION: NOT APPLICABLE
 DATE OF INJURY: UNKNOWN TIME OF INJURY (24 HOUR): UNKNOWN INJURY AT WORK? NO
 LOCATION OF INJURY: 3101 NORTHEAST WEST END BOULEVARD APT NO. 14, JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA 34957, UNITED STATES
 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED:
 SUBSTANCE USE:

PLACE OF INJURY: DECEDENT'S HOME
 IF TRANSPORTATION INJURY, STATUS OF DECEDENT: TYPE OF VEHICLE:

Adrienne Sauder ,STATE REGISTRAR REQ. 2026349353

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