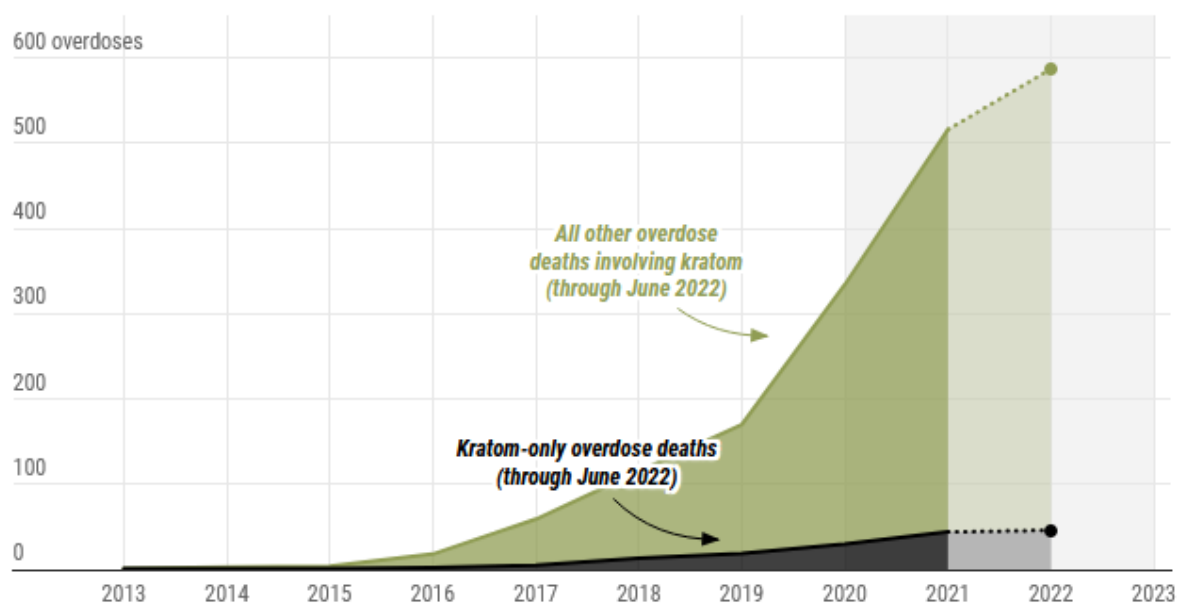


Kratom Overdoses

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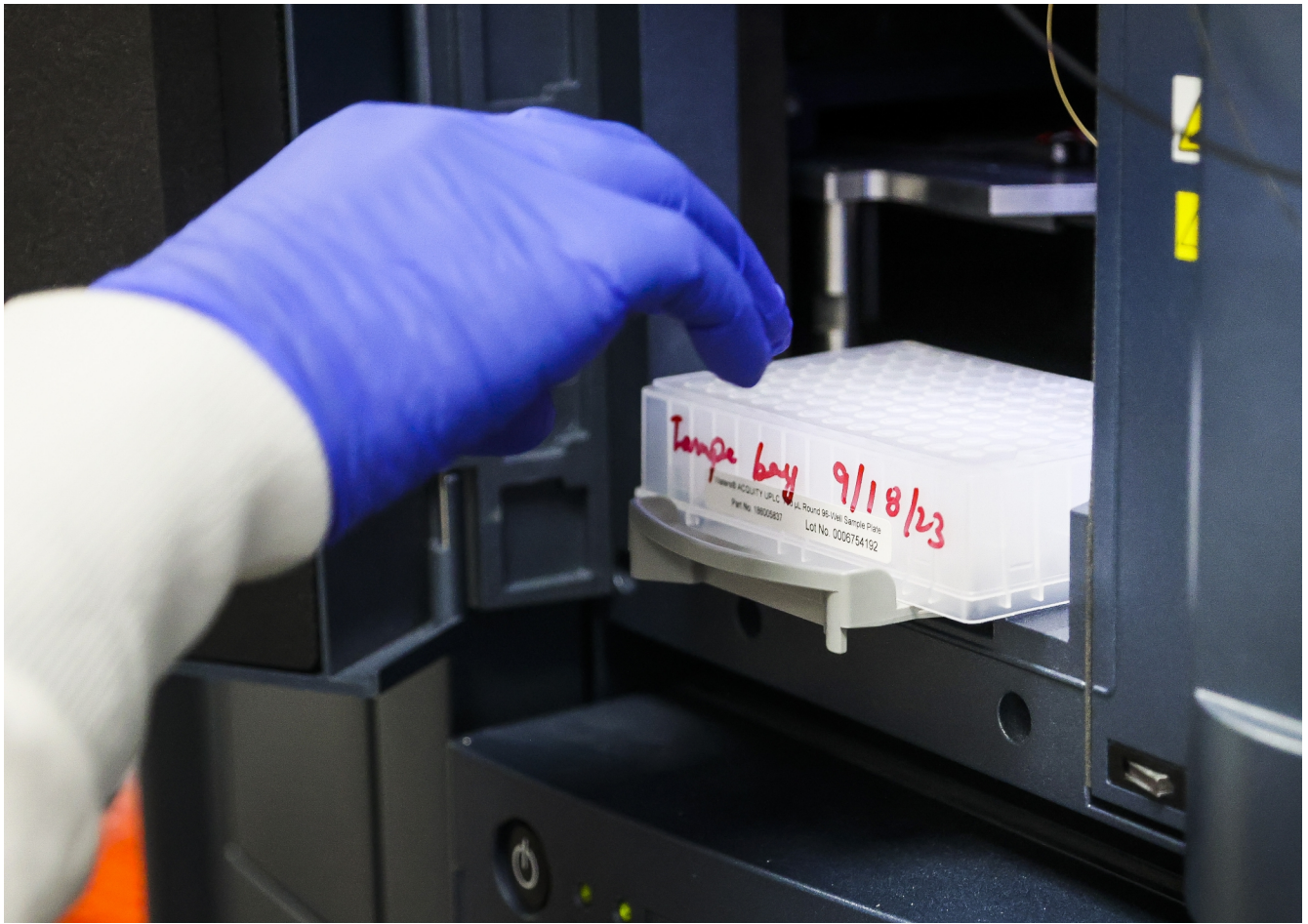
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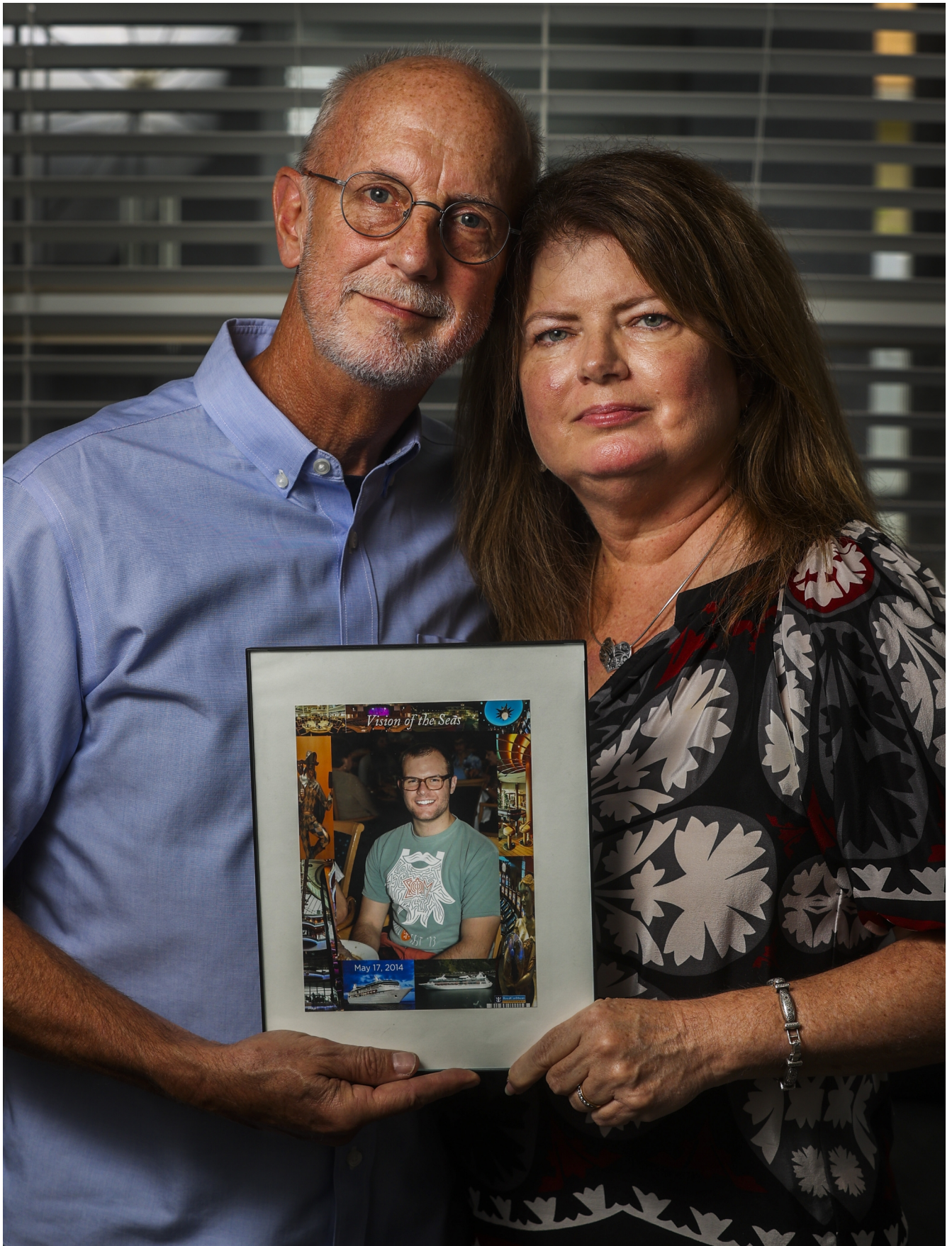


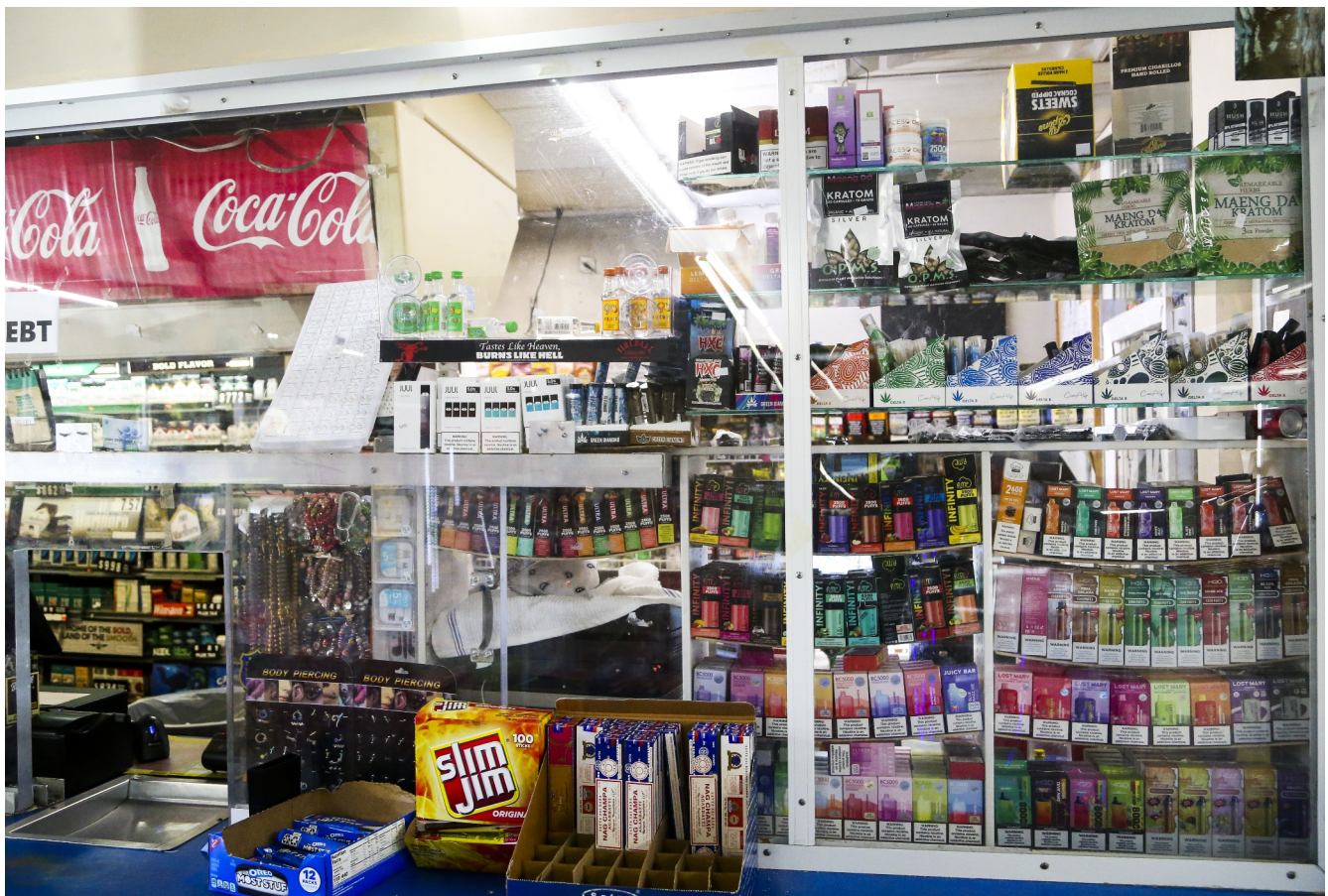
Year based on date of death. 2022 data through June 30.

Source: Times analysis of medical examiners' reports



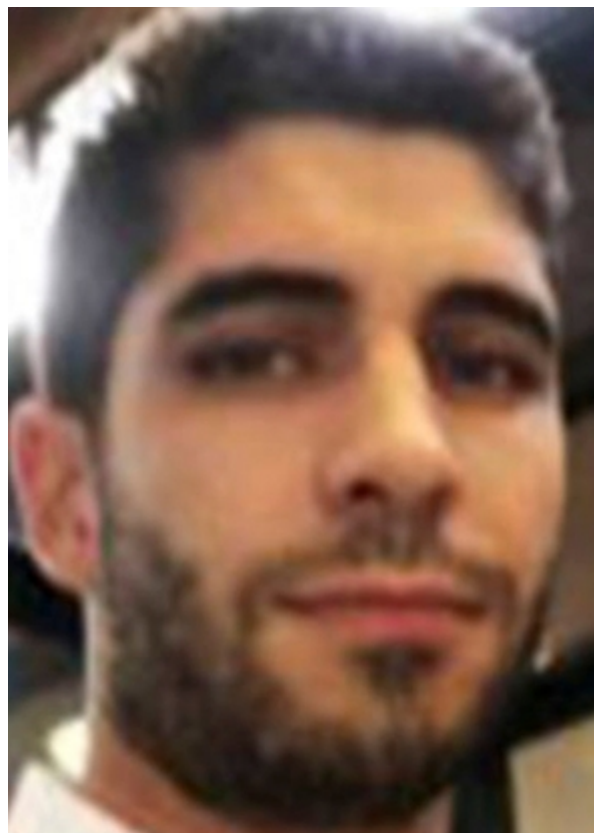
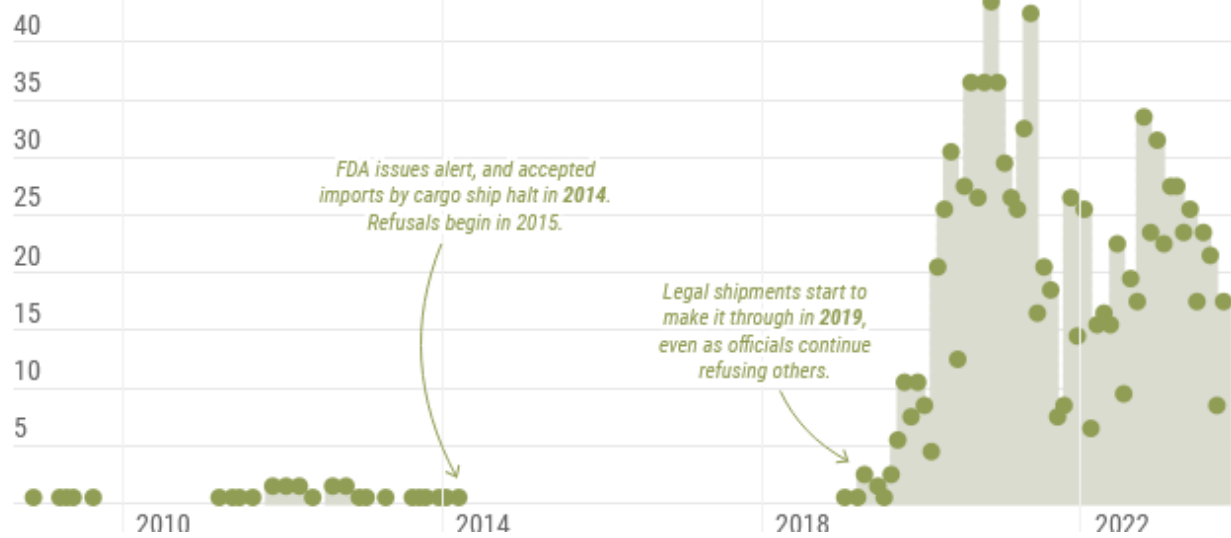






More than a decade ago, U.S. officials spotted a trend. Importers, court records show, were slipping Spice into the country from China by calling the white chemicals “cosmetics” or “sodium.” Products found at gas stations promised Spice was “herbal incense” or “not for human consumption.”

Monthly accepted kratom imports



A decade ago, Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents believed Peyton Palaio, above, to be a major manufacturer and distributor of spice. They also found something else in the Georgia lab they connected to him: lots of kratom.

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