

Georgia couple loses custody of son after giving him marijuana to treat seizures

Georgia took custody of a 15-year-old child named David in April when he tested positive for marijuana. The parents, Matthew and Suzeanna Brill, say they gave their son marijuana to treat his seizures. They are fighting to regain custody of David while they are charged with reckless conduct and facing jail time.

The Brills say David had up to ten seizures a day but was completely free from seizures when their son began smoking marijuana. The couple said he had not gone that long without a seizure before.

Nine states and Washington D.C. allow recreational marijuana, and Medical marijuana is legal in 29 states. But Georgia has very strict marijuana laws. The state does allow those with a state-issued medical card to possess "low THC oil" but physicians are not allowed to prescribe marijuana for medical use and it's illegal to sell or possess marijuana.

The only way he could get a medical card would be a six-year waiting list," Suzeanna said.

So the Brills, frustrated with traditional prescription medication, took matters into their own hands. Matthew said he smoked the illegally-purchased marijuana first to make sure it was okay before giving it to his stepson.

Someone alerted the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services to the marijuana that David was using. The couple was in jail for six days. On April 20, David was taken away and remanded to state custody. On that very day, he had a seizure

and had to be rushed to a hospital.

When I talked to him tonight... the 10-minute phone call I was allowed to have with him, he is on the verge of going into a seizure," Suzeanna said.

David is currently living in a group home 60 miles from his parents.

They're facing real criminal charges. I think even if they beat the criminal case...They still are definitely in hot water with regard to Child Protective Services." – Criminal defense attorney Rachel Kugel

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