



GERMAN INFLUENCER KILLED IN AMSTERDAM

No charge for police officers

The scandalous decision - what Sammy's parents say



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Wetzlar/Amsterdam - After almost a year of investigation, the Amsterdam public prosecutor's office has finally made a decision in the Sammy Baker case - and it's a scandal: no charges will be brought against the police officers who shot the fitness influencer (23) from Wetzlar (Hesse)! BILD learned this exclusively from the parents of the victim.

Last August, Sammy traveled with friends to Amsterdam (Netherlands) to celebrate his birthday. But the sporty and otherwise so health-conscious young man was apparently curious and tried a joint and half a hash muffin with his buddies. The later

autopsy report showed a value of 0.0011 mg/l THC in the blood - a vanishingly small amount (BILD reported).



But it was enough to apparently trigger a psychosis in Sammy. Shortly after visiting the coffee shop, Sammy disappeared without a trace, wandered around the city for two days and was reported missing by his family.

Sammy's mother Justine: "We specifically said that Sammy needed medical attention."

On August 13, police officers discovered him in a backyard - half-dressed, confused, and holding a carving knife. A scuffle ensued, Sammy went down - and was shot. His mother and best friend were standing nearby.

Was it unjustified police violence?

Since then, his parents have been fighting for justice. In Germany and also in the Netherlands, the case raised many questions and a discussion about police violence flared up in the media.

The investigation by the public prosecutor's office, which lasted almost a year, also left many **inconsistencies**:

- Why were eight police officers unable to subdue Sammy without using weapons?
- Why were Sammy's mother, his friend, the doctor Sammy requested, or the psycho-ambulance not allowed to see him? All of them were on the scene.
- **Why was Sammy considered dangerous?** A video made by a resident of the incident shows: **he did not attack anyone, turned his back to the police officers**, and even the police dog that was sent out ran past Sammy because he did not perceive him as a danger.

- Why did Amsterdam police chief Frank Paauw say Sammy stabbed a police vest? However, **the investigation revealed that no vest was damaged.**
- Was this meant to substantiate police self-defense?
- Why was it claimed that Sammy had a 30-centimeter knife with him? In fact, it was only a small carving knife.
- Why was no neighborhood interview ordered by the prosecution?
- Why are the **private relationships of the police** officers to each other not questioned? The officer of the allegedly defective bodycam and the shooter are friends.



The Public Prosecutor's Office

The task of the public prosecutor's office was to clarify all these questions and to find out whether the intervention of the police officers and their use of firearms was justified - or whether it was a case of **failure, despotism or police violence**.

Today the public prosecutor's office decided: No charges will be brought against the police officers! So there will be no trial.

Reason: **"In summary, I (editor's note: the public prosecutor) am of the opinion that there is no reason to charge S. and L. (editor's note: the police officers) to be prosecuted for the shots resulting in death, since both S. and L. acted in a self-defense situation within the meaning of the Criminal Code."**

Sammy's father Kai to BILD: "It's a scandal! It had become apparent in recent months, but it's still tough. We will not give up and are now preparing with our lawyer the legal steps that are still possible to bring the police officers who shot my son to justice. If we have to, we will go all the way to the **European Court of Human Rights.**"