

The Catahoula Bulletin Board

AA Meetings every Tuesday at 8:00 PM located at the Jonesville Library

Concordia Electric's next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13 at 5pm.

Restore Meets every Monday night at SLUPC 1676 Hwy 126, Jonesville. Meal at 6:15 and step study at 7:00. Attendance papers can be signed.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE Louisiana encourages parents, partners and the community to call our KID-LINE at 1-800-CHILDREN (244-5373). This statewide telephone service provides crisis intervention, support, parenting information and referrals.

CARING CHOICES OF JONESVILLE located at 308 Nasif Street in Jonesville is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We provide services for mental health and addictive disorders. If you are in need of help, please call us at 318-339-8553.

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 to all Not For Profit civic organizations, churches, and schools, for all events the public is invited to attend with no admission charges or participation fees.
 catahoulaads@gmail.com
 Call: 318-339-7242
Deadline is Monday
12:00 noon

Millie Mattered

Hope and Recovery...By Lilly Harvey

This is just too unbelievable not to talk about. After speaking to the national Director of Mom's Against Drugs, who lives on the West Coast, she told me of a story circulating about two Santa Rosa residents that were sentenced to federal prison for selling fentanyl to a man who overdosed and died, along with his 13-month old son.

After further research I found that Shane Cratty, 28, and Lindsay Williams, 34, were sentenced to eight years and seven-and-a-half years respectively, by U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer. The sad part of this is they also plead guilty to a fentanyl sales charge earlier this year.

Cratty and Williams, whom Williams is also referred to as Lindsay Muniz in court records, were linked to a fentanyl sale that resulted in Patrick O'Neill, 29, and his son, Liam, dying from an overdose. The father and son were discovered unconscious by the baby's mother and hospitalized. O'Neill died of cardiac arrest two days after his son.

As I read on justice.gov, court records tell how federal prosecutors provided a heart wrenching blow-by-blow of the day this took place, stating that the prosecutor

said both defendants "must find ways to live with themselves knowing that they contributed to such misery," and admitted that Liam's grandparents were angry that the two were offered plea deals rather than being taken to trial.

There are no words to describe the heart-break and tragedy that flowed from this simple transaction. That a wonderful, happy, healthy boy had his future stolen from him. His father died, his mother was broken, and no one will ever be the same from this horrific tragedy.

The federal investigation found that Williams set up the deal after she and O'Neill agreed upon a one-gram price of \$125 that Cratty drove them to get the drug from. Their co-defendant, Leanna Zamora, and Williams then gave the gram to Cratty, who made the exchange with O'Neill. Loved ones of O'Neill told authorities that he was a recovering drug addict but appeared to be doing well. Charges against Zamora are still pending.

Cratty's attorney, Gregor Guy-Smith, wrote in court records that Cratty too struggled with drug use, and that his role in the crime basically amounted to giving a "close friend" a ride. He argued for a sev-



A heartfelt picture of Patrick O'Neill and his son Liam. Both died of Fentanyl exposure and poisoning.

en-year prison term. Shane's involvement in this offense evolved from a struggle with addiction since his adolescence and his continued lifestyle surrounding drugs. "Understanding Shane's involvement in this tragedy is dependent on understanding his background, his relationships, and his addiction," Guy-Smith, his defense attorney, argued adding, "Seven years is a long sentence, particularly for someone young, without any prison experience."

The ultimate questions come to: How long is long enough when someone's life has been taken? What kind of punishment should one entail when found guilty dealing fentanyl? I believe change is needed, I believe there should be stiffer penalties. unless lawmakers make Fentanyl

distribution a lethal legality we will continue to see overdose deaths. Please write your congressman, your state senator, your local representative, ask them two help change the laws and make Fentanyl strips legal for the state of Louisiana. Drugs are taking out a generation of 20 to 30 year olds. It doesn't sink in until it hits you. Statistically speaking at the rate we were looking at, it will. One out of every three people in the United States either knows someone who has overdosed, or has dealt with someone in addiction. Overdose happens every 11 minutes, some make it, some don't. Unfortunately my daughter did not and she is now one of the every 11. Millie Mattered and so does the life of your loved one. Help us make that change.

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Friday - January 14 Baked Chicken and Dressing, green beans, roll Dessert - Blondies	
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