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Heath Ledger Death Update: Six Pharmaceuticals Found - Antidepressants, Sleep Meds and More

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(NewsTarget) In a surprising turn of events, the mainstream media has begun to ask the question, "What killed Heath Ledger?" According to the Associated Press, authorities have now stated they found six different prescription drugs in Ledger's apartment. Those drugs reportedly include Zoloft (a mind-altering antidepressant drug) and Ambien (a sleep drug with bizarre side effects) as well as an antihistamine drug that has not yet been named. Reports also state there were over-the-counter prescription drugs found at the scene, and that three of the [pharmaceuticals](#) found in Ledger's apartment were prescribed in Europe (the others were prescribed in the United States).

Rumors have been circling that a \$20 bill found in Ledger's apartment contained [cocaine](#) residue, but this has been proven false, according to the Associated Press. The \$20 bill in question was tested by law enforcement authorities and no cocaine residue was found. (This seems strange, given that ALL dollar bills contain trace levels of cocaine, by the way...) There are conflicting reports from various celebrities commenting on Ledger's history of [drug addiction](#). While it's clear that Ledger had previously sought treatment for a drug addiction, there is not yet any reliable evidence that Ledger was using such drugs in combination with the pharmaceuticals that may have killed him.

The Drudge Report is asking tonight, "What Killed Heath?" It's the first sensible headline we've seen on the topic, and of course it comes from an online, alternative media source (the [mainstream media](#) has yet to seriously question the safety of the FDA-approved pharmaceuticals that appear to be involved in Ledger's death).

NewsTarget earlier published a story questioning the journalistic integrity of the mainstream media and asking whether a conflict of interest (mainstream media companies are largely funded by pharmaceutical advertising money) was preventing them from making serious inquiry into the health hazards of pharmaceuticals. Had Ledger's body been found next to a bottle of herbal medicine, there's no doubt the media (and [the FDA](#)) would be screaming about the dangers of herbs, but since the drugs that apparently killed Ledger are "approved" by the FDA, there seems to be an astonishing lack of inquisition about those drugs in the mainstream media.

The current media reports are blaming Ledger for his own death and not even asking sensible questions about whether the powerful chemicals found beside his body may have been the cause.

Why cover this celebrity story?

In the past, I've railed against excessive media coverage of celebrities like Michael Jackson, and today, NewsTarget readers are asking why we're spending so much time reporting on Heath Ledger. The answer is not that Ledger's death is any more tragic than the deaths of all the other people killed by pharmaceuticals -- all human beings have equal value, and no drug-induced fatality is unimportant -- it's just that the celebrity status of Ledger is bringing so much media attention

to this news that we feel compelled to demand that the facts about the dangers of pharmaceuticals be accurately and honestly investigated.

Let's face it: The public pays attention when celebrities marry, divorce or pass away. And unlike the deaths of so many other celebrities who overdosed on cocaine or illegal drugs, the current evidence appears to support the notion that Ledger was killed by the chemical toxicity of *FDA-approved drugs*. If the final toxicology report supports this, it could bring a tremendous amount of attention to the dangers of medications currently being pushed onto young people by drug companies, doctors, psychiatrists and health authorities.

I truly believe Ledger would be alive, healthy and happy today if he had turned to natural medicine instead of relying on chemical pharmaceuticals. And while his death is a tragic loss of a widely-loved human being, it is hugely important that society pay attention to what might have killed Ledger and take precautions to protect our children, teens and young adults from similar fates in the future. What Ledger's death demonstrates, I believe, is the cost in human lives of the mass-medication of our population.

So we cover the Heath Ledger story not simply because of one individual's celebrity status, but rather because the implications for the welfare of so many other people paying attention to this issue are very large. Ledger's death may, in fact, may be among his most powerful statements to the world: Beware the consequences of pharmaceuticals.

It is a message that Ledger's celebrity status allows him to send even from beyond the grave.

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