



BBC Successfully Tracks Down Individual Selling Poison Linked to Suicide Forum

Description

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In a groundbreaking investigation, the BBC has identified a Ukrainian individual, Leonid Zakutenko, who peddles a lethally toxic substance linked to a shocking 130 deaths in the UK.

Zakutenko promotes his nefarious activities through a website advocating suicide. He confessed to an undercover reporter that he typically dispatches about five packages a week to the UK. He is linked to distributing the same substance as Kenneth Law, a Canadian caught last year in the act, presently going through the charges of 14 counts of homicide.

Despite strong evidence suggesting otherwise, when approached by the BBC, Zakutenko flatly declined all allegations. Seeking him at his residence in Kyiv, he refuted any association with the sale of the deadly chemical, which has not been openly disclosed by the BBC. Nonetheless, further investigations reveal his involvement in the trade for years.

The UK legally permits the sale of this fatal substance, but exclusively to entities employing it for legitimate applications. Suppliers are obligated to conduct preliminary checks on the prospective use of the substance before any transaction occurs. Even small quantities can culminate in the tragic loss of life.

The distressed family of twins Linda and Sarah, whose lives were claimed by the poison Zakutenko provided, dubbed him an 'odious and malevolent human being.' Their sister, Helen Kite, added that Linda gained effortless access to the 'death kit' for a few pounds after learning about the seller on a popular suicide forum.

A distressing fact is that Zakutenko's perilous chemical is readily discussed on the same online forums Linda used. Community members generously share tips on procuring and subsequently using it.

Professor Amrita Ahluwalia, a distinguished expert in vascular pharmacology from Queen Mary University of London, suggests the chemical might be linked to over 130 UK deaths since 2019. She has conducted detailed analyses on blood and other samples sent to her by pathologists and police across the UK. Prof. Ahluwalia found extensive traces of the chemical in 71% of the tests, estimating that at least 133 people could have lost their lives consuming it.

Trailed to his humble apartment in a Soviet-era tower block in Kyiv, Zakutenko was approached near his local post office trying to send more packages. But when confronted about his illicit actions, he dismissed it as a "lie".



With the continually growing death toll, David Parfett, who lost his son Tom to the chemical sold by Kenneth Law, is now working diligently to shut down suicide forums and cease sellers like Zakutenko's operations.

Mr. Parfett and Ms. Kite are collectively calling for stringent measures to blockade access to the forum that led their loved ones, Tom and Linda, to the lethal chemical.

The UK government assures that last year's Online Safety Act will assist in curbing the accessibility to such forums, thus reducing the spread of such tragic incidents.

Vocabulary List:

1. **peddle** // (verb): To sell or offer (illicit goods) in small quantities especially door to door.
2. **nefarious** // (adjective): Wicked villainous or criminal.
3. **dispatch** // (verb): To send off to a destination or for a purpose.
4. **allegation** // (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically made without proof.
5. **culminate** // (verb): To reach a climax or point of highest development.
6. **odious** // (adjective): Extremely unpleasant repulsive.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word best describes an extremely wicked and villainous action?

- Option: Peddle
- Option: Neighborhood
- Option: Nefarious
- Option: Dispatch

2. What is the process of administering a vaccine to protect against a specific disease?

- Option: Immunity
- Option: Culminate
- Option: Vaccination
- Option: Precautions

3. What are recommended principles or rules to assist in a particular situation?

- Option: Implications
- Option: Guidelines
- Option: Advisories



Option: Elderly

4. Which term means harmful or damaging?

- Option: Detrimental
- Option: Contradicts
- Option: Unpleasant
- Option: Controversial

5. What word describes something complete or including all aspects of a subject?

- Option: Instigating
- Option: Comprehensive
- Option: Fascinating
- Option: Abstaining

6. Which term refers to a person's facial features or expression?

- Option: Engagement
- Option: Extramarital
- Option: Physiognomy
- Option: Apprehensive

7. What is the term for the state of being free from public attention or observation?

- Option: Deception
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Innocence
- Option: Abusive

8. Which word means to bring about or initiate?

- Option: Abusive
- Option: Instigating
- Option: Extramarital
- Option: Precautions

9. Which term is used to describe something that causes disagreement or argument?

- Option: Implications
- Option: Fascinating
- Option: Controversial
- Option: Abstaining

10. Which word best describes something extremely unpleasant?



- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Odious
- Option: Detrimental
- Option: Dispatch

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. An _____ is a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong.
12. The _____ woman was helped across the street by a kind passerby.
13. The decision to change suppliers had far-reaching financial _____ for the company.
14. In order to maintain his fitness goals he was _____ from eating sugary snacks.
15. The plot of the movie was so _____ that it kept the audience guessing until the end.
16. The magician used sleight of hand to create an illusion of _____.
17. Their _____ was announced at a family gathering bringing cheers and hugs from all.
18. Before starting the experiment the students were instructed to take necessary _____.
19. The scandal involved an _____ affair that led to the downfall of a prominent politician.
20. She was _____ about the outcome of her job interview hoping for the best but fearing the worst.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The smell from the garbage bin made everyone hold their noses in disgust.
22. Travelers are urged to follow health and stay informed about any local safety concerns.
23. Vaccines help boost the body's natural to fight off infections.



24. The documentary about marine life was so that it inspired many to learn more about the ocean.
25. His statement completely what he had said earlier causing confusion among the listeners.
26. The surprise of finding a spider in the shoe startled the hiker.
27. The rumors were aimed at unrest among the students leading to a chaotic situation.
28. The study covered all aspects of the research topic leaving no stone unturned.
29. Despite the in her eyes some doubted her involvement in the crime.
30. His behavior towards his colleagues eventually led to his dismissal.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Nefarious 2. Vaccination 3. Guidelines 4. Detrimental 5. Comprehensive 6. Physiognomy 7. Privacy 8. Instigating 9. Controversial 10. Odious

Gap-Fill: 11. allegation 12. elderly 13. implications 14. abstaining 15. intriguing 16. deception 17. engagement 18. precautions 19. extramarital 20. apprehensive

Matching sentence: 1. odious 2. advisories 3. immunity 4. fascinating 5. contradicts 6. unpleasant 7. instigating 8. comprehensive 9. innocence 10. abusive

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