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Medical Intervention to Help Prince Didn't Occur in Time

Associates of the pop star had reached out to addiction-recovery doctor in California

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A planned medical intervention to help Prince couldn't take place before the musician died of an apparent drug overdose, an attorney for a California addiction specialist said Wednesday.

William Mauzy, attorney for Dr. Howard Kornfeld, who runs an addiction-recovery facility in Mill Valley, Calif., said Wednesday that the doctor had been called by associates of Prince to help the musician treat his alleged drug use on April 20, the day before he died.

However, Dr. Kornfeld, who runs the Recovery Without Walls center, was unavailable to travel immediately to Minnesota, so he sent his son Andrew, who apparently arrived at Prince's home just hours after his death. The hope was to stabilize Prince and bring him to Dr. Kornfeld's clinic, Mr. Mauzy said.

"Dr. Kornfeld was never able to meet Prince, never talked to Prince, and sadly, was not able to arrive in time to help Prince," he said. "Dr. Kornfeld felt his mission was a lifesaving mission."

The Kornfelds couldn't be reached for comment.

Mr. Mauzy, a criminal-defense attorney in Minneapolis, told reporters about the discovery of the 57-year-old performer in an elevator at his residence and recording studio outside Minneapolis, known as Paisley Park, as well as last-minute attempts to save him.

The Carver County sheriff's office is conducting a criminal investigation and hasn't released a cause of death. Toxicology results of an autopsy have yet to be released.

Jason Kamerud, chief deputy for the sheriff's office, declined to comment on Mr. Mauzy's account, citing the continuing investigation.

According to Mr. Mauzy, when Andrew Kornfeld arrived at Paisley Park on the morning of April 21, he couldn't find Prince. A search of the residence ensued, and Prince's body was discovered. Mr. Kornfeld called 911 because others were too upset, Mr. Mauzy said.

"Andrew heard the screams and went to the elevator. Andrew was the person who made the 911 call, describing the medical emergency at Paisley Park," Mr. Mauzy said.



Attorney William Mauzy, above, said Dr. Howard Kornfeld, who runs an addiction-recovery facility, had been called by associates of Prince to help the musician treat his drug addiction. *PHOTO: JEFF BAENEN/ASSOCIATED PRESS*

Mr. Kornfeld didn't initially know the address and, according to a transcript of the call previously released by the sheriff's office, he also told the dispatcher as he tried to locate the street address that the people with him were "distracted." The sheriff's office has described those people as members of Prince's staff.

Mr. Mauzy said Andrew had a small quantity of buprenorphine pills in a backpack, which he planned to deliver to a Minnesota doctor who had cleared his schedule of patients Thursday to meet with Prince and stabilize his condition. Buprenorphine is used to treat pain as well as opioid addiction. Many doctors view it as an alternative to methadone, another treatment drug that is prone to abuse.

Mr. Mauzy said he wanted to ensure that Andrew Kornfeld, under Minnesota's good Samaritan law providing immunity to 911 callers, didn't face any criminal charges. He said Andrew was interviewed by police, then flew back to San Francisco that night. Neither Andrew nor his father had given medication to anyone.

According to the Recovery Without Walls website, Andrew is a practice consultant who occasionally acts as a peer mentor to younger patients. The site describes the facility as an outpatient medical clinic offering "evidence-based medicine for chronic pain management" and rehab for alcohol and drug addiction, as well as buprenorphine treatment.

Speculation about Prince's death has been widespread and has increasingly focused on an alleged history of drug use and his deteriorating condition in the week or so before he died.

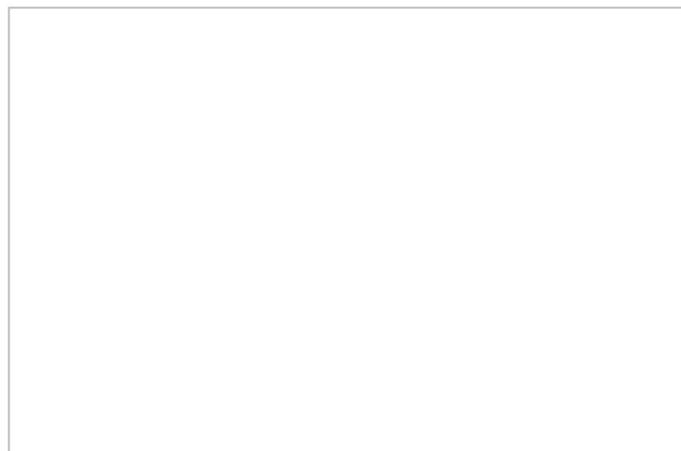
Days earlier, Prince's plane made an emergency landing in Moline, Ill., while he was overdosing on opiates, so he could receive a shot of Narcan, according to a law-enforcement official. The drug, also known as naloxone, can reverse an overdose by displacing opioids from their receptors in the brain.

More recently, a Minnesota attorney who had been involved in litigation with two of Prince's siblings said he had been told beginning in 2001 that the musician had abused cocaine as well as Percocet, which is used to treat pain.

—*Jon Kamp contributed to this article.*

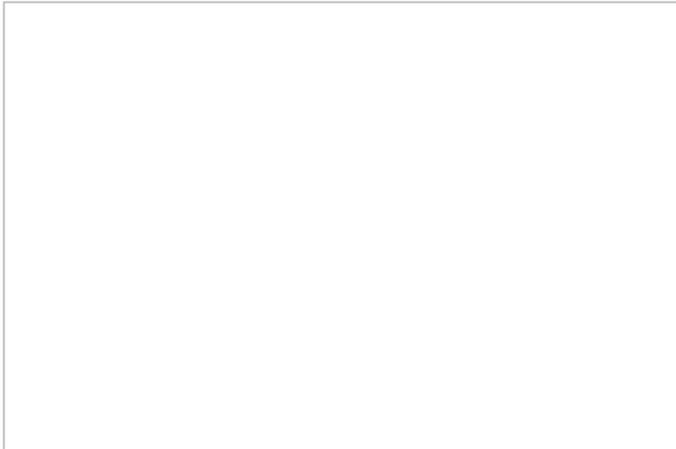
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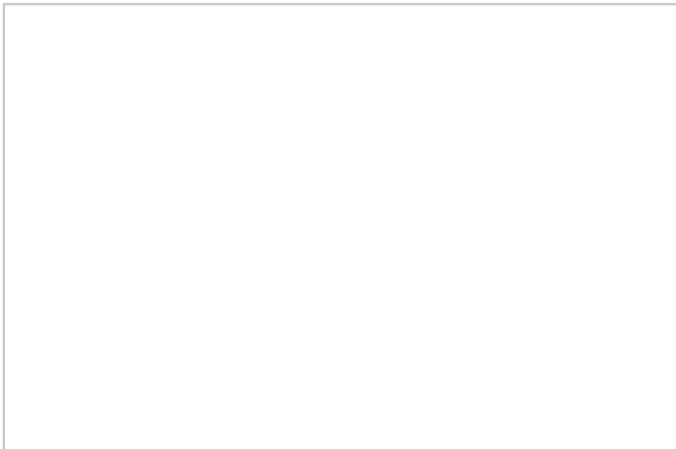
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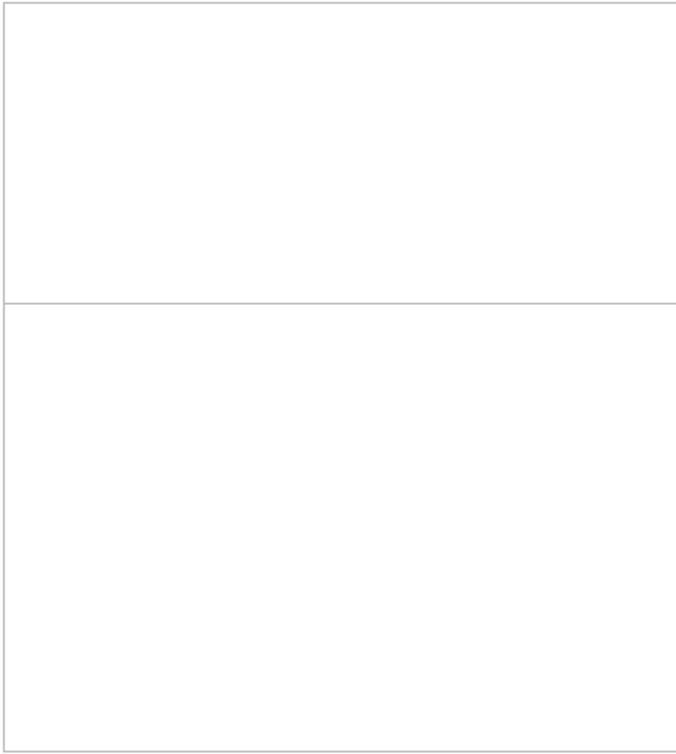
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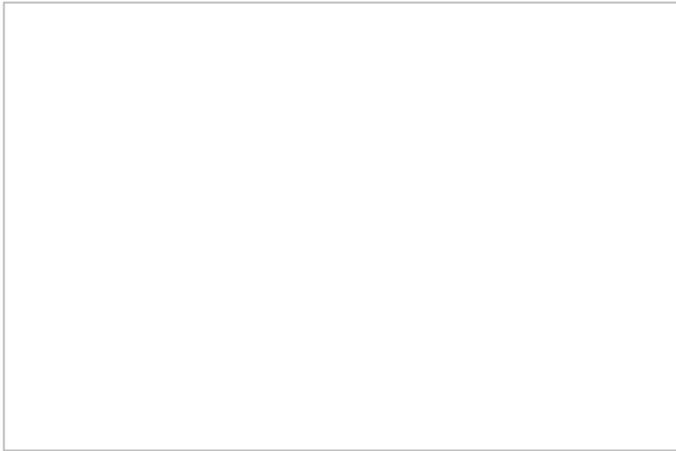
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