

How ironic that today August 21st is National Fentanyl awareness day. I would like to speak about what this poison that ~~you~~ dealt to Shannon has taken from us.

Shannon Mulligan was a smart beautiful kind soul her smile lit up any room she walked into. Shannon was an honor roll AP student as well as a varsity athlete in high school. Shannon was a granddaughter, my daughter, a sister and most importantly a mother to beautiful Aria. Shannon was also a rape survivor and endured domestic abuse at the hands of Aria's father. Shannon turned to substances to numb and hide her pain. Shannon voluntarily went to treatment to overcome this demon. ~~the~~ Sydney Dahamni knew this but that did not keep ~~you~~ from contacting her with your product. Who does that? And then you post a tribute on her facebook when you knew she died from it!

Shannon was doing so well she was happy sober and looking forward to beginning anew. She planned to finish her associates with only needing a few more classes to complete it and then transfer to get her Bachelors degree. So many hopes and dreams destroyed.

I now live with the vision of my beautiful daughter kneeling next to her bed in the praying position going to her finding her stiff and saying Shannon Shannon as I moved her to the floor her blue eyes wide open that is a vision no mother should have to endure. Every minute of every day I have a hole in my heart an actual physical ache it is only known to a parent who grieves. Grief never leaves you it is with you every minute of every day. It is an undescrible pain that you feel like a hole in your heart. The only person who truly understands this pain is a parent who has felt this. Our lives are forever broken.

After Shannon was taken from us absolute fear overtook our entire family. You see Aria and Shannon lived with me and now what would happen to Aria. DCF came in never taking Aria from us and with the grace of God we were able to adopt Aria in October of 2022 when her bio dad's rights were terminated.

~~Your~~ actions took away not only Shannon's future you took away Aria's future with her mother and our entire family. I am now raising Aria along with Chris, Eli, and Micheala. We are fulfilling the parent role that Shannon should be here for. Aria will never experience the healing touch of her real mother again. She will suffer the rest of her life with the lost she has been dealt. ~~You~~ took away our ability to just be grandparents.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Officer Bonin for investigating Shannon's death and the District Attornies office for bringing charges against you. This small piece of justice today will prevent you from hurting anyone else. Shannon's death will not be in vain. I hope this case may set precedent so that we can bring judicial change with tougher penalties and sentencing guidelines to keep dealers like you of the street and hold them responsible for their actions. My faith in God will continue to guide me in this journey. Isaiah 54 verse 17 NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME SHALL PROSPER

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