

My Story:

Greetings.

I am a 20 year old and have smoked cannabis every day for about 4 or 5 years, while undoubtedly elements of your story are familiar to both me and some of my friends I feel a more understanding approach is necessary than that which you promote through your cannabis –the 'facts' section. 'High levels of use always lead to crime' etc...? I have sympathy for the situation both you and your son are in but I think you are quick to blame his obvious problems on weed alone, while it is clearly only going to exaggerate the problem is it not possible that there are other things going on there? I have never stolen anything in my life and wouldn't dream of doing so, especially from my family, I am also at university and have never had a problem holding down jobs. You and your lawyer husband obviously had high hopes for your privately educated son and still do as evidenced by the amount of money you have spent on rehab for him. Can I suggest that rehab probably just makes him feel like more of a freak, more separated if you will? He needs some backbone and that, needs to stand on his own and get a job be a man instead of just feeling sorry for himself. Can I suggest also you get your other sons to get jobs as young as possible to learn the value of money and the satisfaction of working for it, it will also make it a lot easier for them to get jobs when they get to Williams age.

Its not my intention to come across as being nasty towards you at all, so sorry if I have a bit there I just wanted to offer my perspective. I really do have genuine sympathy for your situation. I have a couple of friends in very similar situations, minus the stealing off your family (probably less to steal!) and the rehab at the priory, and I guess I would really like to say what I have said above to them really and I hate being stigmatised as some kind off jobless scum with piss stained trousers and a criminal compulsion because I am a heavy marijuana smoker. Peace.

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