

I feel sorry for you Debra. I have a friend who thought it useful to campaign against the woods after their relative died in a weather related tree accident. Finding something to blame makes it easier for us to cope with the unexplained loss of a loved one. Reading your stories, it's clear that there is a chance your son has always been mentally ill. If so then your unethical use of his name and experiences to denounce what you mistakenly scapegoat as the cause is not only misrepresenting the plant cannabis, but using and abusing a person to further your own ends. If your assertion is true that he can't be trusted and will steal to fund his addiction, this would point to the use of other substances than cannabis. Cannabis itself is relatively cheap and long lasting compared to other drugs. It's well documented that people don't tend to steal to buy cannabis - that is usually the result of using more addictive, shorter acting drugs. For instance, fifteen pounds worth of cannabis can last a few days for users, whereas the same value of cocaine or pub alcohol will easily last less time than the party you're attending. It's simple economics. Your testimony sounds like the mother of a heroin addict. If that's the case, you have my sympathy, it's certainly not easy. If, on the other hand, you're just using druggy sound bites to further your misguided campaign then shame on you. Good luck, hope things improve for you...