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# United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

September 9, 2019

#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Jared Forbush 4Bush Holdings, LLC 318 West 250 South Kaysville, UT 84037-2443

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Complete Relief CBD - Clinically Validated Cannabidiol

SPECIAL REPORT: Woman Paralyzed By Pain Discovers Breakthrough Relief Called 'Nature's Oxycontin'....

Complete Relief CBD has been called "Nature's Oxycontin" because it quickly relieves even the most agonizing pain.... Many say it works like magic. Some say it works better than prescription painkillers like Vicodin and Oxycontin....

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[Dr.] Jamie [Richardson] applied for a research grant to run the first ever FDA approved clinical trial involving CBD.

With the help of **Harvard researchers and medical doctors**, Jamie led a clinical trial studying the effects of CBD on pain and inflammation.

The results were astonishing. Through their research, they discovered a multitude of other health benefits of CBD they never anticipated. Richardson's team ran additional follow-up studies that concluded CBD is nothing short of a real medical miracle.

# CBD has now been clinically proven to:

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Reduce social anxiety, cognitive impairment, and discomfort in patients diagnosed with Generalized Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD)

Decrease cancer spread by "turning off" genes involved in tumor development Combat neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer's by removing plaque that block neuron-signaling

Reduces cigarette addiction by modulating the rewarding the effects of nicotine [R]estore respiratory stability to those experiencing sleep Apnea

Clears acne by inhibiting lipid synthesis on the skin

Regulates blood sugar and lowers insulin resistance

Provide relief to those suffering from IBD (Chron's [sic] or Colitis) through its anti-inflammatory effects

Improves symptoms of MS (multiple sclerosis) by providing durable protection to neurons

Prevents obesity....

[Dr. Jamie Richardson] teamed up with his group of Harvard researchers to create Complete Relief CBD, a brand of medical grade CBD supplements developed through thousands of hours of research and clinical trials....

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All 5 [venture capital investors from the television show *Shark Tank*] jumped on the opportunity to invest in Complete Relief CBD with confidence, calling it the...

"Natural Miracle Cure That Will Bring Down Big Pharma"

# Morgan Freeman: "The Only Thing That Offers Relief For Fibromyalgia is CBD"

[O]ur senior editor Tanya Johnson volunteered for our experiment. Tanya was chosen because of her history with Rheumatoid Arthritis, a painful autoimmune condition doctors don't yet have a complete cure for.

Below is her story...

#### Tanya's Real Life Experience With Complete Relief CBD...

One day, while watching an episode of The Doctors, I heard Dr. Travis Stork talk about a natural solution to pain management and inflammation that's even more effective than prescription meds. Of course, the solution was CBD and the brand he recommended was Complete Relief CBD.... So I decided to order a risk-free sample and give it a shot.

Within a few weeks, my pain completely disappeared and my normal panic attacks began to subside.... I not only saved thousands of dollars, but also the hassle of doctor visits and therapy sessions thanks to Complete Relief CBD.

Get a Risk-Free Trial Today>>

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Finally a Cannabidiol Supplement that is medically validated and absolutely legal!

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# Excerpts from www.offer.firstclassherbalistcbd.com[...], Linked from the "Get a Risk-Free Trial Today" Button

# The Science of CBD (CANNABIDOIL)

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CBD Oil has been medically proven to positively regulate your endocannabinoid system] addressing issues such as... hypertension[] and even cardiovascular issues....

- <u>Psychological Benefits</u>: .... [I]n some cases may offer a safe remedy for depression and bipolar disorders.
- <u>Neurological Benefits</u>: Our CBD Oil's positive impact on the neural system helps reduce age-related cognitive decline....

# REAL SUCCESS STORIES!

"After a big cancer scare, I started taking CBD about 6 months ago and LOVE IT! My Oncologist said whatever you are doing to keep doing it. I have used a few brands and my favorite is by far Herbalist Oils CBD. My energy is slowly coming back and I feel wonderful."

- Kandi

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Brad Keller NuLife CBD Oils, LLC 3312 Independence Way King of Prussia, PA 19434

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The Many Ways in Which CBD is Increasing Health and Enhancing Lives

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## Excerpts from www.ocannacbd.com/product/gummies

#### OCANNA CBD GUMMIES

Delicious and highly effective, our CBD infused gummies...

#### BENEFITS

 Fights inflammation – the root cause of most major degenerative diseases, including arthritis, heart disease, fibromyalgia, cancer, asthma, and a wide spectrum of autoimmune disorders. May also aid with... epileptic seizures and anxiety disorders.

# Related products

#### Cream

Ocanna's organic CBD Cream is formulated with... CBD extract that reduces inflammation, providing... arthritis pain relief....

#### Oil

Ocanna CBD Oil is a natural dietary supplement that may be effective in the fight against... depression, PTSD, ... and epilepsy, in addition to a broad spectrum of inflammatory diseases including heart disease, arthritis, fibromyalgia, [and] asthma....

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# Excerpts from www.ocannacbd.com/cbd-hope-for-digestive-distress

# CBD - Hope for Digestive Distress

The study of CBD's (cannabinoids) and their potential curative affects [sic] on gut health and the issues directly relating to it, should be considered one of the more exciting aspects of this amazing curative. For anyone suffering with the activity-limiting issues of digestive distress, be it Crohns, IBS, ulcers, GERD, Leaky Gut and more, the potential to ease or alleviate their symptoms goes well beyond heartening.... [C]hronic digestive ailments such as Crohns disease have been experimentally treated with promising results using CBD. Crohns disease is the result of ulcers and lacerations within the stomach and small intestines that remain untreated for a prolonged duration. The soothing anti-inflammatory properties of CBD are invaluable for such disorders.

## Excerpts from www.ocannacbd.com/cbd-a-potent-therapy-for-fibromyalgia

# CBD - A Potent Therapy For Fibromyalgia

[U]sing a plant-based product like CBD oils and cream to reduce both fibromyalgia pain and inflammation... can be an excellent alternative.

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# Excerpts from www.ocannacbd.com/promising-affects-of-cbd-on-arthritispain

Promising Affects [sic] of CBD on Arthritis Pain

#### CBD- A Potent Therapy For Arthritis

CBD is best known for its analgesic properties (pain relief), anti-inflammatory abilities (reducing swelling and the localized burning sensation), along with antibacterial properties. This makes it very effective in mitigating the most common symptoms of arthritis.

CBD products can ease or eliminate arthritic symptoms....

shows how and why CBD is effective in treating arthritis

For those suffering from the excruciating pain of arthritis, CBD is a precious, plant-based gift.

In 2008, a review related to research on CBD and its ability to manage pain foretold the possibility of CBD becoming a potent formulation in the near future. With every new study and report, we see more scientific evidence surfacing that

# Excerpts from www.ocannacbd.com/testimonials-supporting-cbd-andwellness

#### I have good news. It DOES work

Just wanted to give a review update on my newfound journey with Ocanna CBD. I think it's been a good 2 weeks or so that I've been on this CBD oil, and I have some good news. It DOES work. I utilize this amazing oil for my panic/anxiety attacks. I woke up yesterday and realized I hadn't had any in a little while, then stopped and attributed it to this bottle of goodness. If CBD can help so many people to either get off of meds or lessen the use of them, let's utilize it more. It

has piqued my curiosity so much so that I will be trying out the Chews maybe next month. Thanks Team Ocanna!

-Shan Apr 12, 2018

## My patients with Autism

Yes!!! I am recommending it after trying it myself to my patients with Autism. The topical is my favorite because can put on the bottoms of their feet or up their backs and can start with just a small amount to be sure they tolerate it well. Then can go up. Once they have used the topical, then go to the oil. We are starting slowly with 1-2 drops then working up. Have 2 kids on it, both are 4 years old and so far so good! Parents are happy they are sleeping through the night!

— Windy Jun 19, 2018

#### Osteoarthritis

I'm a retired Marine, after spending 20 years in uniform, romping and stomping all over the globe. Unfortunately, it left me with osteoarthritis in all of my main joints. I was maxing out my pain meds and didn't want to have to get doped up with strong narcotics, so I needed to do something. After taking CBD oil for 2 weeks I noticed a difference and after 2 months I've been able to cut my pain meds in half. As I continue to adjust the dosage of CBD, I'm hoping to cut back further on the pain meds or get off them completely.

– Michael Nov 05, 2018

#### Arthritis Relief At Last!

Severe arthritis pain is an unwelcome companion in my life. Both hands and feet are so bad with rheumatoid arthritis that I've got fused joints in both. It's the bone-on-bone pain in my right hip and knee that really slowed me down though. I could hardly go anywhere because moving hurt so much. And at night – there was no quality sleep because of excruciating pain. Nothing seemed to cut the pain or give me any real relief.

Then my daughter sent me Ocanna 300mg CBD cream hoping it might work. I was <u>amazed</u> at what a difference it made. In just a few days, I was able to walk throughout two stores alongside my husband, and never had to stop or slow down. Better yet, I'm sleeping without fighting constant pain, even when I accidentally roll onto my right side.

I admit to hesitating about using a cannabis-based product (that's just how my generation views this stuff), but now that I've experienced how effective it really is, I'll never hesitate again. I'm an 85-year old believer in the power of Ocanna and their CBD cream!

- Barbara March 18, 2019

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