

Esteemed members of the Kansas House of Representatives, I am honored to stand before you today, grateful for your attention to our testimony. My name is Steve Dennis, a lifelong Kansan, and I am joined by my wife, Jennifer Dennis, whom I married in 1992. Our family has resided in Lenexa, KS since our marriage, where we've raised three sons: Jonathan (born in 1996), William (born in 1998), and Steven (born in 2003).

The reason I address you today is a heartbreaking one. On January 9th, 2022, our son William, after logging into a website known as Sanctioned-Suicide.net on December 5th, 2021, took his own life. This devastating event has prompted me to share the concerning details surrounding this website where young people are intentionally coerced and encouraged to commit suicide, and the urgent need for laws to be changed to help solve this problem.

Raising children in today's world is undoubtedly challenging, especially with the constant inundation of negative content through various channels like TV news, social media, and online searches. As a parent, I have always felt the responsibility to shield our boys from harmful content, emphasizing the importance of education. Each of our sons received a robust education, including warnings about the dangers of negative podcasts, websites, and social media. Their schools consistently emphasized the significance of refraining from posting regrettable photos or comments online due to their permanence. We even delved into discussions about the dark web and its illicit activities. Despite our efforts, the accessibility of information on the internet made it challenging to fully protect our children, leading us to prioritize education.

Following William's tragic suicide, we delved into his computer and phone, uncovering distressing content in his documents, files, and photos, which I have shared with you today.

This content is but a small glimpse into the alarming information circulated on Sanctioned-suicide.net, a platform where depressed or mentally ill young people log in for help and instead receive knowledge and information where to purchase the physical means to end their YOUNG lives. Shockingly, the owners of this website assert full protection under Section 230 and the First Amendment, demonstrating no intention to assist parents in making the platform safer or preventing young people from succumbing to suicide during their most vulnerable moments.

Let me be unequivocal – our purpose here is not to debate the First Amendment or the rights of terminally ill elderly individuals to make end-of-life decisions. Rather, we are advocating for change to protect the promising lives of children and young people who simply need medical attention for their mental health.

The business model of this website mirrors that of many internet platforms – more clicks generates more and more revenue for the owners.

How does a suicide website generate more traffic? Online searches result in 1<sup>st</sup> page results when searching suicide forums. Some people actually post real time suicides sharing how they feel minute by minute. They also use social media tactics using notifications and email updates if you don't log in each day. When a person announces they are going to CTB "Catch the Bus" a callous euphemism for suicide they are encouraged with emoji's and supportive comments. December 2021 a New York Times investigation revealed that Diego Joaquín Galante and Lamaricus Small who describe themselves as incels own Sanctioned-Suicide.net and other Incel websites (Incel, short for 'involuntary celibate', is used as a self-descriptor by members of an online subculture who deem themselves chronically unable to attract romantic or sexual partners). The Incel website's business model preys on the vulnerabilities of young men, pushing them toward despair by urging them to become depressed and take their own lives. The Sanctioned-Suicide.org platform facilitates this distressing path by providing explicit instructions, detailed information on the means and ultimately leading users to normalize suicide.

Multiple parents of children who died by suicide after spending time on the site have publicly called on the forum to shut down,[1] including a Facebook group with over 1,000 members.[2] The moderators of the forum have since restricted the accounts of dead users to prevent family members or law enforcement from accessing them.

How the web site operates:

1. Log into the website and create a username and password
2. Click on the Suicide forum and get into detailed discussions of suicide methods and encouragement to commit suicide
3. The private chats are where sociopaths provides explicit instructions on painless self-harm and try to normalize suicide. Don't listen to your parents. Don't listen to doctors. Medication won't work.
4. In the live chats, the users are befriended and encouraged to "CTB" – catch the bus
5. Users are sent links and information where to purchase Sodium Nitrite, a lethal substance, from online retailers, conveniently shipped in 24 hours for less than \$20 to your front door.
6. Detailed instructions on how to use Sodium Nitrite for self-harm are provided, accompanied by video demonstrations and real time CTB chat room posts to attract more traffic.

7. Guidance on concealing all traces of involvement, including deleting all history and communications on the website. If we didn't have access to William's computer, emails and photos we would have never known any of this information.




Sanctioned Suicide has been around since 2018, but prior to that there were other sites like it. In December 2021, it was reported that Sanctioned-Suicide.net draws 6 million page views a month, on average - quadruple that of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, according to data from Similarweb, a web analytics company. In September 2022, according to the analytics firm Similarweb, the site drew nearly 10 million views per month and according to an informal survey conducted on the site, half of the forum's userbase were 25 or younger. As of October 2023, according to Angus Crawford and Tony Smith of BBC News, the forum has over 40,000 members.


The urgency of my plea lies in the fact that this website, under the guise of the First Amendment, continues to exploit vulnerable individuals on a very large scale. We implore your support for House Bill 2676, a vital step in protecting the citizens of Kansas from the harmful influence of such websites.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Steve Dennis

definitely hope so since i will be using N and i cant afford to throw up \$700 :')


   voyager, KleinerWolf, rhiino and 2 others

 Report

Jul 8, 2020

  #100

He stated in previous posts he could not obtain an AE. So @Heavy if someone is unable to get an AE are you saying they aren't allowed to ctb?

NoPlaceForme said: 

I'll be killing myself tomorrow.

Here's part of the plan. I will make another thread once tomorrow hits and I have to head to the room I booked. But for now this is what my plan looks like


25g SN in 3 different 50 ML water cups (25g in each 50 ML cup)

1 hour before drinking SN 600mg of ibuprofen (11PM)

40 minutes before drinking SN double dose of Tagamet (11:20PM)

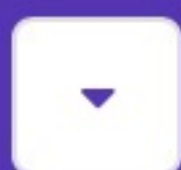
Final - SN drink (11:55 - 12:00)

I cannot get an AE and I've been researching for a while and decided that this is my best option. Had this sitting in my notes for over 2 months. I cannot take the pain anymore. I'm going to eat very little in the morning and will start fasting by 4pm at the latest. I plan to stop drinking fizzy drinks by 7pm and will stop drinking everything at 9 and will only sip water to take ibuprofen and tagamet as I have to. I'll go into more detail as time goes on. I just feel a bit of relief but also antsy as I wait to be able to leave.

Heavy said: 



SS.



Today the time has finally come, I have my final exam. I will finally find out whether I have learned the right thing and can actually apply it.

At least the part about being relaxed seems to fit, I'm completely relaxed and hardly think about tonight. Let's see how it develops.

I am pursuing two goals with the ctb today. Primarily, of course, that I can finally end my existence and find my place in the common, infinite "nothing". The nothing that relieves me of all agony and pain, frees me from it.

I'm looking forward to it so much. To the moment when I realize that the light is about to go out and that I will be on the last path.

For the first time in my life, I got to know the feeling of community here in the forum. A community that accepts everyone for who they are. In which everyone helps one another to find the difficult goal of peace.

For this I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart, first and foremost of course the operators and moderators of the forum.

As a small thank you to dss forum, my ctb is documented by an online observer who writes for me, even if I can no longer do it myself, e.g. because I see everything blurry.

My SN regime is very simple

02:00 pm fasting starts (eating)

08:00 pm 600mg ibuprofen

08:00 pm fasting starts (drinking)





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10:00 pm 25g SN in 50ml water

I have prepared 4 servings of 25g SN in 50ml water.  
Better safe than sorry.

And in the unlikely event that I do wake up again, I wear a noose for a tourniquet around my neck, 3 wooden sticks are ready next to me. Better safe than sorry.

I still have a few things to do and I won't have much time to write. Otherwise, there is already little time to have everything done on my appointment.

I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart who will write to me and I also wish you a pleasant and peaceful journey if you will follow my path.

Goodbye my friends, may you also find the peace you long for.

Dani



Kennish, END21\_22, sadghost and 216 others

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Deleted member 4993

Guest





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# wd5335



## wd5335

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**W** wd5335 reacted to MrOptions's post in the thread Leaving SS. with **Like.**  
Jan 1, 2022

**W** wd5335 reacted to it's\_all\_a\_game's post in the thread Leaving SS. with **Like.**  
SS is getting gutted from the inside out, so I am leaving this site. No more method talk is the last straw for me. See ya in hell. :heart:  
Jan 1, 2022



**W** wd5335 reacted to catdaddy2601's post in the thread My package arrived! with **Like.**  
Mine came yesterday! I need to buy scales aswell, debating whether I should test it first ... My mental health isn't so bad at the...  
Dec 31, 2021

**W** wd5335 reacted to gr1lledcheese's post in the thread My package arrived! with **Like.**  
Got my package of SN today. Waiting on my scale and measuring pitcher. 😊 All my stuff is in storage, and with my house sitting jobs I'll...  
Dec 31, 2021

**W** wd5335 replied to the thread Two Step Suicide.  
Step 1: walk out chest deep into the Kansas river Step 2: Put .45 ACP to my temple  
Dec 22, 2021

**W** wd5335 posted the thread Cost effective CO method (Leaf blower) in Suicide Discussion.  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28768080/>  
Dec 8, 2021

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# My package arrived!

gr1lledcheese · Dec 30, 2021

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Dec 30, 2021

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Got my package of SN today. Waiting on my scale and measuring pitcher. 😊  
All my stuff is in storage, and with my house sitting jobs I'll have a roof over my head for the next couple weeks. My plan is to book a hotel room for a couple nights after that and with a little bit of luck I'll ctb. 🙌

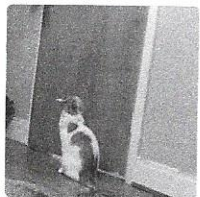
gr1lledcheese  
Member

You, nowayout\*, maakies and 34 others

Dec 18, 2021  
96

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Dec 31, 2021

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Mine came yesterday! I need to buy scales aswell, debating whether I should test it first ... My mental health isn't so bad at the moment but knowing that I've got it there gives me so much peace of mind knowing I can exit if things get really bad again, if I want to...

catdaddy2601  
Member

You, VerbalWinter, \_Minsk and 11 others

Aug 6, 2021  
75

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Dec 31, 2021

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dannyboy2601 said: ↕

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that's exactly how I feel. I have ordered mine and it should arrive in 2 weeks and I don't think I'll take it immediately but knowing it's there is very comforting because I'm pretty sure I'll need it at some point

needed\_  
waiting for a miracle

blueclover..., persimmontea, catdaddy2601 and 3 others

Dec 17, 2021  
806

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Suicide Discussion ▾

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# Discussion how have you come to terms with leaving everything behind?

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tieiwi Saturday at 12:31 AM

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Saturday at 12:31 AM

[New](#) #1

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For those who will ctb or are highly considering it, have you come to terms with leaving the things in your life behind? How? Ever since I really thought about suicide being an actual option for me, the feeling of indifference towards the things in my life just naturally followed. I look at my friends and certain members of my family feeling nothing. I don't feel sad that I'll leave them. It's interesting to me because I like them and care about them, but they're not stopping me from ctb.

tieiwi  
Student

Phia2021, Laura123, Journeytoletgo and 2 others

Dec 11, 2021

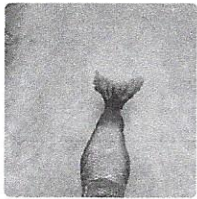
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Saturday at 1:36 AM

[New](#) #2



Okay so Honestly the only part I feel bad about is leaving my cat behind. I've had him for 10 fruitful years and that's his entire life except the 10 weeks he was fostered as a newborn. The last time I cried when I thought of leaving him and I considered staying just long enough for him to die but he's a healthy, Chonky boy. He has at least 10 more years in him and I'm not sure if I can hold out. My family, I've told them I plan on doing this and I'm not sure if they don't believe me or forgot. I have done it before so my next attempt would be number 3. I don't feel as much of a pull towards my family about leaving them behind.

ixkitty

Let me be Selfish, just this once.

Aug 15, 2020

258

Sometimes I wonder how my mom will fare since she highly depends on me for a lot of stuff. The rest of my family, well I used to be a monetary necessity for them but now I'm working a lower paying job and they can't just ask for money like they used to. I guess I'm saying I'm not as needed as I used to be in that respect.

Nemeshisu, steviu and LastFlowers

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Saturday at 2:20 AM

[New](#) #3



veryhappyhuman  
Member

Aug 25, 2021

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I really havent. I've even pushed myself to buy a one-way air ticket for my final resting place, fixed a date this year etc etc. But still the guilt of leaving parents behind hits me hard. My only consolation is a) it'll be over soon and b) I didn't choose to be born to them.

The other thing is, if I do stay on for them, the years of pain and screaming inside will eventually drive me completely insane surely, and *that* would be a much more terrible thing to do to them than just leaving them. And if that doesn't happen, there are my other severe health issues -- for instance, I've had nightmares of getting a stroke and becoming paralyzed, leaving my very old, sick parents to care for *me* instead. If I go now, at least they're able to decide their future for themselves without me burdening them.

At this point, both leaving AND staying feel selfish to me.

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Chiisai  
To infinity and beyond!

Sep 1, 2021

444

Saturday at 2:33 AM

New #4

Yes I have come to terms with my decision. I still feel sad leaving my family behind but I know this is better for all of us.

Small\_Dreams

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Saturday at 2:52 AM

New #5



S like suicide  
Warlock

Apr 29, 2021

702

Well...nobody cares about me and i'm not kidding about this,my family can't care less if i am alive or not...in regards leaving everything behind,well i have nothing so i'm not leaving nothing basically.I thought about the consequences of my gesture ... but you know what ... now I don't care anymore ... I don't owe anyone anything, nobody helped me even though I asked for help several times so why should it concern me...i don't care,i just want end it

Moomin17, D&D, tiewi and 4 others

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LastFlowers  
the haru that can read

Apr 27, 2019

1,597

Saturday at 3:08 AM

New #7

S like suicide said:

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I'm pretty much the same.

Nobody gives a rat's ass, not least the majority of my family.

Nothing much to leave behind, never acquired (or had the means to acquire) what makes life worth living, I mean sure it could always get worse, I could somehow lose more and more when I am already starved of so much, but still, the only thing I'll be leaving behind really are pets, sentimental material items, and a life-passion, dreams, ambitions, connections-never lived.

Moomin17, tiewi, Small\_Dreams and 2 others

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Saturday at 3:18 AM

New #7



S like suicide  
Warlock

Apr 29, 2021

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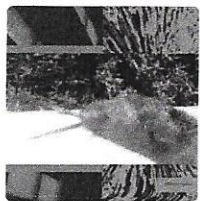
LastFlowers said:

and a life-passion, dreams, ambitions, connections-never lived.

I feel this totally...a life i imagined to escape from my shitty and painful reality...i hug you

Nemeshisu and LastFlowers

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**Oblivion Access**  
I don't know anything  
Jul 5, 2019  
63

Saturday at 3:21 AM

New #8

There isn't much I care about. Obligations and distractions from the inevitable. Nothing save for fear and ineptitude keeps me here.

pthnrndnojvsc, Conker, D&D and 3 others

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**Nemeshisu**  
Experienced  
Dec 25, 2019  
208

Saturday at 5:07 AM

New #9

There is nothing for me to leave behind really. My family kinda treats me as means to repay their debts, and doesn't care about me in slightest other than that. I don't have IRL friends. I know I don't have chance to fulfill dreams I had in past. And, I was hurt by this world so much that I don't really care what happens after my death.

"Mornings are grey. Always the same. Absolutely empty."-Dazai Osamu, Schoolgirl

Journeytoletgo and jimmy7754

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**Small\_Dreams**  
Paragon  
Sep 29, 2021  
987

Saturday at 6:53 AM

New #10

What will I leave behind? my pain, my suffering, my misery. I am not very poor but I don't have money to live comfortably or address health issues. Like others, nobody cares about me and I am cool with that. It is better for everyone, including myself, to end it. I don't belong here.

I wish I was never born Peaceful Suicide is a human right

CTB = catch the bus. It is an acronym for suicide

D&D

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Saturday at 9:06 AM

New #11

S like suicide said:

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I agree with you. I'm giving my family a couple days to get over my death. I hope you are able to find the peace you need.

Oblivion Access said:

There isn't much I care about. Obligations and distractions from the inevitable. Nothing save for fear and ineptitude keeps me here.

Fear has been keeping me here as well but it's slowly wearing away...

S like suicide



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