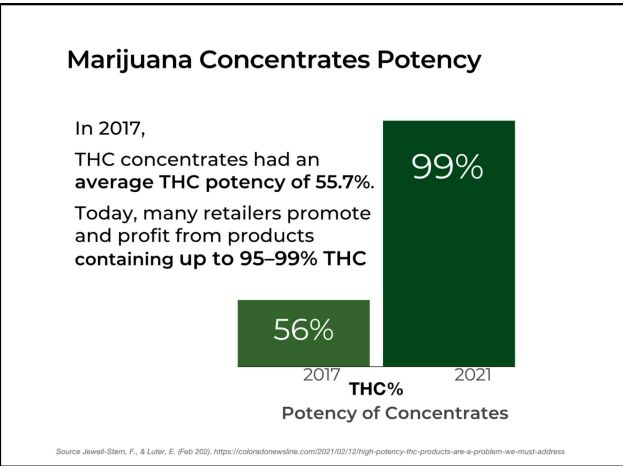
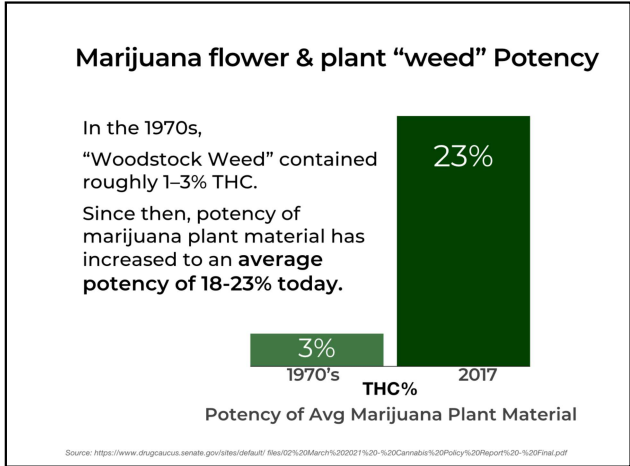




- **Randy Michael Bacchus – Forever 21 years old**
- Died by suicide and was in **Cannabis Induced Psychosis**
- Started smoking at the **age of 15, high potency THC** products
- Diagnosed with a **Cannabis Use Disorder** by the time he was 16.
- First psychotic break at 19.
- Hospitalized in April of 2021 for suicidal ideation and plan
- Put on a 5150 hold
- Released after 24 hours; no beds available
- Had a registered gun; never in trouble with the law – the system is broken
- Always held a job although that got tougher and tougher as days went by.
- When he took his life, he had low levels of THC in his system; evidence he was trying to quit.
- The impact of marijuana continues even when users stop using it – it changes (damages) their brains.

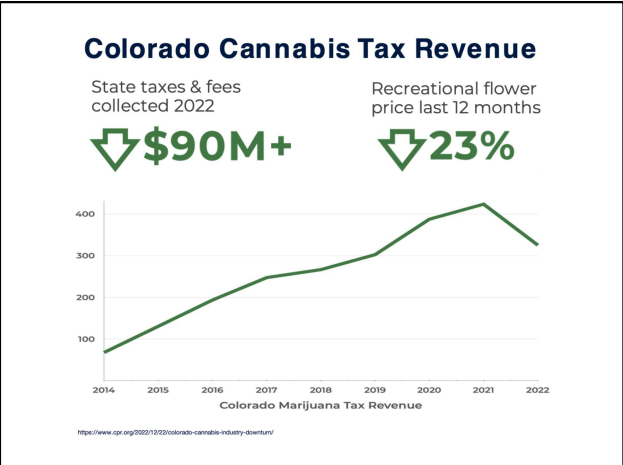


Marijuana is involved in more than **one of every four roads deaths** in Colorado

A study found that nationwide legalization would be associated with 6,800 excess roadway deaths annually

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Source: “Roads: Marijuana High Increases Drug Trafficking, Study” (February 2018). The legalization of marijuana in Colorado. The impact. <https://www.ccr.org/2018/02/20/roads-marijuana-high-increases-drug-trafficking-study>. © Center for Crime and Justice, 2018. Change in traffic fatality rates in the first 4 states to legalize non-medical marijuana. <https://www.ccr.org/2018/02/20/roads-marijuana-high-increases-drug-trafficking-study>



Tax Revenue vs Reality

For every \$1.00 brought in by marijuana state tax revenue

\$4.50 is spent to mitigate effects of legalization (societal costs)

Source: Economic and Social Costs of Legalized Marijuana (Study), Nov 2018, by Center for Crime and Justice <http://www.ccr.edu/centerforcrimeandjustice/marijuana-costs/>

Marijuana companies specifically target young people

Since 2017, Colorado's marijuana use among those **aged 15 or younger has increased 14.8%**

15%

5x Youth who are exposed to marijuana marketing on social media are five times more likely to use marijuana.

Source: Jewell-Stern, F., & Luber, E. (2021, February 12). <https://coloradonewsline.com/2021/02/12/high-potency-thc-products-are-a-problem-we-must-address>

Marijuana use among Adolescents

From the 2021 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Monitoring the Future Survey

7.1%



8th Graders

17.3%



10th Graders

30.5%



12th Graders

Source: <http://monitoringthefuture.org/data/21/data/tab162.pdf>



280,000
young adults ages 18-35:

Cannabis use was associated with increased risk of thoughts of suicide, suicide plan, and suicide attempt



(regardless of whether someone was experiencing depression).

Source: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/new-releases/cannabis-use-may-be-associated-suicidality-young-adults>

One study found cases of Cannabis Use Disorder in young people in “legal” states grew 25% following legalization.



Source: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/new-releases/cannabis-use-may-be-associated-suicidality-young-adults>

The Impact of Adolescent Cannabis Use, Mood Disorder, and Lack of Education on Attempted Suicide in Young Adulthood
- World Psychiatry, Oct 2014



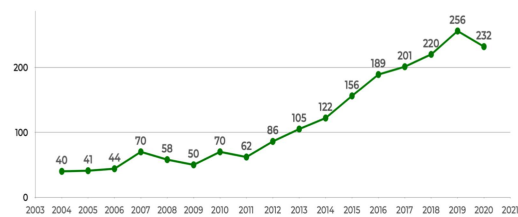
700 teens ages 12-15:

Marijuana use in those who weren't depressed before increased the risk of suicide attempt 7.5-fold

Any use on cannabis in the early adolescent period is a strong independent predictor of attempted suicide in young adulthood.

Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4219077/pdf/wps0013-0222.pdf>

Colorado Suicides with Marijuana Present



Number of suicides in which Marijuana was present by year

*counts of less than 3 are suppressed.
Dept of Public Health, Colorado Suicide Statistics: <https://dph.cobacko.gov/colorado-suicide-statistics>

Contributing Factors to Marijuana Dependence and Mental Illness

1. Age of Onset
2. Frequency of Use
3. THC Potency



Today's products – a designer drug available in many forms and appealing to youth.