

# Marijuana Use and Violence

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There is a clear relationship between marijuana use and violence. Violent episodes, including domestic violence, should be investigated to ascertain any connection to marijuana use. Marijuana use can also be a predictor of violence and thus preventing marijuana use can reduce and prevent violence.

Attached are a number of reports of marijuana involved mass violence - representing 1000s of deaths and 1000s of injuries. We are sure there are many more, however, data collection on the connection to marijuana use and toxicology reports are not often gathered nor made public. Each incident listed has an informational link to the relevant reports of how marijuana is involved with the perpetrator's behavior. The perpetrators of mass killings are often marijuana users or used marijuana heavily in adolescence. Exhibit 1

## US SECRET SERVICE REPORT ON MASS ATTACKS AND SUBSTANCE USE

Marijuana use is involved in incidents of mass attacks in which three or more persons are harmed that are carried out in public places within the United States. These acts violate the safety of places where we work, learn, shop, relax, and otherwise conduct our day-to-day lives. They have a devastating impact on our nation as a whole. As the insecurity they caused continues to ripple through our communities, those charged with ensuring public safety strive to identify methods to prevent these types of attacks.

To aid in these efforts, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) examined a sampling of these incidents, to identify key themes for enhancing threat assessment and investigative practices. Regardless of whether these attacks were acts of workplace violence,

domestic violence, school-based violence, or terrorism, similar themes were observed in the backgrounds of the perpetrators including 54% of the attackers having a history of illicit drug use and/or substance abuse. This abuse, which included alcohol and marijuana, was evidenced by such factors as the attacker receiving treatment for the abuse, suffering legal consequences, or having significant problems in their personal lives stemming from the abuse. Nearly two-thirds of the attackers (64%) experienced mental health symptoms prior to their attacks. The most common symptoms observed were related to psychosis (e.g., paranoia, hallucinations, or delusions) and suicidal thoughts.<sup>1</sup>

## MARIJUANA USE CAUSES MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS

Even for those who use "just" marijuana, there are serious effects on mental health, where it can trigger measurable psychotic symptoms (observable in clinical studies of purified THC) in 40% of individuals with no family history of psychosis;<sup>2,3</sup> and in regular "recreational" users, full-fledged chronic psychotic disorders at a greater rate than any other "recreational" drug, i.e. more than LSD, PCP, cocaine, methamphetamine, amphetamine or alcohol (observable in large epidemiological and register-based studies<sup>4,6</sup>). **The risk is elevated about 5-fold by regular use of high strength marijuana.**<sup>7</sup>

The elements illustrating marijuana as a causal factor for psychosis were published recently in the journal *Addiction*.<sup>8</sup> The risk for suicide attempts has been shown to be elevated 7-fold in regular users<sup>9,10</sup>, and for completed suicides, as high as 5-fold.<sup>11</sup> Identical twins studies have demonstrated a clear impact of increased depression 2-fold in the twin who uses,<sup>12</sup> and a large epidemiological



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study conducted in the U.S. demonstrated a 2.6-fold increased risk for bipolar disorder, along with an increased risk for panic disorder with agoraphobia.<sup>13</sup> PTSD patients who were marijuana users have been found to make less progress in overcoming their condition and were more likely to be violent.<sup>14</sup> All study outcomes are obviously affected by the strength of the product prevalent at the time of the study, and by the frequency of use.

A recent article in the Journal of Addiction Research & Therapy concludes:

- According to research studies, marijuana use causes aggressive behavior, causes or exacerbates psychosis and produce paranoid ideas. These effects have been illustrated through case studies of highly publicized incidents and heightened political profiles
- These cases contain examples of repeated illustrations of aggression, psychosis and paranoia by marijuana users and intoxication. Ultimately, without the use and intoxication of marijuana, the poor judgment and misperceptions displayed by these individuals would not have been present, reducing the risk for actions that result in senseless deaths.
- Important to these assertions, is that the current marijuana is far more potent in THC concentrations, the psychoactive component. Accordingly, and demonstrated in direct studies, more potent marijuana results in a greater risk for paranoid thinking and psychosis. In turn, paranoid behavior increases the risk for paranoid behaviors and predictably associated with aggressive and violent behaviors.
- Marijuana use causes violent behavior through increased aggressiveness, paranoia and personality changes (more suspicious, aggressive and anger).
- Recent illicit and “medical marijuana” (especially grown by care givers for medical marijuana) is of much higher potency and more likely to cause violent behavior.
- Marijuana use and its adverse effects should be considered in cases of acts of violence as its role is properly assigned to its high association.
- Recognize that high potency marijuana is a predictable and preventable cause of tragic violent consequences.<sup>15</sup>

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Marijuana use is associated with intimate partner violence perpetration among men arrested for domestic violence. Marijuana use is positively and significantly associated with psychological, physical, and sexual interpersonal violence perpetration, even after controlling for alcohol use and problems, antisocial personality symptoms, and relationship satisfaction.<sup>16</sup>

## MEDIA REPORTS ON MASS VIOLENCE AND MARIJUANA USE

Recently there have been a number of media reports on marijuana and mass violence and psychosis. Exhibit 2.

## THE DANGERS OF THE NEW HIGH POTENCY MARIJUANA

It has been known for 100 years that marijuana is dangerous, but it is has become that much more dangerous in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and especially since the legalized marijuana industry has been pushing very potent products that are far more powerful than in the 1970s. They can contain up to 99% THC.<sup>17</sup> The metabolites of marijuana can remain in the body for weeks.

## CONCLUSION

**The chances for becoming violent are greatest for those who begin using marijuana at a young age or continue using marijuana for many years, or use high-potency marijuana. Research concludes that persistent use of marijuana may cause violent behavior as a result of changes in brain function due to using marijuana over many years. There is a causal relationship between exposure to cannabis and subsequent violent outcomes across a major part of the lifespan.<sup>18</sup>**

**Lowering the marijuana use in this country will substantially decrease violence in America. We must do better than our current policies that often promote marijuana use.**

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## EXHIBIT 1

### SHOOTERS, TERRORISTS AND MASS KILLERS WHO USED MARIJUANA (MONTH/YEAR)

Compiled by Parents Opposed to Pot: <https://poppot.org>

Marijuana has a reputation for making people relaxed, but like any addictive substance, more and more of the substance is needed to bring the feeling. The problem of violence is most likely to arise with a young age onset of marijuana usage; heavy, persistent usage, and /or high-potency marijuana usage. While around 50% of American adults have tried marijuana, only 10-13 % of adults who use marijuana on any regular basis. Marijuana- using mass killers often stand out because of the chronic and obsessive nature of their marijuana habit. A significant number of marijuana users experience psychotic symptoms. Psychotic killers with mental illness may appear different from political and religious killers, but they often share the trait of persistent, early marijuana use.

See, <https://poppot.org/2021/03/23/weed-users-who-committed-or-attempted-mass-violence/>

The below are only the mass shootings where marijuana use was mentioned in interviews or toxicology reports. There are many others we may not know about.

Many people associate a peaceful, summer of love mentality with marijuana. Whatever peace that comes over people cannot be sustained with continued use of marijuana. In fact, many people develop anxiety after they begin using marijuana, and start using it whenever they have anxiety thinking that more marijuana will calm them. Marijuana works similarly to other addiction substances in that higher and higher amounts are required just to feel normal. Marijuana use changes the brain in such a way that people do things that they may not have done without the drug's assault on their brains.

These violent offenders who committed or attempted mass murder were allegedly marijuana users. Some of them had psychosis and had deranged, paranoid thinking which may have been triggered by pot use. Others are not so clear, but they appeared to lack a conscience or empathy. Scientific research tells us that people who have schizophrenia and use marijuana, instead of prescribed medicines, they become more violent and vengeful than they otherwise would be.

**7/4/22 Bobby Crimo of Highland Park IL** shot and killed 6 and injured about 20, in a 4th of July parade and injured many. He was described in social media by a former friend as an "isolated stoner who completely lost touch with reality." <https://twitter.com/mtracey/status/1544248652033654784>

**5/24/22 Uvalde, Texas shooter Salvador Ramos** killed 21 (19 students, 2 teachers) and injured 18. He was a marijuana user, which the New York Times first reported and then took down. <https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/urgent-the-new-york-times-has-edited/comments>

**12/27/21 - Lakewood, Colorado shooter Lyndon McLeod** took out his anger at several massage parlor owners and co-workers, killing 6 people and trying to kill more. A writer who divulged his planning in books, he appears to have been a long-time pot user because a couple who bought a house from him said he had a large marijuana grow in the house. <https://denver.cbslocal.com/2021/12/29/lyndon-mcleod-couple-home-denver-shooting-spree/#.Yc01SxrLOxo.twitter>

**11/26/21 Ethan Crumbley** allegedly shot and killed 4 students at a high school Oxford, MI. He had a troubled history with his parents who had purchased the gun for him, but were known to leave him alone for long periods of time when he was young. While no pot links to the shooter have been found, Eli Crumbley, Ethan's older half-brother who had previously worked at the same diner, was once caught with marijuana at the job and "hinted that his father and stepmother had given it to him, the diner's manager told the Daily Mail. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10281863/Neighbor-Michigan-school-shooter-15-claims-warned-authorities-neglected.html>

**11/20/21 Darrell Brooks, Jr, 39,** drove through a Christmas parade in Waukesha, WI, killing 6, including a child. He had a long arrest record including several arrests for marijuana. Was clearly psychotic at the time. On his social media pages, Brooks describes himself as a "stoner." <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/was-the-waukesha-killer-a-stoner/> "... Brooks' attorney, public defender Anna Kees, argued that Brooks was high during the incident, noting that officers who arrested him noticed he smelled of marijuana and his eyes were red and glassy... But District Attorney Susan Opper countered that all Brooks had to do was stop the vehicle, and that even if he was high on marijuana he still committed multiple crimes..." [https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10404189/Waukesha-parade-killer-Darrell-Brooks-stand-trial-murder-probable-cause-hearing-rules.html?ito=native\\_share\\_article-masthead](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10404189/Waukesha-parade-killer-Darrell-Brooks-stand-trial-murder-probable-cause-hearing-rules.html?ito=native_share_article-masthead)

**3/22/21 - Ahmad Al Aliwi Al-Issa** shot and killed 10 in a grocery store and injured 2, in Boulder, CO. He had a history of mental illness according to the family. Although they don't mention marijuana, 80% of Boulder students allegedly use it, and it may have contributed to his mental illness.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/boulder-shooter-name-colorado-gunman-b1821207.html>

**12/19 - Grafton Thomas**, who recently went after several attendees of a Hannukah dinner at a rabbi's house in New York. Law enforcement officials said Thomas was arrested before in New York and New Jersey for alleged crimes like menacing and marijuana possession. He fits the pattern of the many who commit hate crimes and use cannabis. <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2019/12/29/new-york-monsey-synagogue-stabbing-attack-grafton-thomas-greenwood-lake/>

**08/19 Connor Betts** gunned down 9 people in Dayton, Ohio. He was a heavy drug user and belonged to a band called Menstrual Munchies. His notebooks and diaries were very disturbing. His hallucinations began when he was in high school. Friend Ethan Kollie said they did hard drugs as well as marijuana and acid 4 or 5 times a week for two years. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/2-friend-gunman-ohio-mass-184347593.html>

**6/19 - Samuel Little** the US's most prolific murderer has confessed to killing more than 90 women (and admitted to 5 more in June 2019) over 6 decades has a history of burglary, breaking and entering, assault and battery, assault with the intent to rob, assault with a firearm, armed robbery, assault on a police officer, solicitation of prostitution, DUI, shoplifting, theft, grand theft, possession of marijuana, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, resisting arrest, battery, false imprisonment, assault with great bodily injury, robbery, rape, and sodomy. <https://www.thecut.com/2018/12/how-serial-killer-samuel-little-was-caught.html>

**5/31/2019 DeWayne Craddock** shot and killed 12 employees in Virginia Beach, all co-workers in his municipal office. A neighbor who was interviewed said, "Craddock was in front of his apartment with two other people, smoking what smelled like marijuana," but that was the only reference to drugs we found. He was an engineer who kept to himself. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/01/us/virginia-beach-suspect/index.html>

**5/7/2019 Devon Erickson**, one of the two shooters at the STEM High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, which killed 1 and injured 8, was a daily or near daily pot user. Toxicologist Wanda Guidry said Devon Erickson was severely malnourished because he ingested cocaine, marijuana and cough syrup nearly daily, and he suffered from long-term sleep deprivation and insomnia, The Denver Post reported. "I believe it created psychiatric symptoms... disruption in mood, behavior and thinking," Guidry said of the drugs found in Erickson's system hours after the shooting."

**2/19/19 Gary Martin** was a disgruntled worker in Aurora, IL. He was terminated and ended up by shooting 5 people. A neighbor described him as a loner, but said they sometimes smoked weed together, as reported in the Daily Beast. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/eyewitness-to-aurora-shooting-gunman-is-a-co-worker-at-henry-pratt-company>

**2/11/19 Camden Nicholson**, age 27, allegedly killed 3, his parents and their housekeeper in a gated community of Newport Beach. The best description was in LA Times in February 19, 2019: <https://www.stoppot.org/2019/02/23/orange-county-murders-horrify-friends-and-neighbors/>

**1/26/19 Dakota Theriot**, a 21-year-old from Louisiana, allegedly killed 4: his parents, his girlfriend and her father and brother. A sheriff called the Dakota Theriot case an “extremely horrific example of failed mental health system.” Five people died, but the violent outbreak follows a pattern of family murders linked to pot use and mental illness. (January 26, 2019) [https://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/crime\\_police/article\\_bef1127c-25c4-11e9-a111-8b4106437e1b.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/crime_police/article_bef1127c-25c4-11e9-a111-8b4106437e1b.html)

**1/19/19 - Gregory Gago**, 42, killed 4, used an axe to kill his 9-month old baby, his girlfriend, his mother and stepfather in Oregon. He grew marijuana on the family farm. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6613055/Man-kills-parents-girlfriend-nine-month-old-daughter-rural-Oregon-home.html>. The toxicology report showed he had methamphetamine, alcohol and marijuana in his system. <https://www.oregonlive.com/clackamascounty/2019/05/there-is-someone-else-alive-in-this-house-deputies-describe-saving-girl-from-killer-who-wiped-out-family.html/> (January 19, 2019)

**12/12/18** Strasbourg, France shooting leaving 3 dead and at least 12 wounded: Suspect, **Cherif Chekatt**, who was on terror watch list was described by neighbors as smoking too much pot, having “lost his marbles” and had a criminal activity. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/12/12/strasbourg-shooting-christmas-market-terror-suspect-run-killing/>

**11/7/18 Ian David Long**, 28, was a decorated veteran with PTSD. He killed 13 people at the Borderline Bar and night Club in Thousand Oaks, CA. For a long time we suspected he was a pot user, because his unraveling sounds somewhat similar to others with PTSD who used pot and became crazed. The DA report was recently made public and it showed that marijuana was in his toxicology report. [https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Borderline-Bar-Grill-OIS-Report-12-17-2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1BTkfn8PU1SCF2HWNHoQZEfdFZ5l4yuaiOhtYslGTd\\_uQOcK4D1tjyD](https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Borderline-Bar-Grill-OIS-Report-12-17-2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1BTkfn8PU1SCF2HWNHoQZEfdFZ5l4yuaiOhtYslGTd_uQOcK4D1tjyD)

**7/18 Faisal Hassan**, Canada: Hussain’s family said he suffered from “severe mental health challenges” and struggled with psychosis and depression. Relatives said they tried their best “to seek help for him throughout his life of struggle and pain,” but never imagined the “destructive” path he would choose at the end of his life. Canadian press is quiet about his marijuana use, but we suspect it. His brother died of a drug overdose and a sister died in a car crash. He killed two girls, ages 10, 18, and wounded 13 others. [https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/07/24/danforth-gunman-not-on-the-radar-of-national-security-agencies-safety-minister-says.html?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=SocialMedia&utm\\_campaign=930am&utm\\_campaign\\_id=Crime&utm\\_content=DanforthShooterReshare2018](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/07/24/danforth-gunman-not-on-the-radar-of-national-security-agencies-safety-minister-says.html?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=SocialMedia&utm_campaign=930am&utm_campaign_id=Crime&utm_content=DanforthShooterReshare2018)

**7/18 20-year-old Emanuel Lopes** shot and killed two: a policeman and a woman in Weymouth, Massachusetts. A heavy drug user, he posted photos of marijuana and a concentrate on his social media pages. The changes in his personality seem to have come over him at age 15, around the time he began using drugs. <https://www.masslive.com/news/erry-2018/07/1402e009c49628/who-is-emmanuel-lopes-social-m.html>

**6/18 Jeremy Webster** shot 4 people in Westminster, Colorado, with road rage believed to be the motive. He went after a woman, her two sons and a bystander. He killed the 13 year old. He was licensed to work at medical marijuana dispensary but we don’t know much more. <https://heavy.com/news/2018/06/jeremy-john-webster/>

**4/22/18** 3 a.m. (two days after 4-20 celebrations) **Travis Reinking**, the man who shot and killed 4 people in a Tennessee Wafflehouse, had mental illness and allegedly suffered from schizophrenia. (It is not clear which came first the pot use or the schizophrenia, but we know that marijuana worsens schizophrenia and compromises the treatment of the disease.) Shortly before the incident, Reinking wrote in a journal about plans to drive to Colorado, describing a life in which he would hang out with friends, smoke marijuana, hike in the mountains and “repossess” cars and houses so that he would not have to work, a prosecutor said. <https://apnews.com/article/nashville-travis-reinking-6839ec09d4c4a743bc5c31c54b918290>

**2/14/18 Nikolas Cruz, the Parkland shooter**, had a troubled life and developmental disabilities. Yet he took lots of marijuana and Xanax to quiet the voices in his head. While this doesn’t show cause and effect, marijuana didn’t help his troubles and most likely exacerbated them. He killed 17 students, injured 17, at Marjory Stoneham Douglas High School Parkland, FL At his trial, he said: “I hate drugs, and I believe this country would do better if everyone would stop smoking marijuana and doing all these drugs and causing racism and violence out in the streets.” <https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/20/us/nikolas-cruz-parkland-shooting-guilty/index.html>

**11/17 Veteran Shane Kirk** who suffered from PTSD, was using marijuana to wean himself from depression medication. Efforts to get him help from the VA failed. He shot and killed 2: his stepfather and wife in front of the three children. He had just returned from Colorado.

**11/17 Kevin Neal** a pot farmer in Northern Cal shot his wife, neighbors then went on a rampage in Red Bluff, CA shooting and killing 4, hitting a total of 14 people including children at a school. (Had history of psychosis and mental illness. The toxicology reports that only THC was in his blood.

**11/17: Devin Patrick Kelley** shot 36 people – killing 26 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. The toxicology report showed presence of marijuana. He may have had a criminal arrest for marijuana possession in 2013, although the source is not clear. He was court-martialed from Air Force in 2012, following assaulting his spouse and child. <https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/texas-church-shooting/autopsy-confirms-sutherland-springs-church-gunman-died-suicide-n888051>

**10/17 Malik Murphy**, aged 20, murdered 2: his brother, Noah, 7 and his sister, Sophia, 5, as the family was sleeping, in Colorado Springs. Murphy and his father Vinnie then got into a fight. As Malik tried to stab his father, another brother called 911. One of the first reports of his erratic behavior: “The parents pinpoint a specific day at school when Malik was 16. Melissa (the mom ) says he found a cell phone and instead of returning it to the lost and found, he destroyed it. School officials searched his backpack they found a kitchen steak knife, a little bit of marijuana, and a Bic writing pen he had taken to use to smoke the marijuana

out of it. <https://www.kktv.com/content/news/Parents-of-son-who-murdered-his-two-younger-siblings-speak-out-461188133.html>

**7/17 Cosmo DiNardo**, a 20-year-old man lured four other young men to his farm where he grew pot in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of selling marijuana to them. He killed all 4 of the men, ages 19-22 and buried them on the property. A year earlier he had been in mental health treatment for schizophrenia. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/17/us/bucks-county-pennsylvania-murders-cosmo-dinardo.html>

**6/17 James Hodgkinson** went from Illinois to Alexandria, Virginia, to protest. He shot at a baseball practice with Republicans, severely wounding Congressman Steve Scalise and four others. A Bernie Sanders supporter with domestic violence/anger issues, he advocated for the legalization of marijuana (suggests but doesn't prove he was a user) in the Press. <https://heavy.com/news/2017/06/james-hodgkinson-alexandria-gop-baseball-shooter-shooting-gunman-identified-illinois/>

**5/17: Salman Abedi** the Manchester England bomber had calls about his erratic behavior made around five years before the bombing to Police after Abedi left school, where he was known to have been a marijuana user mixed with gangs in south Manchester. He killed 22 people. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/26/everything-know-manchester-suicide-bomber-salman-abedi/>

**5/17 Jeremy Christian** knifed and killed 2 men who were defending the Muslim women he was attacking on public transportation in Portland, Oregon. He had declared his love for cannabis and comic books on Facebook. Christian's behavior was consistent with marijuana-induced psychosis. His psych evaluation showed no consistent ideology but his only goal was to be a cannabis farmer in Brazil. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfNcOguWsPzGIHYErvUUSXQen7A1ly4c/view>

**5/17: Richard Rojas** was a troubled man, veteran, with a history of drunken driving bolted from his maroon Honda Accord after his deadly midday rampage in Times Square that left one person dead and 20 others injured. He later told another officer, "I smoked marijuana. I laced the marijuana with PCP," according to the complaint. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4522752/Troubled-history-Times-Square-driver-Richard-Rojas.html>

**10/16 Steven Bourgojn**, 36-year-old victim of PTSD. He felt he needed marijuana to be calm, but had a psychotic break. One day he sought but couldn't get psychiatric help in Vermont. He was speeding on a highway, going the wrong way. He killed 5, and the toxicology report showed large amount of THC in his system. <https://vtdigger.org/2017/11/28/driver-crash-killed-5-teens-elevated-thc-toxicology-report-shows>

**9/16: WA Cascades Mall Shooter Arcan Cetin** opened fire on random people and killed 5. He blamed cannabis for his behavior. He was only 20, used marijuana and drugs in HS and suffered from PTSD. <https://komonews.com/news/local/accused-mall-shooter-faces-murder-charges-bail-set-at-2-million>

**9/16 Nathan Desai** opened fire at a Texas mall. He shot and injured 9. He had fallen apart after the collapse of his law firm and neighbors noticed heavy smell of marijuana from his apartment. Fortunately, none of his victims died.

<https://ninjapundit.blogspot.com/2016/09/nathan-desai-disgruntled-lawyer-houston.html>

**7/16 Mohammed Bouhlel**, murdered 86 people on July 14, 2016. He plowed into the crowd with a truck on Bastille Day in Nice, France, on the Promenade des Anglais while people celebrated the national holiday. He used very strong cannabis while in high school and had his first psychotic break at age 19. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/nice-massacre-monster-mohamed-bouhlel-8436103>

**7/16** A Japanese man stabbed and killed 19 disabled people at facility in Japan. His name was **Satoshi Uematsu** [https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/08/national/crime-legal/sagamihara-massacre-suspect-tests-positive-marijuana-sources/#.Wy\\_WEyAnaUk](https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/08/national/crime-legal/sagamihara-massacre-suspect-tests-positive-marijuana-sources/#.Wy_WEyAnaUk) He had been alternately diagnosed with bipolar disorder and marijuana-induced psychosis.

**6/16 Omar Mateen** Orlando night club shooter admitted to using marijuana and steroids. Clearly his anger and behavior problems went beyond pot use and went back to a very young age, including an incident in second grade when he sang "marijuana, marijuana" in school, instead of "mariposa, mariposa." He killed 49 people and injured 53. (The two ABC News reports we used for this information is no longer available online.)

**11/15: Brahim Abdeslam**, leader of the bombings at the Bataclan Night Club in Paris was a known marijuana user whose wife said it made him lazy. He and his brother used drugs in his café in Molenbeek Brussels, which was overrun by the smell of marijuana. The attackers killed 130 people, including 90 at the Bataclan theatre. Another 416 people were injured, almost 100 critically. <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/paris-terror-attacks-ex-wife-of-suicide-bomber-calls-him-a-lazy-pothead/E3HO7P7OV5TJEBN7E35JK5EK4E/?cid=2&objectid=11547260>

**11/15: Robert Dear, Planned Parenthood gunman** in Colorado moved to CO from North Carolina for marijuana. He shot and killed three people. Forensic psychiatrists declared him unable to stand trial. <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/02/us/robert-dear-planned-parenthood-shooting.html>

**10/15** Only 3 weeks earlier, another Colorado Springs shooter named **Noah Harpham** suddenly went psychotic and killed 3. His family was trying to get him into treatment. Marijuana was the only drug in his toxicology report. He suffered from both marijuana and alcohol addiction, and marijuana put him into psychosis <http://www.westword.com/news/noah-harpham-killings-police-explain-10-minute-response-delay-after-first-911-call-7306531>

**8/15: Jody Herring**, lost custody of her child because she was erratic and tested positive for THC. She said she took THC pills for pain. She shot and killed a Vermont Social worker and 3 others who were her relatives.

**7/15:** Chattanooga TN shooter **Mohammad Abdulazeez** killed 4 Marines and a sailor, was a heavy user of marijuana. He had been diagnosed as bipolar. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/chattanooga-shooter-an-aimless-young-man-who-smoked-dope-and-shot-guns/2015/07/18/c213f6a6-2d7d-11e5-a5ea-cf74396e59ec\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.9081f0e035fb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/chattanooga-shooter-an-aimless-young-man-who-smoked-dope-and-shot-guns/2015/07/18/c213f6a6-2d7d-11e5-a5ea-cf74396e59ec_story.html?utm_term=.9081f0e035fb)

**6/15** Tunisian beach shooter **Seiffeddine Rezgui**, 23, killed 39 tourists on the beach, many of them British. In addition, he injured 36. According to British journalist Peter Hitchens, he was a cannabis user. <https://hitchensblog.mailonsunday.co.uk/2016/07/is-the-latest-mass-murder-really-incomprehensible-.html>

**6/15** **Dylann Roof** who shot and killed 9 members of a church in Charleston, South Carolina, was an early marijuana user at age 12, and did other drugs. He was diagnosed with schizophrenia. <https://www.wlox.com/story/35435134/new-dylann-roof-documents-unsealed-just-a-sociopath/>

**3/15** **Robert Durst** arrested – killed 3 or 4 people, including his wife and Susan Berman, a confidant who knew his history. The incidents happened over several years and he always used marijuana. He is a wealthy guy who always evaded police and a true psychopath. <https://nypost.com/2015/03/17/robert-durst-had-pot-38-caliber-revolver-when-he-was-arrested/>

**1/15** **Charlie Hebdo murders**. A Charlie Hebdo massacre suspect was a pot-smoking, pizza-delivering “loser” before joining the terror group. They killed 12 people and injured 13. <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/charlie-hebdo-massacre-suspect-pot-smoking-loser-lawyer-article-1.2070082>

**1/15** In South Africa, 20-year-old **Henri Van Breda** murdered his wealthy parents and brother with an axe. His 16-year-old sister survived an attack with brutal head and neck injuries. Initially, Henri, the guilty son, claimed to have been attacked, and that he was not the attacker. Investigations led to the fact that the son was high at the time. He’s now in prison. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2954720/South-African-student-survived-triple-axe-murder-family-high-drugs-time.html>

**10/14** **Jaylen Fryberg** shot four friends in high school cafeteria and turned on himself. His Twitter account exposed that his girlfriend broke up with him because of his marijuana use which she thought pot made him stupid. He admitted that he would need to smoke a whole lot of weed to get over her breaking up with him. <https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/marysville-school-shooting/washington-school-shooter-jaylen-fryberg-happy-popular-students-n233506>

**10/14** Ottawa terrorist **Michael Zehaf-Bibeau** shot and killed one security officer before he was killed. He had extensive drug history which included much marijuana, as well as PCP: <http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/alleged-ottawa-shooter-apparently-had-criminal-past-in-quebec-was-repeatedly-brought-in-on-drug-charges>

**4/14:** **Richard Kirk**, Colorado father of 3, shot his wife in the head while she is talking to the 911 operator. She explained on the phone that he had eaten a marijuana-laced candy and wanted her to kill him. The defendant was clearly influenced by marijuana-induced psychosis. <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/may/11/family-sues-marijuana-dispensary-murder-colorado>

**2/14** **Ashton Sachs** drove from Seattle to southern California to murder his parents. He tried to murder his brother but left him badly injured. A heavy marijuana user, he had made previous suicide attempts, but blamed his parents for messing up his life. He was supposed to be

attending community college in Seattle. Instead of going to class, he smoked pot and played video games. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3842272/Orange-County-man-murdered-wealthy-parents-paralyzed-eight-year-old-brother-shooting-attack-luxury-family-home-sentenced-life-prison.html>

**2014, 2013, 2003** **Charles Severance**, a man who murdered 3 people in Alexandria, Virginia, by showing up at the doors in daylight, was a frequent political candidate and advocate for legalizing marijuana since the 1990s. <http://alexandria.wusa9.com/news/news/1199171-who-charles-severance>. The murders took place between 2003 and 2014. He clearly suffered from mental health issues and psychosis consistent with years of marijuana use. <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/accused-serial-killer-charles-severance/63218/>

**1/14:** Mall in Columbia (MD) shooter marijuana user **Darion Aguilar** killed 2 and then himself. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/2014/01/29/a936f5ca-8932-11e3-a5bd-844629433ba3\\_story.html?\\_ddid=6-1641336960](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/2014/01/29/a936f5ca-8932-11e3-a5bd-844629433ba3_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-killing-2-people&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-killing-2-people&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-killing-2-people&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-killing-2-people)

**4/13:** Boston Marathon bombing, both **Tsarnaev brothers** were heavy marijuana users. They killed 3 people and injured 264. After the incident, it was discovered that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was probably connected to the murders of two men, former friends who bodies were covered in marijuana. <https://www3.bostonglobe.com//Page/Boston/2011-2020/WebGraphics/Metro/BostonGlobe.com/2013/12/15tsarnaev/tsarnaev.html?arc404=true>

**12/12:** **Jacob T Roberts** in Clackamas Town Center OR killed 2 seriously injured 1 and then killed himself a chronic marijuana since age 16. [https://www.oregonlive.com/forest-grove/2013/05/clackamas\\_town\\_center\\_shooting.html](https://www.oregonlive.com/forest-grove/2013/05/clackamas_town_center_shooting.html)

**7/12:** Aurora, Colorado theater shooter, **James Holmes**, was a heavy marijuana user. As the New York Post reported, a neighbor said that he would see him smoking pot by the garbage bins of apartment complex. <https://nypost.com/2012/07/21/massacre-suspect-trolled-web-for-sex/#ixzz21GlfpdV>. It happened the summer before the vote to legalize, but Coloradans still voted to legalize and didn’t seem to notice the connection. He killed 12 and injured 70.

**1/11:** Tucson Massacre convict **Jared Loughner** was a habitual pot user. He failed a recruitment in the military because of excessive pot use. He killed 6 people and injured 9, including Rep Gabby Giffords. <http://content.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2041634,00.html>

**3/10:** Pentagon shooter **John Bedell’s** had a history of mental illness and marijuana abuse. He was given a medical marijuana card when it was bad advice. [http://voices.washingtonpost.com/postpartisan/2010/03/the\\_pentagon\\_shooter\\_and\\_medic.html](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/postpartisan/2010/03/the_pentagon_shooter_and_medic.html)

**5/06** **Michael Kennedy**, 18, ambushed a police station in Chantilly, Virginia, shooting several rounds and killing two police officers. His father, was a marijuana user and gun collector who gave his son marijuana. A heavy pot user, the son Michael was very erratic and crazy. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/07/AR2007080700885.html>

**3/21/05** Red Lake Shootings, killed 7 and injured 5 more. It was posted on social media that **Paul Weise**, the 16-year-old school shooter was a marijuana user. He was a member of the Red Lake Tribe and it occurred on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red\\_Lake\\_shootings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Lake_shootings)

**7/96 Eric Rudolph**, the first abortion clinic terrorist was discharged from army for marijuana use. He killed 2 and injured 120 others. <https://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/01/us/suspect-in-96-olympic-bombing-and-3-other-attacks-is-caught.html>

**4/96 Timothy McVeigh**, the Oklahoma City bomber, killed 168. He was known to be a marijuana user, a vet and man with strong anti-government ideology.

**1/93** The Brown's Chicken murders in Palatine, IL killed 8 people. **Juan Luna and Jim Degorski** smoked marijuana afterwards. "A woman reported that they drove to her Elgin townhouse where she said the trio smoked marijuana and split the money the men said they had taken from Brown's." Another article says they "smoked a couple of bowls" after the murders. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2002-06-09-0206090449-story.html>

**10/91 George Hennard** who drove a pickup into Luby's cafeteria in Killeen, Texas, and then shot people, killing 23 and himself. He had a previous marijuana arrest in 1989 and underwent substance abuse treatment. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luby%27s\\_shooting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luby%27s_shooting)

**1984-1985 Richard Ramirez** was convicted of murdering 13 in California. He began smoking marijuana at age 10 with an older cousin who filled his mind lurid stories idealizing violence. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Ramirez](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Ramirez)

**1984 Suzan and Michael Bear Carson** were convicted of 3 bizarre murders on "Murder Mountain" in California. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/witch-killers-family-keep-them-in-jail> Michael was a stay-at-home marijuana dealer in suburban Phoenix with a degree in Chinese philosophy. His daughter said: "No one could have foreseen this." Typically, your Jewish father doesn't convert to Islam, then to radical Islam, and change it to some weird religion where they grow pot and kill gays.

**1983 Bruce Blackman**, a Canadian, killed 6 family members in 1983 while high on marijuana, and having psychotic break. He was a heavy user for several years possibly triggering his paranoid schizophrenia. According to court testimony Blackman was on an intense stone from eating and smoking marijuana. Bruce Blackman, British Columbia, killed 6 in his family, on an intense marijuana psychosis, 1983 [https://www.reddit.com/r/TrueCrime/comments/5ggm3c/bruce\\_blackman\\_familicide/](https://www.reddit.com/r/TrueCrime/comments/5ggm3c/bruce_blackman_familicide/)

**1978** Stephan, the son of **Jim Jones**, who led 400 to suicide at Jonestown in Guyana, confirmed that Jones used LSD and marijuana. [https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim\\_Jones](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Jones)

## EXHIBIT 2 - MEDIA REPORTS

See the story on June 1 about pot psychosis and denial. <https://video.foxnews.com/v/6307173357112/#sp=show-clips>

See the story on May 31 on marijuana and mass killings. <https://www.mediamatters.org/fox-news/laura-ingraham-blames-marijuana-mass-shootings>

Here is the video of an interview with Dr. Daniel Amen a Child Psychiatrist. Dr. Amen mentions the brain damage caused by marijuana. <https://twitter.com/UnfilteredOnFox/status/1530723097086763009?fbclid=IwAR0E6FGW17sB66IHnoBDzwcY-NNli-OSxp2Ld-zb1266DKpHPfS7aBaOIIe>

Alex Berenson who has appeared on national media has written a book that documents that marijuana causes psychosis and violence. <https://video.foxnews.com/v/6078145753001#sp=show-clips>

His book is available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/Tell-Your-Children-Marijuana-Violence/dp/1982103671>

See, "Chronic Marijuana Use and Violence - Linked?" <https://amac.us/chronic-marijuana-use-and-violence-linked/>

See, "Blame Legalized Marijuana for Increased Mass Shootings" <https://cloudflarepoc.newsmax.com/ronaldkessler/booker-harris-sanders-thc/2022/06/01/id/1072447/>



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