

## **Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death from overdose Trial**

### **Kennedy v Gold Coast Sober Living.**

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On November 6, 2025, a Ventura County jury returned a defense verdict in the case of Kennedy v. Gold Coast Sober Living. The wrongful death case action was brought by the parents of 20-year-old Connor Mudd following his death on April 24, 2020, of a methamphetamine overdose. He became a resident of Gold Coast Sober Living in April 2020, and on the morning of April 24th was found to have brought methamphetamine into the residence and spent the night smoking it in the bathroom. Pursuant to the house rules, he was evicted that morning and was found dead six hours later on the campus of Ventura College. His parents alleged that Gold Coast was responsible for his death by failing to call 911 and allowing him to leave without medical intervention, and asked for an award of \$24 Million. The jury disagreed and returned a verdict in favor of Gold Coast. Gold Coast was represented by Will Kronenberg of Kronenberg Law in Oakland, CA. He has served as lead counsel in over 100 trials throughout the U.S., including 12 wrongful death trials. This was his 5th trial in 2025.