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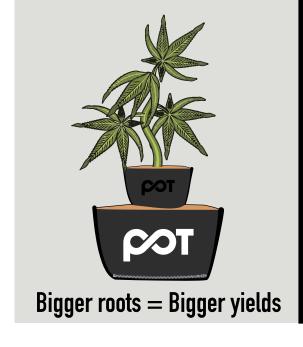
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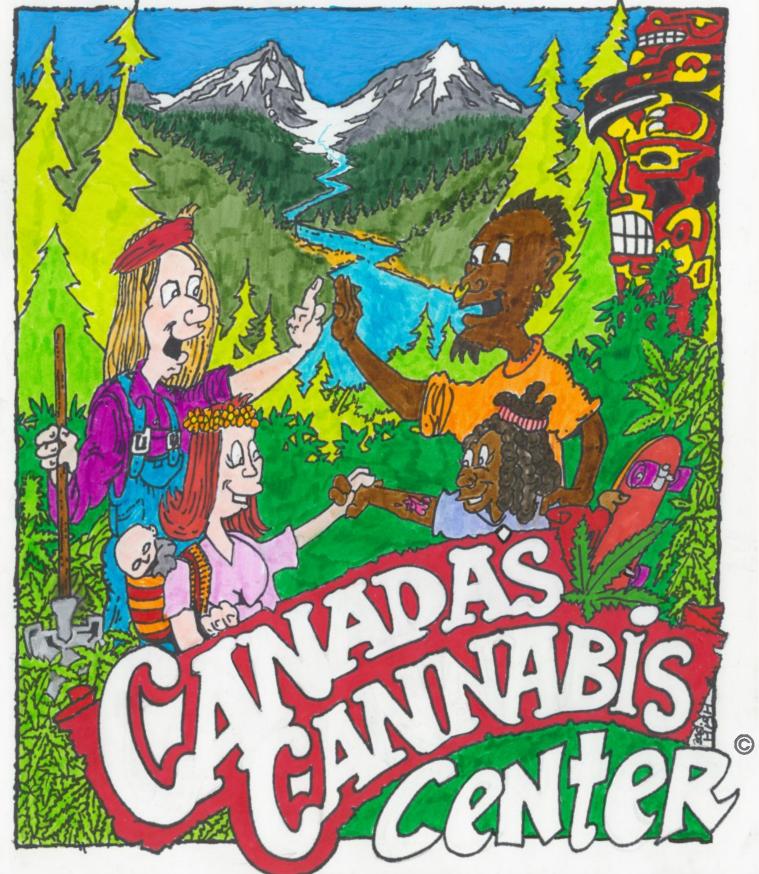






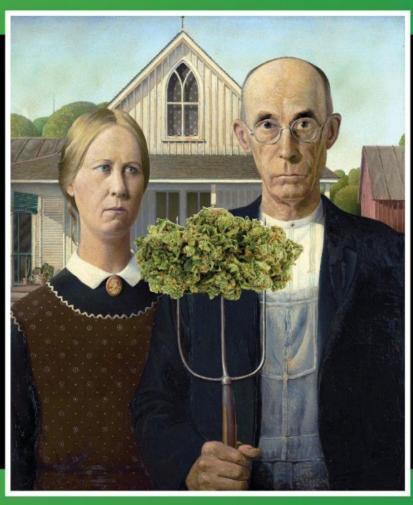


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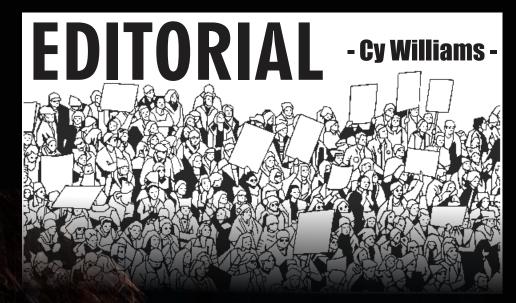
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## "Be the change you want to see in the world." Mahatma Ghandi

The photo of George Floyd dying under the knee of a Police Officer in Minnesota has haunted North America and it is horrific indeed. It is an all too familiar image of another black person dying at the hands of the police screaming "I can't breathe"...

I look at the pictures of Minneapolis before anyone ever threw a rock or started a fire or stole anything — I watched the police firing rubber bullets and cans of tear gas into crowds of people who WERE peacefully protesting.

This time we cannot stay silent because enough is enough. The murder of George Floyd on its own is so heinous an act it simply cannot be allowed to stand unpunished. Combine that now with so many other deaths of innocent people at the hands of Police and it is like a punch in the gut that in this day and age, we allow this to go on.

I have heard people say that this man, this police officer, who put his knee on the neck of George Floyd does not deserve to be free. We have also heard over and over again during the last week that it is not enough for us to be 'not racist'. You and I need to take the extra step and we have to be 'anti racist' and for those of you reading this who do not think white privilege exists - well then you are blind. Go take other look.

We must hold our authorities accountable, our police officers accountable, our politicians accountable, and policy makers all responsible.

Protests have erupted across the country in a mass mobilization unlike anything we have ever seen before. During this period it is safe to say that lot of police have done nothing but make a heartbreaking situation even worse. You have likely seen the videos on social media showing cops punching protesters, arresting people for no reason, tear gassing bystanders, distributing loads of 'bait bricks', the photos of people hit by rubber bullets and hurt in scuffles and so on..

Looting has broken out all over North America and it has gotten bad in certain cities.



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Watching from the comfort and safety of home in our living rooms, I can hear people asking why the protestors can't just follow the laws?

Imagine if you lived in a country where the color of your skin got you killed for driving, jogging, sleeping, yelling, parking, baby sitting, sitting in a van, selling CD's, buying cigarettes, opening the door, walking at night, wearing a hoodie at night, holding a toy gun, lying on the ground, being homeless, being in a dark stairwell, holding a cell phone, having a broken taillight, exercising horses, having a bottle of pills, shopping at Walmart, holding a beanie in a Walmart, holding up a phone, being in your own backyard, eating ice cream, being in your own house... I could keep going...

You would say that is a lawless country. So why are we shocked that people are asking for revolutionary change? We support revolutions around the world and celebrate throwing stones at tanks and we can certainly empathize with the protesters.

What we can't seem to fathom is that the same knee of oppression that kills in Gaza could be the same knee of oppression that killed George Floyd.

I can't speak to what it's like to be black but I know how we talk about black people in Canada and I know that we love black people on our screens and in our professional sports a d when it comes to popular music and we relish how high a black person can ascend in North America but honestly we have done nothing to raise the floor to help and that is what these protests are about.

The worst part is many are in this country and in America because of protest and because of the civil rights movement. The only reason so many of us are here in North America is because of the US immigration act of 1965. That law rode the wave of the civil rights act of 1964.

You may not think it is your fight - right? The racism issue in North America story didn't start when you got here, but here is the thing, when you became a citizen you don't just get to own the country's excellence - you have to own its failures too. That is the deal.

It is hard to not feel that this kind of behavior should be long behind us - it is not. We may not have been the ones who killed George Floyd but we absolutely have to become the ones who pull that cop off his neck. We think we're not a part of the story but were at the scene of the crime that's why the full picture matters and this sort of crime doesn't happen in a vacuum.

We have to help win this thing. We have to donate money or time to black organizations, Doctors should offer free health care to the protesters, Tech people should help black businesses get online. If you work in IT then set up a router. You passed the bar? Good, more proud pro Bono for protesters,

Corporate Law doesn't need any more billable hours. Everything helps.

Every effort counts.

Like the man who let protesters hide from police in his home - you don't even need a degree to do this - you just need a Sharpie.

We need to get rid of qualified immunity because it protects police from lawsuits and holds them to a difference in standards than the rest of us. There's a bill in the American Congress right now. If you live in the US make sure it gets traction it deserves. Harass your member of Congress.

We need to De-militarize the police. Over last 2 months Doctors have been walking around in garbage bags and now the Police look like they are cosplay'ing as Master Chief in Halo.

This is overkill.

De-militarize the Police! Please!

Finally, we need to vote out corrupt local officials because this buddy-buddy bullshit between prosecutors, the judicial system and the Police is the reason that police officers hardly ever serve time.

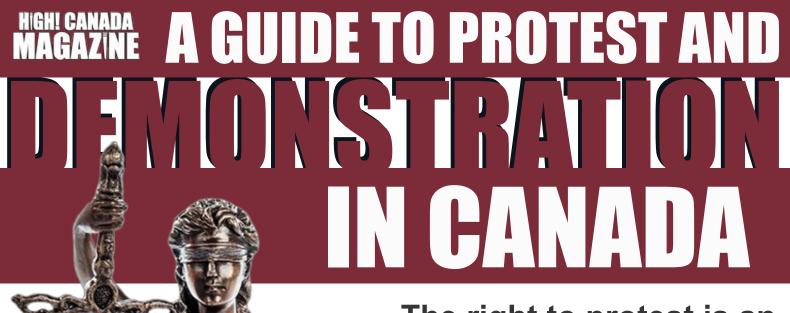
I would like to tell Keith Ellison, the Attorney General in Minnesota that you Keith, have this case now... Come on man.. You need to charge and prosecute all 4 officers is hard as you possibly can... They have got to go to prison. We can't let this moment slip away.

Millions of people around the world have taken to the street to afford us this moment set the precedent.

So that the next time a cop has his knee on a black man's neck he will see it for what it is... murder.

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The right to protest is an important part of Canadian democracy and the right to free expression.

The Canadian cannabis community has a little bit of experience with protests and police. There was a predictable pattern: a pot shop would open, a pot shop would be raided. That same shop would re-open, a raid would come. Canadians of every age, race, color and creed would come together and protest over and over again. We would protest arrests, unjust laws and we would voice our collective need for change. We did it for cannabis and we absolutely need to stand up and make our voices even louder when it comes to the racism we have been seeing so much of within Law Enforcement. Now, we are standing up together as people across Canada and protesting for an even more important cause than legalizing cannabis ever was.

We as the people of Canada are sick of seeing the constant abuse of power within Law Enforcement and we are sick of seeing the overt racism that exists within Law Enforcement. If you decide to take to the streets and add your voice to others calling for change - here are some things you should know going in. First and foremost - be safe and keep in mind that we are living within the constructs of the Federal Government's master plan to flatten the curve of the Corona Virus. Wear your masks, wear your gloves, if you are feeling sick please stay home and show your support in other ways. If you are feeling healthy and are aware and understand the health risks associated with going out to participate than here a few things you should know before heading out. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the freedom of expression, freedom of association, and the freedom of peaceful assembly. Throughout our history, protests have been a key way for people to express dissatisfaction or support for important decisions taken by government or other powerful bodies.

Protesting can be risky. Police can use tear-gas, rubber bullets or water cannons to disperse aggressive protesters, and even peaceful protesters could be arrested if they break a law. By becoming familiar with

Canadian laws around protest, you can reduce risk and use your right to protest effectively and safely. This is not legal advice, but it can help you understand you right to protest.

## Am I allowed to organize or participate in a protest?

Protesting itself is legal, as long as you don't break any laws while you're at it. Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees your right to protest.

In some cities and towns you are required to have a permit to protest. Check your municipal by-laws if you are thinking of organizing a protest.

#### What could I be arrested for?

You can be arrested for breaking any law at a protest, but some of the more common ones are listed on the next page.



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## Protestors are often arrested for:

Causing a disturbance – this can include loud fighting, shouting, swearing, chanting, or singing in a public place, as well as annoying or getting in the way of other people in a public place. Causing a disturbance can be punished with six months in prison or a \$5,000 fine.

Common nuisance – this includes stopping people from exercising/enjoying their rights or endangering the lives, safety or health of the public. Common nuisance can be punished by up to two years in prison.

Mischief – this includes destroying or damaging any kind of property. Mischief includes making property dangerous or useless (like smashing windows or slashing tires), making property difficult to use, or getting in the way of any person who wants to use it.

sentence if you endanger someone's life. Mischief that damages property the value of which exceeds \$5,000 can be punished by up to 10 years in prison or a \$5,000 fine.

Unlawful assembly – this is most common when protests involve violent clashes with police.

Unlawful assembly occurs when a group of three or more people give others nearby good reasons to worry that the group will cause a disturbance that includes violence against people or property, or motivate others to cause a disturbance that includes violence. Unlawful assembly can be punished by six months in prison or a \$5,000 fine. If you are wearing a disguise, the prison sentence could increase to five years.

Rioting – this is when a group of three or more people actually do cause a violent disturbance (rather than just making people nearby worry they will). Rioting can be





could increase to 10 years if you are wearing a disguise. In these days of wearing masks for our own protection against infection, this could make for a tricky issue in modern protesting and the laws surrounding it.

Conspiracy (to commit one of the offences above) — Even if you personally are not involved in any criminal activity, there is a risk that the police will charge you with "conspiracy to commit ..."

For example - if you were involved in planning or organizing a protest during which unlawful acts were subsequently committed you may be charged with Conspiracy.

# Can police arrest a whole bunch of protesters at once?

Yes, for now. Mass arrests are unusual, but they do happen. Police have many lawful techniques that they can use to manage a crowd of people. For example, the police may form a line of officers and then direct or "filter" protesters out of a particular area. This is usually done to keep busy areas from becoming "hot" or unsafe.

You must follow all directions from police to filter out of an area or you risk arrest. You must assume that the officers are directing you

because they have information that you do not have. Challenging officers in these circumstances will likely result in lawful arrest.

If the police contain protesters and then provide no filter or exit route, this is known as "kettling". In a kettling situation, whether your arrest is lawful will depend largely on what directions you were given prior to being contained. You will likely not know why the officers have been ordered to detain you (or your group) but you are entitled to be informed of the reason for your arrest.

If you are kettled, you will likely be held for quite some time before

release and you should use that time to keep track of the following:

- The time of your detention (e. the time you were filtered with no route of egress);
- The particulars of any announcements made to the crowd prior to containment.

You should always keep track of the time any police announcements are made and how they are made (e. by bullhorn or by individual officers throughout the crowd);

- What options, if any, the directing officers gave you to clear the area prior to being kettled (e. were you advised of another route you could take and, to the best of your knowledge, was that route actually available to you);
- The details of any discussions you have with any officers involved in your arrest including their names, badge numbers, unit details and police service p a r ti c u l a r s ;
- All details pertaining to the reason provided for your arrest including the alleged offence;

- The time and particulars of any requests you make to leave the area after being kettled;
- Whether any other individuals are permitted to leave the area after being kettled;
- Approximately how many other individuals have been kettled with you and, if feasible, the identities of those individuals;
- The time that you are processed by an arresting officer (e. how long were you detained in the kettle before being placed on prisoner transport and/or providing confirmation of your identity to an individual arresting officer); and
- The overall duration of your arrest from the time of detention to release.

Can I photograph or record a Police officer while participating in a protest?

Yes. You have the right to photograph, video, or otherwise record police officers who are on duty. Officers do not have the right to ask you delete your photos, or to

take away your equipment. It might be a good idea to record the name and badge number of any officers you interact with at a protest.

## What are my rights if I am arrested?

You have the right to know why and to be released if there isn't a reason. You have the right to talk with a lawyer in private as soon as possible, but police don't have to let you contact a family member or friend. It's a good idea to write the number of a lawyer you know who will help you on your body in permanent marker.

In order to arrest you, a police officer must either see you break a law, have good reasons to believe you have broken one, or have good reasons to believe you are about to break one.

While the officer arresting you could be mistaken, if you resist arrest, you will be breaking a law and can be charged with a criminal offence on that basis alone. Make sure you photograph or write down anything that could prove that the officer was mistaken so that you can use it in court.

If you are under the age of 18, you

also have the right to be accompanied by a parent/guardian or lawyer if the police ask you questions or want you to give a statement.

## Where am I allowed to protest?

You can protest on any public property as long as the protest is deemed peaceful. Public property is any space owned by the government. This includes parks, town squares and government buildings. There is an exception for transportation routes (see below).

On private property, but you could be asked to leave. Private property is owned by one or more individuals, like a business or home. If the owner asks you to leave you can move to public space surrounding the property, but police may ask you to leave if you disturb activity on the private property.

Some places, like schools or malls, may seem like public property but are owned by individuals. It's a good idea to research who owns the place(s) where you want to gather before you stage a protest.

# Am I allowed to block a transportation route?

Yes, but not a highway because that is against the law (Criminal Code, Section 423 (1)). Some routes don't

423 (1)). Some routes don't seem like highways, but are. Research your route before you hit the streets.

Other routes are allowed, as long as you can prove you're not trying to or are likely to cause death or physical harm. Protesters on non-highway roads can only be held accountable for endangering other people if they meant to, but it's hard to prove in court what you meant to do. Ask yourself, could a person reasonably argue that you meant to hurt others?

# Do I have to show the Police my identification?

Only if the police tell you that you have broken a law or are suspected of breaking a law. If that is the case, you could be charged with obstruction if you do not identify yourself. Some cities have local laws that allow police to check your

identification in a public place.

Make sure you know the laws of your city before you protest.

If you are driving a motor vehicle you are always required to show your driver's license, registration and insurance whenever asked by police. Your passengers do not have to identify themselves unless the police tell them they have broken a law or are suspected of breaking a law.

Can I wear a mask if I am participating in a protest?

Yes, but only if no one at the protest breaks any laws. During the 2012 Quebec Student Protests and the 2010 G-20 protests in Toronto many protesters wore scarves or masks to cover their faces. In response, the Canadian government passed Bill C-309, which makes it illegal to wear a mask or disguise during an unlawful assembly, with a punishment of up to 5 years in prison. If you wear a mask during a riot, the punishment is up to 10 years in prison.

Remember, a peaceful protest can turn into an unlawful assembly if any of the protesters make people afraid that they will become violent. If you must cover your face, be careful to monitor your protest for signs of violence. You should also think about what might qualify as a "mask or other disguise." Religious coverings, costumes, face paint could all be interpreted as a disguise.

# Do I have to speak to the Police if they question me?

No, If you don't want to answer questions, politely ask the officer "Am I free to go?" or "Am I being detained?". If you are not free to go, you have the right to remain silent, to know why you aren't free to go

(are you being arrested? why?) and to talk with a lawyer. If the officer does not tell you that you are being arrested and also tell you why, you have the right to be released.

## Can Police search me?

Under Canadian law, a warrantless search is presumptively unconstitutional under s. 8 of the Charter. However, there are a number of exceptions to that general rule, which may be triggered by facts of which you are completely unaware.

The best rule is to use "good judgment" when confronted by a police officer demanding that you identify yourself and/or asking to search your belongings. If you refuse a police officer's request to search your belongings, you might be right in law, but still face the immediate prospect of detention and arrest (leaving it to your lawyer to argue later on that the arrest and search were unlawful).

During the 2010 G20 protests in Toronto there was a lot of media attention surrounding the **Public Works Protection Act** ("PWPA"). Contrary to what many believed at the time, the PWPA was not a

special law created for the G20, but was actually a well-established wartime statute created to prevent unidentified saboteurs from accessing and damaging critical infrastructure such as power plants or other "public works". Under the PWPA, if an area were designated as a "public work", any individual attempting to enter that area would have to identify himself or herself and could be searched. The Ontario Government designated the G20 interdiction zone as a "public work" leading up to the G20 and the police used this as the basis to search individuals attempting to approach the security fence that surrounded the area

The PWPA is no longer in force but you must still be mindful of the area in which you are protesting if police approach you and ask for identification or to search your belongings.

If you are demonstrating in an area that could be the subject of a viable threat (for example a nuclear power plant, courthouse or high security government building), the police might have a legitimate basis to ask you to identify yourself or to search your belongings. You are entitled to ask questions before deciding whether to consent. If a police

officer is unable to articulate any reasonable basis to search you, there is likely no lawful basis for that search.

## Can protesting affect my future?

Possibly. If you are arrested at a protest and convicted of a criminal offence, you will have a criminal record. This can affect your employment prospects as well as your ability to travel, get insurance and rent housing. Even if the charges are dropped or dismissed, the incident may still show up on a Criminal Record Check. Employers are not allowed to discriminate against you for dropped charges, but Criminal Record Check reports can be difficult to understand and employers may get confused.

Further, there are reports that the federal government has been keeping track of groups and individuals who have been involved in protests, including environmental and indigenous

rights groups. Some of their reports include information collected from social media posts and other online activities. While social media can be a useful tool to organize protests, it's a good idea to keep your protest activities offline if you are concerned about surveillance.

# How does Bill C-51 affect my right to protest?

With the passing of Bill C-51, the definition of what constitutes a "terrorism offence" has been expanded, but it has been vaguely defined. So, it is difficult to know whether a demonstration or protest could be seen as supporting or advocating terrorism offences, or if you could be personally considered a terrorist if you are demonstrating or protesting. Prior to Bill C-51, the definition of a terrorism offence was based on various international conventions and was defined in the Canadian Criminal Code as any act motivated by personal beliefs (political, religious, etc.) that

causes, or risks causing, death or harm to people.

The passing of Bill C-51 also brought into effect the Security of Canada Information Act, which permits government agencies to share information on an individual in order to protect "against activities that undermine the security of Canada". The Act specifically excludes "advocacy, protest, dissent and artistic expression", but activity that undermines national security has been vaguely defined, and includes broad categories such as: interference with the Government of Canada; terrorism; interference with critical infrastructure; and an activity that causes serious harm to a person or their property because of that person's association with Canada.

There have been arguments that parts of Bill C-51 violate Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but this has not yet been litigated in court.

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So what has protesting accomplished?

Here is a list of highlights from the last few days that are a direct result of the ongoing protests we have been seeing in every city across North America.

- Within 10 days of sustained protests:
   Minneapolis bans use of choke holds.
- Charges are upgraded against Officer
   Chauvin, and his accomplices are
   arrested and charged.
- P Dallas adopts a "duty to intervene"
  rule that requires officers to stop
  other cops who are engaging in
  inappropriate use of force. New
  Jersey's attorney general said the state
- will update its use-of-force guidelines for the first time in two decades.
- In Maryland, a bipartisan work group of state lawmakers announced a police reform work group.
- Los Angeles City Council introduces motion to reduce LAPD's \$1.8 billion operating budget.

- MBTA in Boston agrees to stop using public buses to transport police officers to protests.
- Police brutality captured on cameras leads to near-immediate suspensions and firings of officers in several cities (i.e., Buffalo, Ft. Lauderdale).
- Monuments celebrating confederates are removed in cities in Virginia,
   Alabama, and other states.
- treet in front of the White House is renamed "Black Lives Matter Plaza."
   Military forces begin to withdraw from D.C.
- Then, there's all the other stuff that's hard to measure:
- The really difficult public and private conversations that are happening about race and privilege.
- The realizations some white people are coming to about racism and the role of policing in this country.
- The self-reflection.
- The internal battles exploding within organizations over issues that have been simmering or ignored for a long time.
- Some organizations will end as a result, others will be forever changed or replaced with something stronger and fairer.

## **Globally:**

 Protests against racial inequality sparked by the police killing of George Floyd are taking place all over the world.



- Rallies and memorials have been held in cities across Europe, as well as in Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand.
- As the US contends with its second week of protests, issues of racism, police brutality, and oppression have been brought to light across the globe.
- People all over the world understand that their own fights for human rights, for equality and fairness, will become so much more difficult to win if we are going to lose America as the place where 'I have a dream' is a real and universal political program," Wolfgang Ischinger, a former German ambassador to the US, told the New Yorker.
- In France, protesters marched holding signs that said "I can't breathe" to signify both the words of Floyd, and the last words of Adama Traoré, a 24year-old black man who was subdued by police officers and gasped similar

- sentimnets before he died outside Paris in 2016.
- Cities across Europe have come together after the death of George Floyd:
- In Amsterdam, an estimated 10,000
  people filled the Dam square on
  Monday, holding signs and shouting
  popular chants like "Black lives
  matter," and "No justice, no peace."
- In Germany, people gathered in multiple locations throughout Berlin to demand justice for Floyd and fight against police brutality.
- A mural dedicated to Floyd was also spray-painted on a stretch of wall in Berlin that once divided the German capital during the Cold War.
- In Ireland, protesters held a peaceful demonstration outside of Belfast City Hall, and others gathered outside of the US embassy in Dublin.
- In Italy, protesters gathered and marched with signs that said "Stop

killing black people," "Say his name," and "We will not be silent."

- In Spain, people gathered to march and hold up signs throughout Barcelona and Madrid.
- In Athens, Greece, protesters took to the streets to collectively hold up a sign that read "I can't breathe."
- In Brussels, protesters were seen sitting in a peaceful demonstration in front of an opera house in the center of the city.
- In Denmark, protesters were heard chanting "No justice, no peace!" throughout the streets of Copenhagen, while others gathered outside the US embassy.
- In Canada, protesters were also grieving for Regis KorchinskiPaquet, a 29-year-old black woman who died on Wednesday after falling from her balcony during a police investigation at her building
- And in New Zealand, roughly
   2,000 people marched to the US
   Embassy in Auckland, chanting and carrying signs demanding justice.
- Memorials have been built for Floyd around the world too, too.
   In Mexico City, portraits of him



were hung outside the US Embassy with roses, candles, and signs.

- In Poland, candles and flowers were laid out next to Floyd outside the US consulate.
- And in Syria, two artists created a mural depicting Floyd in the northwestern town of Binnish, "on a wall destroyed by military planes."

Before the assassination of George Floyd some of you were able to say whatever the hell you

wanted and the world didn't say anything to you...

THERE HAS BEEN AS SHIFT, AN

AWAKENING... MANY OF YOU ARE BEING

EXPOSED FOR WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

#readthatagain

Don't wake up tomorrow on the wrong side of this issue. It's not too late to SAY, "Maybe I need to look at this from a different



perspective."

or "Maybe I don't know what it's like to be black in America..."

or "Maybe, just maybe, I have been taught wrong."

There is so much work to be done. It's been a really dark, raw week. This could still end badly. But all we can do is keep

doing the work.

## Keep protesting.

WE ARE NOT TRYING TO START A RACE WAR; WE ARE PROTESTING TO END IT, PEACEFULLY.

## How beautiful is that?

ALL LIVES CANNOT MATTER UNTIL YOU INCLUDE BLACK LIVES.

YOU CANNOT SAY 'ALL LIVES MATTER'
WHEN YOU DO NOTHING TO STOP
SYSTEMIC RACISM & POLICE BRUTALITY.
YOU CANNOT SAY 'ALL LIVES MATTER'
WHEN BLACK PEOPLE ARE DYING AND
ALL YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT IS THE
LOOTING.

YOU CANNOT SAY 'ALL LIVES MATTER'
WHEN YOU ALLOW CHILDREN TO BE
CAGED, VETERANS TO GO HOMELESS,
AND POOR FAMILIES TO GO HUNGRY &
LOSE THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE.

DO ALL LIVES MATTER?

YES.

BUT RIGHT NOW, ONLY BLACK LIVES ARE
BEING TARGETED, JAILED, AND KILLED
EN MASSE - SO THAT'S WHAT WHO
WE'RE FOCUSING ON.

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by allowing them greater access to job opportunities, educational programs, housing, and even the ability to simply volunteer in their communities.

sentence and demonstrated that they are law-abiding citizens for a prescribed number of years, to have their criminal record kept separate and apart from other criminal records.

Let's start with a little information on Bill C-93 (An Act to provide nocost, expedited record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis).

It was introduced on March 1, 2019. The Government of Canada introduced Bill C-93 to allow Canadians who have been previously convicted only of simple cannabis possession to apply for a pardon (also known as a record suspension) with no application fee or wait period, once their sentence has been served.

Bill C-93 will reduce barriers to reintegration for these individuals

# Frequently Asked Questions and Answers:

#### Q. What is simple possession?

A. Simple possession generally refers to a criminal charge given by law enforcement for possession of a controlled substance, in this case cannabis, for personal use with no intent to traffic.

#### Q. What is a pardon?

A. A pardon (also known as a record suspension) allows people who were convicted of a criminal offence, but have completed their

A pardon removes a person's criminal record from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database. This means that a search of CPIC will not show that the individual has a criminal record or a pardon. This helps them access employment and educational opportunities and to reintegrate into society.

The Criminal Records Act (CRA) applies only to records kept by federal organizations, but most provincial and municipal criminal justice agencies also restrict access to their records once they are told that a pardon has been ordered.

# Q. What recourse does this legislation offer for individuals convicted of simple possession of cannabis?

A. The proposed legislation would waive the pardon application wait period and application fees paid to the Parole Board of Canada for those whose only convictions are for simple possession of cannabis. The Parole Board of Canada will order the pardon provided the applicant only has convictions for simple possession of cannabis, has completed their sentence, and does not incur a new conviction prior to the pardon being ordered.

## Q. What is the difference between a pardon and an expungement?

A. The purpose of a pardon is to reduce barriers to reintegration by facilitating access to job opportunities, educational programs, housing, and even the ability to simply volunteer in their communities. Suspended criminal records can only be disclosed by the Minister of Public Safety in exceptional circumstances, and would not normally be disclosed when a background check is conducted, such as for

employment, housing, a passport or a loan.

Expungement is an extraordinary measure reserved for cases where the criminalization of the activity in question and the law never should have existed, such as in cases where it violated the Charter. If an application for expungement is approved, records of that conviction are permanently destroyed from federal databases.

## Q. Why are pardons for simple possession of cannabis not being granted automatically?

A. An application-based system is the most effective way to ensure both broad access to pardons and informed decision-making. Requiring applicants to satisfy the Board that they were only convicted of simple possession of cannabis will help ensure that the Parole Board of Canada has complete and up to date information on the individual's criminal history prior to processing the file.

## Q. What are the benefits of an individual being granted a pardon?

Α. Federally, a pardon sets aside all the criminal convictions for an individual, reducing barriers to reintegration placed on an individual as a result of their criminal record and allowing them greater access to job opportunities, educational programs, housing, and even the ability to simply volunteer in their communities. Suspended criminal records can only be disclosed by the Minister of Public Safety in exceptional circumstances, and would not normally be disclosed in a background check, such as for employment, housing, a passport or a loan.

Pardons apply only directly to records of convictions kept within federal departments and agencies, as per the Criminal Records Act. However, provinces and territories are notified when a pardon is ordered and generally comply.

## Q. How does a pardon impact an individual's ability to travel?

A. As with expungement, a pardon does not guarantee a person entry or visa privileges to another country because foreign jurisdictions are not bound by Canadian laws. Entry and exit requirements are at the discretion

of each country. Any foreign country, including the United States, may have documented previous interactions with Canadians, which may include Canadian criminal conviction information. Individuals who receive a pardon may access requested records in cases where they need to prove that they have obtained a pardon.

When the federal government introduced legislation in March to streamline pardons for simple cannabis possession, Canada's criminal bar had two reactions. On the plus side, pardons will "open up new avenues for people" who were convicted of possessing cannabis before the drug was legalized for recreational use in October. On the other hand, pardons don't go far enough; better that criminal records for simple cannabis possession be expunged, defence lawyers say.

Bill C-93, tabled in the House of Commons on March 1, would allow individuals convicted of simple possession to immediately apply for a pardon from the Parole Board of Canada provided that any sentences had been completed, all related fines had been paid and the applicant has no other convictions

on record. Applications would be reviewed by administrative staff, and applicants would not have to pay the current application fee of \$631.

In announcing the new legislation, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said that the government would not expunge criminal records for simple cannabis possession because the law that then prohibited it was legitimate.

"The record suspension model implies that a person is being 'forgiven' for their crime," says Stephanie DiGiuseppe of Ruby Shiller Enenajor DiGiuseppe, Barristers in Toronto and a member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association's Communications and Media Relations committee. "Expungement, on the other hand, implies an acknowledgement that the activity ought not to have been an offence in the first place.

"Given the discriminatory actions that underlay cannabis prohibition and the discriminatory policing and prosecutorial practices that were a significant feature of cannabis prohibition," DiGiuseppe says, "we believe expungement is a more appropriate model for how cannabis pardons should work."

In 2018, the government expunged criminal records in the Expungement of Historically Unjust Convictions Acts for those convicted under Canada's "antibuggery" laws. The act "recognized that the criminalization of certain activities constitutes a historical injustice" and that the criminalization of sodomy "were it to occur today, it would be inconsistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

In announcing the availability of pardons for simple cannabis possession, Goodale said that expungement was only available if it was deemed that the criminalization of a certain activity (such as a sexual activity practised in the LGBTQ community) would to day be considered unconstitutional. That wasn't the case with recreational cannabis use, Goodale said, as that law was legitimate even though it has now been removed from the books.

In February, prosecutors in San Francisco announced that they would move to expunge 9,300 marijuana-related convictions dating back decades, now that recreational cannabis use is legal in California. Other California counties, including Los Angeles, are

considering similar efforts.

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"For a variety of reasons, the number of people who are expected to apply for pardons under C-93 is much lower," Bardsley said in an email message. "Those reasons include: they have passed away, they have already received a pardon or they have other criminal charges on their record," which would make them ineligible to apply for a pardon for simple cannabis possession.

Should Bill C-93 pass, it is estimated that there would be free, expedited applications to pardon about 10,000 records, Bardsley wrote, and "we will undertake outreach initiatives to ensure that all those who can benefit know about the free, expedited process and how to use it."

#### Pardon v. Expungement

In October, NDP MP Murray Rankin, representing Victoria, tabled a private members' bill, C-415, in Parliament to expunge certain cannabis-related convictions. In choosing a pardon application process over expungements, applicants will need to take the initiative in applying for the pardons, and the pardons could also be revoked.

"In my view, a pardon doesn't go far enough," says Caryma Sa'd of [s]advocacy in Toronto, whose practice includes criminal law, cannabis and landlord/tenant issues. "If you look at the way that cannabis possession historically has been criminalized, it's disproportionately affected minority groups.

"What I would have liked to have

seen is expungement," she says. "A pardon says you did something wrong, you've paid your debt, we'll now clear your record." That can be helpful in terms of finding employment and housing, and even doing volunteer work, but it can also be revoked, Sa'd notes. On the other hand, "expungement says that the underlying action never should have been criminalized."

Sa'd says anything short of expungement would be unfair to Canadians who have suffered jail time or have gone through the criminal justice system for simple possession of cannabis. And although whites and non-whites have used cannabis at similar rates, she says, data has shown spikes in arrests toward non-whites.

In 1923, when the government of Canada introduced the Act to Prohibit the Improper Use of Opium and other Drugs, and included cannabis on the list, racism was a factor "right at the outset," says Sa'd. "It's time to acknowledge that."

At the time, there was a concern regarding opium use and distribution among Chinese immigrants on the West Coast.

Several decades earlier, there was the Chinese Exclusion Act in the United States, and Canada's Chinese Immigration Act in 1923 banned most forms of Chinese immigration to the country.

There was very little debate in the House of Commons when marijuana was added to the list of drugs for which criminal penalties were established, she notes. In the United States, it was primarily Hispanic and black Americans who used cannabis recreationally, she says, adding that "criminalizing that drug of choice, in the midst of prohibition, I think there are clear ties to systemic racism at a policymaking level. There was virtually no debate when marijuana was added [to the list] and no evidence in policy research that grounded the criminalization of cannabis."

The criminal bar is also concerned about the length of time it will take to get the proposed bill through Parliament and enacted into legislation.

Bill C-93 has only just gone through first reading, notes Jessyca Greenwood of Greenwood Defence Law in Toronto. "Will it actually pass by summer? And what does it look like when the government has to process all these pardons?" Even now it can take up to a year before a client hears back, she says.

"Think about any example where somebody might be asked if they have a criminal record," Greenwood says, including applying for a job, crossing the border or applying to volunteer at their child's school. A criminal record can impede all those pursuits, and the severity of a criminal record is often not considered, she says. The fact that simple possession of cannabis is no longer an offence "creates an unfairness in the law" to those convicted of the offence.

Expungement is a more permanent solution because the record suspension or pardon is a piece of legislation that can be changed, and a future government could repeal the legislation, Greenwood says. And, "a pardon could still leave problems for people who want to travel," as a convicted person's record might still be in an immigration database.

Time is also a factor in the pursuit of justice. It can take six to eight months to gather the reports an applicant may need for a pardon, including from the RCMP and the Canadian Police Information Centre, says S'ad. When criminal records are expunged, though, prosecutors or the government take the initiative to expunge records.

The government is saying that simple cannabis possession was criminal at the time, and it should have been, says Sarah Leamon of the Sarah Leamon Law Group in Vancouver. However, she says, Rankin did a good job and made arguments compellingly in presenting his bill to expunge certain cannabis-related activity.

"People who use cannabis for medical purposes — should they be held to the same moral culpability standard as recreational users?" asks Leamon. "There's an argument to be made for expungement."

There should also be a conversation about expanding who is eligible for the pardon, she says, to people charged with trafficking, for example. "I would say the bill should have gone further in terms of contemplating expungement for some people, maybe on a case-by-case basis. . . . And it should have gone further, and contemplated

pardons, maybe expungements for [a] wider variety of cannabis offences."

Still, Leamon says, "I'm all in favour of the pardons, it will open up new avenues for people." Aside from easing everyday life concerns, a criminal conviction would be wiped from the CPIC database. "This can colour the way a police officer deals with someone on the roadside," adds Leamon, whose criminal practice includes driving infractions. Although a bill might normally take a year to pass into legislation, for political reasons — this being an election year and the

government recently beset by the SNC-Lavalin scandal — it may be pushed through earlier, she says. "And it should be; every day we're waiting for it to be passed, people are having their rights compromised, because they're not able to fully access the opportunities that they otherwise may be able to but for that conviction." Greenwood says she would have liked the government to have tabled its bill back in October, when it announced it was contemplating pardons for cannabis possession. The process may be expedited, but all stakeholders will want to be consulted, she says, including the campaign for cannabis amnesty, which expresses its goal as "righting history's wrongs," including being a voice for racialized and Indigenous Canadians who, it says, have been adversely affected by applications of the criminal law. Yet, "at the end of the day," Greenwood agrees, "having some system in place to relieve [the burden] of convictions is better than nothing."









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### JMCC Signs on to Support Europe's Largest Medical Cannabis Study

The Canadian-headquartered company is the only invited provider of several participating in Project Twenty 21.

JMCC Group announced recently that it has agreed to participate as one of five medical cannabis providers worldwide for Project Twenty21, as the exclusive Caribbean supplier of cannabis-based medicines to patients across the United Kingdom taking part in the ground-breaking study.

Drug Science, the UK's only independent drugs research

charity, launched Project Twenty21, Europe's first and biggest national medical cannabis registry, in November 2019. The project involves enrolling up to 20,000 patients by the end of 2021 in the study, to create the largest body of evidence for the effectiveness and tolerability of medical cannabis.

The key objectives of Project Twenty21 are to create the largest body of evidence in Europe for the effectiveness and tolerability of medical cannabis, and to demonstrate to policymakers that medical cannabis should be as widely available, and affordable, as other approved medicines, for patients who would benefit from them. The project will also help prescribers across the country to gain knowledge and confidence in

prescribing medical cannabis for patients. Drug Science hopes that the findings will make a powerful case for National Health Service (NHS) funding of cannabis-based treatments, by proving the favourable risk/benefit ratio for seven key identified conditions, specifically focusing on patients for whom alternative treatments have failed. The targeted conditions are Anxiety Disorder, Chronic Pain, Epilepsy, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Substance Use Disorder (as a harm reduction strategy), and Tourette's Syndrome.

Treatment will be provided by a network of clinics and private prescribers across the UK, which utilize best practices developed by experienced medical cannabis specialists. The medical cannabis prescribed will be provided, at

cost, by recognized global leaders in medical cannabis, and will now include JMCC which was specifically invited to support ProjectTwenty21.

"We were so impressed when we met Diane Scott last year," said Drug Science Founder Professor David Nutt, referring to JMCC Group's Chair & CEO). "She has a unique appreciation for where the medical cannabis industry should be going. And she was singularly determined that JMCC would keep to that direction, where the company would continue to, first and foremost, serve patients. So JMCC was a natural partner for us in Project Twenty21."

"When I first heard about this project, I immediately thought how bold and visionary it was," Diane Scott said. "We were already planning JMCC's evolution as a company, from being the best grower of Jamaican medical cannabis to developing our own world-class cannabis-based medical products. So, when David invited me to discuss it, and told me more about Project Twenty21, and asked us to participate, how could we not be honoured to help patients in the UK this way?"

"The whole company is behind it.

And, as a dual Canadian-UK citizen, I'm personally delighted that we're taking part," Ms. Scott added.

Five months after that first meeting, JMCC is announcing both its participation in Project Twenty21 and the launch of a new divisions, JMCC Scientific, which will support both that participation and JMCC's future expansion.

### About Project Twenty21

The brainchild of Drug Science Founder Professor David Nutt, Project Twenty21 was launched in November 2019 with the primary goal of creating the largest body of evidence yet for the effectiveness and tolerability of medical cannabis — with the aim to demonstrate to policymakers that medical cannabis should be as widely available and affordable to patients as other approved medicines.

"Cannabis was a medicine in the UK for over a century until 1971, when it was banned for political reasons. Since then hundreds of thousands of patients in the UK have been forced to break the law to get a treatment that most find preferable to their previous prescription medicines," Professor

Nutt said.

"And, despite the UK making cannabis a medicine in November 2018, there have as yet been only a handful of prescriptions provided via the NHS. To rectify this impasse Drug Science has joined forces with a group of medical cannabis producers to open up a treatment network for up to 20,000 patients.

"This will allow patients to get vital therapy without breaking the law. It will also provide a solid clinical database from which experience of, and confidence in, medical cannabis prescribing will develop, providing a foundation for other medical prescribers to build on."

The study will use real-world data to document the effectiveness, safety, quality of life, and patient reported outcomes in those prescribed medical cannabis for seven conditions. It will not be a randomized control trial (where some would receive a placebo), and all 20,000 participants will receive medical cannabis from participating providers at an affordable cost, achieved in part, by the medical cannabis providers offering their products at cost, and by Drug Science itself. Project Twenty21 has the support of The Royal College of Psychiatrists, The British Pain Society, the United

Patients Alliance, Patient-Led Engagement for Access (PLEA), patients, peers and medical cannabis campaigners.

#### **About Drug Science**

Founded in 2010 by Professor David Nutt following his removal from his post as Chair of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, Drug Science is the only completely independent, science-led drugs charity, uniquely bringing together leading drugs experts from a wide range of specialisms to carry out groundbreaking research into drug harms and effects. Learn more at https://drugscience.org.uk/.

#### **About JMCC**

Founded in 2016, JMCC Group is the leading provider of high-quality Jamaican medical cannabis products and services to the world. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, the company serves customers in Australia, Canada, the EU and UK, and Latin America. JMCC combines Jamaica's natural, year-round growing climate and distinctive cannabis landraces with an unswerving commitment to meeting or exceeding international standards for quality, safety, security and s u s t a i n a b i l i t y . L e a r n m o r e a t www.jamaicanmedicann.com.

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Expansion positions Canadian-headquartered company to serve more markets and supports

participation in largest medical cannabis study in Europe. JMCC Group also announced the launch of a new division, JMCC Scientific, which will research, develop, test and manufacture innovative cannabis-based treatments for a range of medical conditions.

"JMCC Scientific is the natural next step in the evolution of our company," said JMCC Group Chair & CEO Diane Scott. "For the first three years, we were focused on serving patients by becoming the leading provider of premium-quality Jamaican medical cannabis to the world. Now, with our Scientific division, we are not only growing pharmacopeia-standard medical cannabis, we're developing best-in-class cannabis-based medical products. We're also delivering a comprehensive support ecosystem that enables doctors, other medical professionals and patients themselves to collaborate to devise the most effective personalized treatment program."

"It's really our customers who are taking us here. Both medical professionals and patients want safer methods for using cannabis as medicine, including more precise dosing and products specifically developed for the conditions they're dealing with. Those needs are what we're responding to with the launch of JMCC Scientific."

The Canadian-headquartered company's initial product line encompasses a range of targeted formulations for chronic pain, epilepsy and anxiety with other formulations in development to treat spasticity and other symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis. All JMCC Scientific products are formulated as water-based nanoemulsion formulations in convenient oral sprays, deemed the safest and most effective delivery format, and developed under the guidance of top medical experts from around the world.



JMCC Scientific is also developing a comprehensive Treatment Support Centre to provide medical cannabis information, education and ongoing support to patients and doctors and other medical professionals, including current research, therapeutic options, prescribing rules and guidance, dosing, potential side effects and contra-indications. It will enable doctors to take a personalized approach to prescribing and monitoring to ensure patients are getting the right formulation and dosage as well as tracking results. The Centre will include mobile apps, a dedicated website and access to supplementary patient screening and monitoring aids.

The formation of JMCC Scientific will also support the company's participation in Project Twenty21, one of the world's largest medical cannabis research projects, organized and led by United Kingdom-based Drug Science.

HelloMD and Dr.
Sana-Ara Ahmed
Partner to
Provide Virtual
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Support to
Patients Across
Western Canada

Leading virtual healthcare platform, HelloMD in collaboration with Dr. Sana-Ara Ahmed is offering support to chronic pain patients in Alberta during COVID19. According to Statistics Canada, six million people suffer from chronic pain across Canada. With the current mandate for social distancing, patients across all demographics are having a difficult time finding proper medical support.

Dr. Sana-Ara Ahmed, Specialist in Interventional Chronic Pain and Cannabinoid Medicine, together with HelloMD are offering virtual access care to help chronic pain patients during this difficult time. Dr. Ahmed's knowledgeable and compassionate approach, combined with HelloMD's turnkey set of virtual care tools, are making it easier for chronic pain patients to receive therapeutic options, while staying safe at home.

"For me, my patients always come first and I am always thinking about how I can best support them," said Dr. Ahmed. "COVID19 has proved to be a challenging time, especially for my chronic pain patients, as we cannot provide in-person consultations or care. HelloMD, and the ease with which my team and patients have adapted to their virtual processes, has been invaluable in helping us quickly ramp up to support new and existing patients." She added.

Through this partnership, chronic pain patients seeking support with medical cannabis will have access to health care practitioners who can counsel and provide medical documents directly to Medical Cannabis by Shoppers, easing this aspect of the health care journey for patients. "We offer clinics the core pieces they need now - turnkey virtual care technology, live patient support and work flows all uniquely attuned to medical cannabis - while enabling their practitioners to focus on delivering patient care," said Larry Lisser, Senior Vice President of Business Development, HelloMD. "Dr. Ahmed values offering her patients trusted sources for fulfillment, and our integration with Medical Cannabis by Shoppers ensures her patients get the access they seek, while removing this administrative burden from her clinic team," Lisser added.

"We launched Medical Cannabis by Shoppers with one purpose: to extend trusted access to the widest variety of medical cannabis products support to patients across Canada," said Ken Weisbrod, Vice President of Business Development, Shoppers Drug Mart. "Offering product fulfillment and pharmacist support to Dr. Ahmed's chronic pain patients align with this

mission." Weisbrod added.

Medical Cannabis by Shoppers is Shoppers Drug Mart's online platform for the sale of medical cannabis. The service breaks down existing barriers for patients by providing convenient access to a broader range of options through a single source, alongside expert advice and counsel from trusted healthcare professionals. To facilitate care between Dr Ahmed and her patients, HelloMD provides Genuvis Health with a dedicated website for its patients to register for an online appointment. The HelloMD team assists Dr. Ahmed's patients with on boarding, scheduling and virtually connecting with Dr Ahmed. After the consult, and patient registration with Medical Cannabis by Shoppers, virtual pharmacists are made available to assist with product purchases and fulfillment.

### About HelloMD

HelloMD is a leading digital platform for alternative healthcare, and has facilitated more than 100,000 virtual consults between patients and licensed practitioners. With its mature tech platform, exceptional patient support and flexible business models, the

company's B2B solutions help pharmacies, clinics and producers onboard to deliver world-class, virtual care to existing and new medical cannabis patients.

#### About Dr. Sana-Ara Ahmed MD FRCPC

Dr. Sana-Ara Ahmed is a practicing clinical Anesthesiologist, Interventional Pain & Cannabinoid Medicine Specialist in Canada. An avant-garde entrepreneur and visionary, her chronic pain holistic clinic, known as Genuvis Health, provides integrative, compassionate and personalized pain management solutions. Her diverse practice focuses on targeted pain control for accurate pain diagnosis and opioid harm reduction for post surgical pain patients. She is a medical graduate from the University of Saskatchewan and received her post graduate designations in Anesthesiology and Medicine from the University of British Columbia in 2011. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons in Canada and has a fellowship degree from the University of Toronto in Medical Simulation Education.

Dr. Ahmed holds membership with



national and international cannabis research societies and is an avid advocate for dignified patient access to medical cannabis. Successfully incorporating medical cannabis in treating chronic pain with the combination of regenerative medicine has well established Dr. Ahmed as a national expert in this emerging field of medicine.

A sought after medical educator, she has developed and taught countless cannabinoid medicine educational seminars and university accredited keynote lectures on the role of modulating endocannabinoid deficiencies for pain management. Her latest endeavour is the formation of the Ahmed Institute for Pain and Cannabinoid Research located in Calgary AB.

This innovative research center

focuses on how technology impacts the advancements of cannabinoid prescribing in clinical practice.



#### LEADING THE WAY IN ARGENTINA

Mark Bradley, the CEO of both PNTV and GLFI, is all any of our international cannabis analyst friends can talk about when it comes to groundbreaking work being done in Argentina. Green

Leaf Farms International and their ongoing work in Argentina and contribution to the emerging South American cannabis markets is gaining steam and people are certainly taking notes and paying attention.

Mark Bradley is a visionary who throughout his career focused on the development of New Media Digital Lifestyle Channels, Technology, and Content Development. A pioneer of digital distribution, he guided PNTV's growth from a Las Vegas In-Room gaming channel, "Player's Network" to "Vegas On Demand" a National Cable Network.

In 2014 Mark founded WeedTV, a marijuana lifestyle channel to produce content and report on the emerging marijuana industry. The

education and access developed by WeedTV to the cannabis industry lead to the Company's creation of Green Leaf Farms who, after obtaining four licenses from the State of Nevada for cultivation and production of medical and recreational marijuana products, opened a 27,000-sq. ft. facility in North Las Vegas. Powered by WeedTV as its marketing arm, PNTV created the first fully integrated Media and Marijuana Company as well as the first US publicly traded company that actually touches the plant.

Recently Mark recognized that as the worldwide legal cannabis industry grows the broad array of nutrition, health, and medical products being developed will create a huge demand and commodity market for the cannabinoid compounds the developers of these products will require.

Recognizing the inherent difficulties of dealing with US regulators, massive taxes and competition both legal and illegal, he embarked on a mission to find the best place in the world to produce the highest quality cannabis at the lowest cost. This resulted in the recent completion

of a joint venture, the first of its kind, where a private company partnered with a government for the development of a 14,000 hectare, 54 square mile, cannabis farm in Jujuy Province, Argentina. A combination of ideal year-round growing conditions, a low-cost agricultural work force, and the establishment of a tax-free zone for the processing and export of cannabis and cannabinoid compounds puts PNTV in the enviable position of being able to supply the exploding worldwide market demand for these products at a cost unmatched anywhere in the world legally or illegally. As this will now be PNTV's major focus the Company's name is being changed to Green Leaf Farms International, Inc. with the ticker symbol GLFI.

About GLFI, Inc.

GREEN LEAF FARMS
INTERNATIONAL

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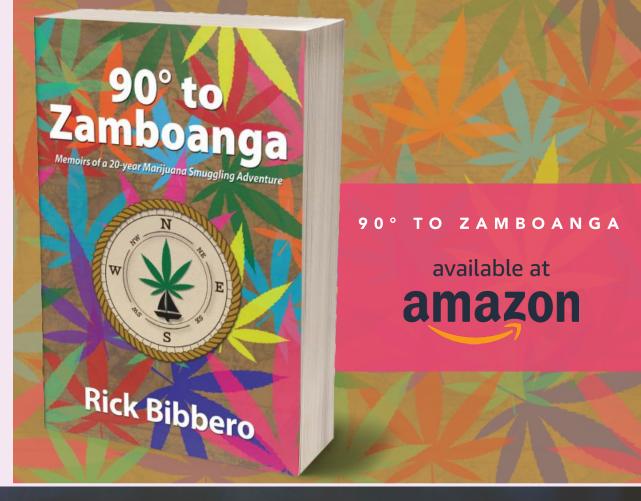


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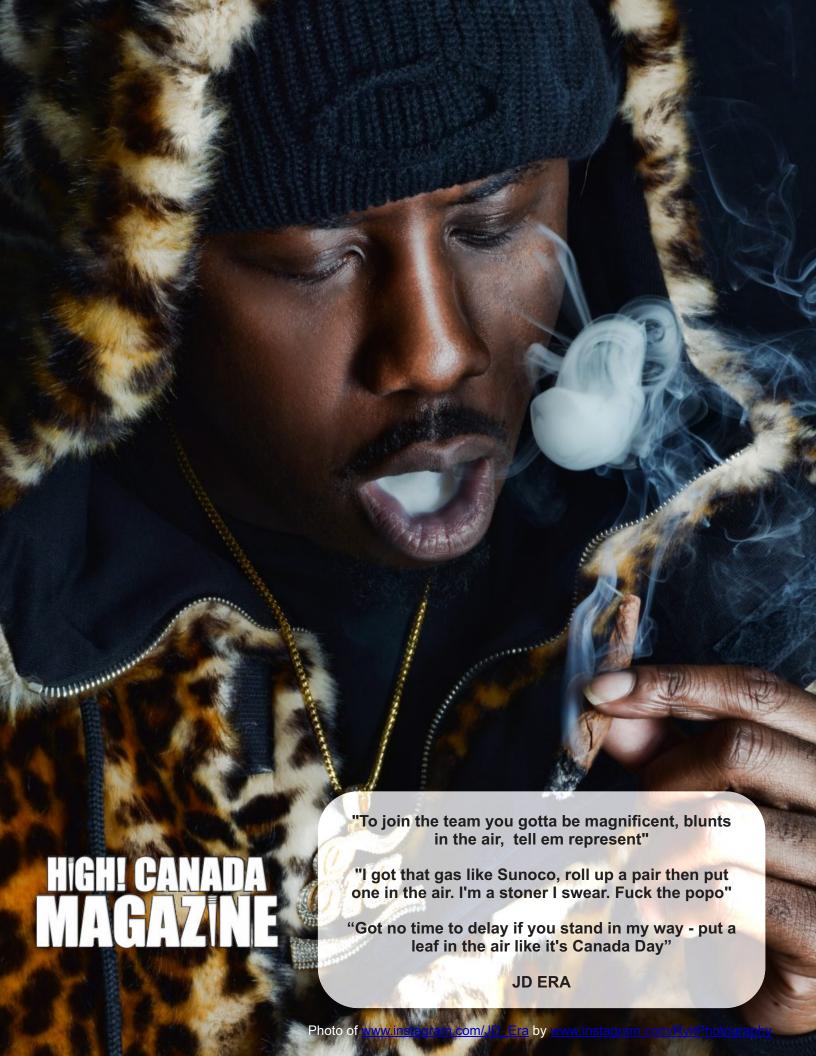


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JD Era has been a staple on the Canadian Hip Hop Scene as long as I can remember. A respected Canadian rapper and lyricist. He has worked with artists such as Nas, Gza, Kardinal Offishall, The Clipse, and has also cut several tracks with longtime friend Drake. In 2008 he won Best Rap at the Toronto Independent Music Awards, and also won the TAG Records' Survival of The Freshest competition. He has also released a number of mixtapes and singles, and in the Juno Awards of 2013 his album No Handouts was nominated for Rap Recording of the Year. JD went through a nearly five year hiatus and late last year dropped his first fulllength project - "Back from the Dead" since releasing his Barz mixtape in 2014.

"Back from the Dead" is JD Era's smoking hot return to the charts is available on Apple Music, Spotify, and other digital streaming platforms via Up North Records.

Raised in Missisauga, a suburb of Toronto, Ontario. He began listening to rap at a young age, particularly to groups such as Wu Tang Clan and the song "C.R.E.A.M." Rapping by the age of fourteen, he began writing his own rhymes at sixteen. He started freestyling in local rap battles as he grew older, stating "I always knew in the back of my mind that I would do [rap]. Rap was taking up too much time and money for me to not take it seriously. I just always wanted to get better and loved the music." A friend, Bad Nuze, brought him into his studio for a number of recording sessions, and JD Era stated "I never looked back." About his name, "JD is my initials and Era is a timeline. Just my way of saying its my time."

When is comes to his Canadian roots - JD celebrates all things Canadian in his hit sit single "Canada Eh?" and his love of Cannabis - well give 2012's "Smoking Good" a listen.



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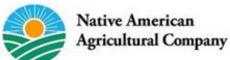












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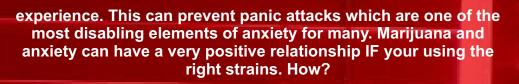
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Cannabis can cause temporary relief and can prevent panic attacks, which is one of the most debilitating element of anxiety.

I suffer from anxiety and have for many years. i don't like taking pharmaceuticals unless deemed necessary. So , I've found some amazing strains that help me and can help you too



Concrete Jungle Craft (IG:@Concretejungle\_craft) - Zurple Punch (AAAAA+)

Concrete jungle craft is a company that is my go-to place. Especially for anxiety reducing strains. The staff has an abundance of knowledge on cannabis and strains that can help many of your needs! My favourite strain by then is zurple Punch. ZP is an exotic cross of zkittles and purple punch. This strain is truly tantalizing in every sense. Sparkling to the eye with frosted peaks. The effects of zurple punch are remarkable for my anxiety. with effects of high euphoria, relaxation, uplifting and anxiety reducing. ZP blends into a blissful euphoria upon the first couple of hits and by the end of smoking I'm calm, anxiety-free and calm yet stimulated. a perfect day time strain or night strain. The way it makes me feel and how fast it eliminates my anxiety has me coming back for more every time.



**YOGA FIRE CRAFT - Golden Goat (AAAA+)** Golden goat is a sativa dominant hybrid strain for all you hybrid lovers out there. As soon as you start smoking golden goat you'll feel a buzz the high and body relaxation. Yoga Fire Craft has the highest quality exotic buds I've ever seen! So lets get down to it why is this strain good for anxiety? Well, golden goat has a small amount of the cannabinoid CBD. which gives off some sedation effects but will not give you couch-lock. After smoking GG you should feel your anxiety slipping away and a slight euphoric buzz. The high THC content in this strain will put you to sleep if your having one of those nights where your head is racing and your thinking off everything that you could possibly think of - then Golden Goat is a 10/10 strain that I would recommend.

#### WEED DEALS - IG:(weed\_deals2.0) Death Bubba (AAAA)

Death bubba provides semi-sedative effects perfect for those anxiety ridden nights. Death Bubba is a cross between death star and bubba kush. This particular DB is the best I've tried! and a staple for any marijuana smoker with anxiety. The effects of this wonderful strain provide euphoric, happy and relaxed body and mind. Effects that can pull you into a deep peaceful sleep. Upon your first tokes you can feel the anxiety melting away and a calmness that overcomes you is so satisfying. If you are a long time cannabis smoker then you've heard of death bubba. Weed deals is a great company that provides some attractive and very pleasing cannabis. This Death Bubba is top notch! upon first couple of puffs you'll start to feel the anxiety leaving your body. DB also has sedative properties and mood stimulating effects. Because of its ability to numb the body Death Bubba is good for those who have chronic pain and

WEED DEALS - (IG: @weed\_deals2.0)- Moby Dick Moby dick also by Weed Deals is a sativa dominant hybrid that gives off euphoric, happy and uplifted thoughts and effects. I used to be scared of sativa strains because i always thought that all made my anxiety worse or gave me anxiety. Little did I know

inflammation. This strain is hard to beat.

I was smoking all of the wrong strains! Moby Dick is a high THC cross between the indica dominant white widow and sativa haze. For me. I found this to be the perfect morning strain that gives me immediate relief from my morning anxieties and fills me with creative thoughts and energetic mood for the rest of the morning. It has me focused and not spaced out while getting things done. Put Moby Dick on your list to try.

SIVAPANAAM (IG:Sivapaanam) - FULL
SPECTRUM CBD OIL
This Full spectrum CBD oil
by Sivapaanam is the best
I've tried when it comes to
helping my anxiety. If you are
someone that prefers CBD
over THC or you'd like to try
something new to relieve you
from your anxiety then this
oil is for you!

With absolutely zero flavour or scent you can use this oil in just about anything! I like to use it as a tincture under my tongue in the morning and after 15-20 minutes I can feel myself getting less anxious. There are other ways you can use CBD oil. You can use the dropper provided and put some in any drink or food that you arr consuming.



Sivapaanam also carries some incredible craft cannabis and exotic strains check them out!

SWEET JOINT REMEDIES - Frost OG Frost OG by sweet joint remedies is a strain unique to this company only! Cultivated by SJR. Let me tell you = I always keep some of this in my stash. It is a mind blowing indica strain that provides a very solid indica trance and it melts away all anxiety! Frost OG is also great for extreme stress and depression. I'd say this is a vacation from your worries and a must try strain!

I hope you get to try some of these incredible strains for your anxiety!













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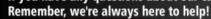
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