



EMERGING ARTIST "ONE POET" STRONGLY DENIES NEW SINGLE IS RELATED TO "DEADLY LEGAL HIGH" CRYSTAL

14th October 2015: **One Poet Craig Smith**, an up and coming singer songwriter from the Channel Islands takes a strong stance against legal highs. This comes after claims his new single "**Crystallize Me**" glorifies the use of the deadly legal high **Ethylphenidate** known as "**Crystals**"

Craig's debut single "**Crystallize Me**" has gradually been gaining momentum and popularity in the UK. The single has been play-listed on BBC's Introducing show as well as a number of local and national radio stations. Along with its increase in popularity, the record has generated quite an unwanted stigma as some listeners and fans falsely associate the lyrics glorifying the use of the deadly legal high "Crystal"

Craig Smith took the time to explain his intentions with regards to the lyrics of "**Crystallize Me**" and clarify that the song is in no way related to the use of "Crystals". Craig goes on to explain why he would never write a song about legal highs and the true meaning of the song:

"I just released my single and although im happy that the tune is doing well, people are buying my music and im building my fan base, I cant say im happy about some of the messages people have sent my manager. Some people who use drugs, have messaged me saying how they understand the lyrics, they feel the same when they are "OFF IT" on Crystals and they love the track. Some parents have also messaged me angry at the fact im singing about drugs when I can influence kids, im not!

I'm 100% against legal highs, the damage they are doing to my community as well as kids all over just isn't something im about to glorify in one of my songs. I know of kids at school who think its OK as its labeled legal, I know people who have ended up in hospital and I know people who have died as a result. If the song was about crystal's in any way I would have called it Uncrystallize Me, to show that's not what im about.

If anything my message would be STAY AWAY, DONT RISK IT.ITS STUPID.

My song is actually about the emotional struggles I have faced in my life, its about relationships that have crumbled and how life can spit you out sometimes, and then you become emotionally cold and numb. Then you can beat hard times if you keep going. Its about everyone's struggles really, and that's it"

Craig looks forward to releasing his new tracks, and building his fan base. He looks forward to producing music that everyone can relate to.

Craig Smith aka One Poet is a 25 year old singer songwriter based in Jersey, Channel Islands, UK. Craig's musical influences range from the Beatles to the Red Hot Chili Peppers as well as Oasis and Blur.

He fell in love with music growing up with Oasis who influenced his decision to write his own songs, share his views and express them on stage. Craig writes all of his own material, his songs draw out emotion and are a direct expression of his life experiences. Anything that cant or wouldn't be said, feelings that cant be conveyed through speech flow through his songs. If you want to know about Craig as a person, just listen to his lyrics.

Craig has been aired on BBC introducing as well as many national radio stations. Craig is an energetic performer regardless of whether its in front of 100 people or 10,000 people. He has played many venues small and large as well as European and local festivals, including Jersey Live 2015.

Craig is an eccentric with an ecstatic stage presence drawing in a crowd wherever he plays. A joy to watch, a fantastic live performer and an artist that has been quite rightly labeled as one to watch. Craig has released Crystallize Me, his first single independently. His first EP will be released in 2016.





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