"PLEASE GOD, DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO ME.."

David Cassidy in shock! Best friend dies of drug overdose!

Pavid Cassidy rushed into the house when he heard the telephone ringing. He had just come from the studio after finishing a hard day on "The Partridge Family" set. He was carrying his laundry, picked up on the way home, his script and a sack full of fan mail. He dropped everything on a chair and grabbed for the phone. On the other end, he could hear the voide of a friend, sobbing out of control.

"What's wrong?" David asked over and over again.

Finally, his friend, trying to break through the hysteria blurted out, "It's Kevin . . . he's dead! He died of an overdose of drugs." Apparently, there had also been mention of possible suicide.

David Cassidy was speechless. His friend's words hit him like a bolt out of the blue. It couldn't be true—it just couldn't! He hung up the phone and sat down on the floor and began to weep. Not just for his friend Kevin, but for all of the people who got "hooked" on drugs, all of those people—young and old alike—who had or would die a senseless death because of drugs.

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