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In Support of SB1075 / HB1245

Victoria and Scottie's Law – Death by Distribution

Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Bodily Injury or Death

On Thursday morning March 1 2018, I went in my son's bedroom to wake him for work and found him cold, pale and with blue lips. I immediately called 911. I was instructed to start CPR with chest compressions, which my brother did until the paramedics arrived. While I was on the phone with 911 operator asked me if I had Narcan which I did. I was told to squirt it into each of his nostrils. I did as instructed. I knew my son was already dead, as it just ran back out. Once the paramedics arrived within a few minutes he was pronounced deceased. I talked to the detectives handling his case and told them that I had a first name and location of the drug dealer. Also Devin's phone was confiscated, it was locked. Since I being the primary person on our phone plan I was able to pull phone records and print out the texting days and times. I also gave the detectives this information. Nothing was ever done about any of it. The detective stated to me that unless the drug dealer admitted selling my son the pill that took his life, there was nothing that could be done. I was also told that since my son's phone had a lock pin on it there was nothing they could do with it. Sadly my son became another statistic, his death certificate states he died of a accidental overdose. My son did not take a xanax knowing it contained Fentanyl , no body we know even ever heard of Fentanyl. He was poisoned to death.

I am testifying for this bill to be passed because drug dealers need to be held accountable for the death's of our loved ones.

The greatest benefit of this bill being passed will not only bring closure to the families of the loved ones, it will hold one accountable for their wrong doing of a crime.

Thank you very much,

Tammy Carper