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Jordan Cashmyer Dies: Star Of MTV's '16 And Pregnant' Reality Show Was 26



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[Jordan Cashmyer](#), whose struggles as a teenage homeless mother were detailed by MTV, has died in Maryland at 26. Her death was confirmed by her mother in a Facebook post. No cause was given by a medical examiner cited in numerous reports.

MTV aired its *16 and Pregnant* segment on Cashmyer and boyfriend Derek Taylor in 2014. She had been disowned by her family, who did not approve of the relationship and the duo became homeless when Taylor was unable to secure employment. She eventually gave birth to a daughter, Evie.

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The two broke up after the show's filming ended, but the struggles continued. Cashmyer's father died, and eventually Jordan Cashmyer signed over custody rights in 2015 on a temporary basis to boyfriend Derek's mother.

"Last night I received a call no parent ever wants," said mother Jessica Cashmyer, posting on her husband's Facebook page. "My oldest beloved daughter, Jordan has passed away, she was only 26 years old. Our hearts are truly broken. No parent should ever have to go through losing a child, EVER.

Please keep my family in your thoughts prayers as we navigate through this terrible tragedy. Please understand and respect our privacy at this time. We are surrounded by the love and support of our children, grand daughter Lyla and family members."

In 2017, Jordan Cashmyer was arrested for drug possession. She was working at a strip club, but apparently had been committed to getting well, celebrating a year of sobriety in January 2021.

16 and Pregnant ran for six seasons on MTV beginning in 2009. It spawns several spin-offs, including *Teen Mom*, *Teen Mom 2*, *Teen Mom: Young & Pregnant*, *Teen Mom 3*, and *16 and Recovering*.

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