

# SHOT: INFLUENCER SAMMY B. IN AMSTERDAM

**Mother Justine to BILD: "It was an execution!"  
Will his death turn into a police scandal?**



Sammy B. heartfelt with his mother on Instagram

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Wetzlar/Amsterdam - **The violent death of fitness influencer Sammy B. (23) could become a police scandal.**

The young man from Wetzlar (Hesse) was shot dead by police in Amsterdam (Netherlands) in mid-August. The reason: He allegedly threatened the officers with a large knife (BILD reported).

**Now it turns out: It was apparently just a small carving knife! Sammy's mother speaks in BILD of an "execution" of her son!**

Sammy's father Kai (53) and mother Justine (48) have been fighting for a complete investigation of the case since their son's death. They mobilized Sammy's large Internet fan community (170,000 followers), organized a peaceful protest march against police violence and arranged a memorial service in Wetzlar Cathedral honoring their son. There, actress Dorkas Kiefer sang the "Ave Maria" for the befriended family.

## What happened?

The fact that the death of fitness influencer Sammy occurred on August 13 is still beyond the comprehension of the family. He had traveled to Amsterdam with friends to celebrate his 23rd birthday. Then he suddenly disappeared, his family reported him missing and went after him in the Netherlands. Father Kai: "We knew he was confused and needed medical help. We also reported that to the police." Whether Sammy was on drugs at the time is unclear.

Two days later, he showed up disoriented in a backyard of a residence - with a knife about 30 centimeters long, according to police. Six police officers with guns drawn approached him. Sammy did not respond. An officer brought him down with the help of a police dog. Sammy was lying on his back, screaming. Then three shots were fired. Sammy died!

Horrifying: Sammy's mother Justine was standing just 250 meters away from the crime scene! She says: "I heard the shots that killed my son! The policeman pulled the trigger three times. It was an execution! It is so horrible for me. Every day I think about August 13 and the fact that a policewoman literally said to her colleagues: 'He is not a criminal. He's a patient.'"

Police say the officer acted in self-defense. Sammy had been stabbing with a large knife, and the officers acted "in good conscience," according to Amsterdam Police Chief Frank Paauw. Paauw's general opinion on people with mental disorders was revealed last year in an interview with the newspaper Het Parool: "Confused people kill more people than terrorists."

**Now the family's lawyer is speaking out for the first time. Attorney Richard Korver from Amsterdam: "We know that the knife was much smaller than 30 centimeters. In fact, it was a small carving knife!"**

The Internal Investigations Department Rijksrecherche belongs to the Dutch police, but is under the authority of the Public Prosecutor's Office and conducts independent investigations in such cases. The department had started the investigation at that time and also questioned Sammy's mother Justine. She insisted on being shown the large knife that the police claimed her son had used to threaten the officers.

**Father Kai: "She recognized it immediately. It was the small carving knife she had given Sammy when he was eleven or twelve years old. How you can use that to intimidate a group of armed police in bulletproof vests so much that they shoot a person, is beyond my imagination."**

**Mother Justine: "The knife has a seven-centimeter blade and is about 15 centimeters long overall. I gave it to Sammy because he loved to carve as a child - as many boys do at this age."**

## **Will the cops go to court?**

The file containing the results of the investigation and Sammy's autopsy report are at the public prosecutor's office since the beginning of December. They have to decide whether the use of firearms by the police was justified or whether it was a case of failure, arbitrariness or police violence. Whether the police officers will be brought to court will not be decided until the third week of December.

Attorney Richard Korver is also waiting to see the files. " Only then we can decide whether and in what form we will press charges."

**Sammy's family is willing to fight to the last instance.**