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## **Marijuana and Psychosis**



### **MENTAL HEALTH, TESTIMONIES - SEEING SIMILAR PATTERNS**

... Before my son had his first psychotic episode in 2009, he suffered a terrible knee injury in a boating accident that same year. It required knee surgery and 9 months of physical rehab. **It's likely that Ryan started using a lot more marijuana to treat "pain" just as the medical marijuana advocates suggest - without giving any regards to proper dosing, strength and time intervals that a pharmacy is required to give.**

He was living with his fiancé at the time, so we were not aware of this choice, or that **he had already been using marijuana for about three years. The accident, surgery and pain were the perfect excuse for him to use a lot more marijuana-plus he wouldn't take the pain meds because they gave him nausea.** Pot was apparently the treatment he chose, but we didn't know it.

**So the pattern emerges-using marijuana for a few years, increase the usage for "medical" reasons (in this case an accident followed by surgery and pain), and, then at some point - psychosis. Read more**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

OPPOSE the legalization of marijuana and the expansion of medical marijuana.

Go to [www.ilcaaaap.org](http://www.ilcaaaap.org) for additional information on the problems and harm of marijuana.

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