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I have an amazing 24yr old son who is kind, compassionate, intelligent, and driven. He is also Bipolar. Through 4 manic/psychotic episodes over the last 5 years, we've come to understand that THC usage renders his medications ineffective - leading to mania.

When he is manic he becomes a monster that we barely recognize. He experiences extreme grandiosity - believing he is God, or a rap star here to save the world through music. He believes that he, Elon Musk, and China are the preeminent world powers. He suffers from catatonia which causes him to be 'stuck' in a place unable to move. He believes he is containing immense energy and if he moves from his spot an airplane will be zapped out of the sky killing hundreds of people, or a child who has become attached to him will be injured. The fact that he suffers through this gives insight to his internal struggle - the kind person he is, fighting against the mania.

The episode we are currently suffering through has lasted for 6 months. He has isolated himself from all his friends and has become increasingly violent. We've had to hide all the kitchen knives to protect the family. He verbally abuses family members, especially his mother, and has physically assaulted his parents multiple times.

Despite multiple police calls we've been unable to get him committed to get the help he needs - in part because he is able to mask his symptoms for brief periods of time - allowing him to appear to NOT be 'an imminent threat to himself or others' when he interacts with officials.

He totalled his car on 3/21 by hitting a curb/sidewalk while whipping a spontaneous u-turn. Luckily no one was walking on the normally busy sidewalk at the time - or this story would be very different. This was the 4th time he has wrecked his car while manic.

We instigated the two party civil commitment process about 2 weeks ago. In case you are not aware - 2 things will cause a civil commitment to be dismissed. 1) if the person does not show up to court, and 2) if the person is not properly served the summons to appear in court.

The Marion County Sheriff no longer serves civil commit summons, so I had to serve papers to my own son. This caused a huge blow up and needlessly endangered

both his mother and I. Feedback from both the deputy DA and PCC Investigator is that not being served papers causes a large number of civil commit cases to be dismissed.

This issue needs to be addressed along with the other complimentary bills put forth with HB-2467.

We were scheduled to go to court on Monday 3/31. That morning, I went to the Keizer Police Department to ask for help in getting my son to court. I was told with great compassion that their hands were tied and they could not help. When it was time to leave, my son became violent and assaulted me. We called 911. When officers responded, he kicked out a 2nd story window and jumped from the roof to the cement driveway some 10ft below, injuring his ankle. As he walked down the street he seethed, "I'm gonna fucking pop you in the head".

After some struggle, officers handcuffed him and took him to the ER where he was held and transferred to the secure psychiatric ward. He was assigned an attorney who advised him to take diversion - a voluntary 14 day stay after which he will be released.

We were advised by the PCC Investigator not to fight this because every day he is back on meds allows him to better mask his psychosis - increasing the likelihood the judge will set him free on the spot should we continue with the civil commit process.

We hope that this will be enough time to stabilize him - but it feels like we are still dancing on the brink of disaster waiting to become the next in a long line of tragic stories resulting from our broken system. Please help us and pass HB-2467.