SHOOTERS, TERRORISTS AND MASS KILLERS WHO USED MARIJUANA

(MONTH/YEAR)

by Parents Opposed to Pot

Many people associate a peaceful, “summer of love” mentality with marijuana. Whatever peace comes over people is not long lasting, as many people develop anxiety with much pot use. In the long run, use changes the brains in such a way that people do things 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.

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..."
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 marij-ana, 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


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


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=IwAR1BTkfN8PU1SCF2HWNHoQZEfzfZ5l4yuaiOhhtYoGTd_uQOk4D1tjydY

7/18 Faisal Hassan, Canada: Hussain’s family said he suffered from “severe mental

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 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-ropes-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 tons of marijuana and tons of 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. 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


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/1PfNc0guWsPzGIHYEvUUSXQen7A1ly4c/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 Bourgoin, 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 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


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
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 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/?c_id=2&objectid=11547260


10/15 Only 3 weeks earlier, another Colorado Springs shooter named Noah Harpham suddenly went psychotic and killed 3. 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

6/15 Tunisian beach shooter Seifeddine 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-im-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 murderers, the Kouachi, particular Cherif, sat around and smoked
pot all the time, according to one of the ex-wives. They killed 12 people and injured 13. http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/charlie-hebdo-massacre-suspect-pot-smoking-loser-lawy-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

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

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

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/#ixzz21GIfpvdV 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 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メディ.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

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


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—especially how weird it got. 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/

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