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Mykel Peterson



Thmeka Curry is a loss for answers after her 4-year-old son Mykel Peterson died Friday after undergoing anesthesia for dental surgery at the 'Must Love Kids' dental clinic in Vancouver. (KOIN photo)

Child Dies after Dental Surgery

Mother at a loss for answers

A GoFundMe campaign has been created for a Vancouver family who just lost their young son due to complications from dental surgery.

According to friends and family, Mykel Wayne Peterson, 4, the son of Michael Peterson and Thmeka Curry, had dental surgery on Friday at the Must Love Kids dental practice to repair a previous treatment, but due to complications with the anesthesia, he died.

His mother is at a loss for answers and was reaching out to an

attorney.

"Instead of giving him gas to go to sleep for the surgery, the anesthesiologist gave him a shot, and she rocked him until he fell asleep," Themka Curry told KOIN TV.

Curry says she was asked to wait for her only child to wake up after surgery, but that never happened. He was rushed to the hospital and died.

The Vancouver dental clinic issued a statement to say they were heartbroken and devastated by the event. They said outside medical experts would review what happened, saying they have performed dentistry for pediat-

ric patients under deep sedation and general anesthesia more than 1,900 times without incident in the last three and a half years.

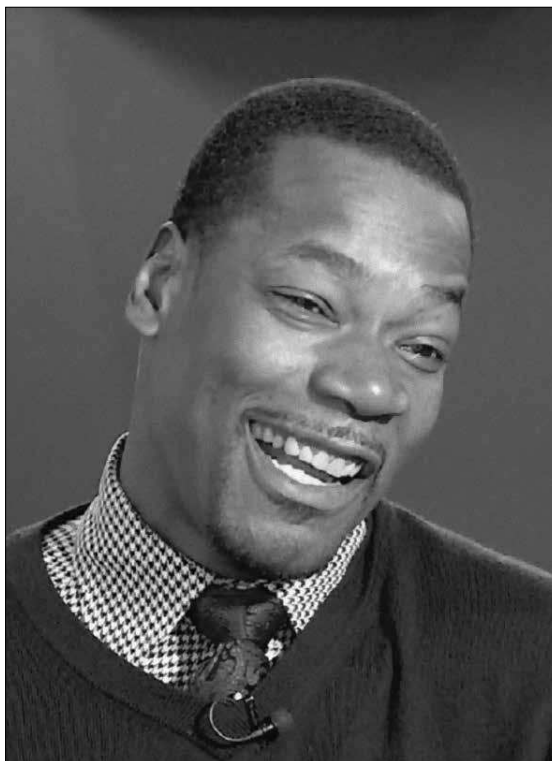
The boy was described as a loving, energetic and smart,

"He had a fervent and sincere love for his family and will be forever missed," a statement from the family said.

"We are asking for any financial help you can provide the family to ease their burdens during this time," said Kate Cichy, a spokesperson for the GoFundMe website.

The campaign link is gofundme.com/mykel-wayne-peterson-gone-to-soon.

Recovering from Medical Emergency



Cliff Robinson

Former Portland Trail Blazer and fan favorite Cliff Robinson is recovering from a minor brain hemorrhage, the retired NBA player said Tuesday in a statement.

"I want Trail Blazers fans and friends to know I'm doing well and in the process of getting better," he said. "My family and I appreciate the prayers and well-wishes for my recovery."

Robinson suffered a medical emergency on Friday and was admitted to Providence St. Vincent Hospital in southwest Portland where he continued to receive care on Tuesday.

He said his condition will "keep him in rehabilitation for a while. But I'm excited about trying to get past this speed bump. I'm improving every day."

Drafted by the Trail Blazers out of the University of Connecticut in the second round of the 1989 NBA Draft with the 36th pick overall, Robinson played 644 games for Portland. From 1989 through 1997, Robinson averaged 16.2 points per game; and totaled 3,352 rebounds and 1,350 assists while in a Trail Blazers uniform.

In 1993, Robinson was named the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year; and was an NBA All-Star selection in 1994.