

## JUSTIN'S SHOP

Justin Lanning may seem like an average 23 year old. But he supports his family and his dreams in a unique way – he sells marijuana legally. Up until recently there were 1000 marijuana dispensaries in Los Angeles that sold marijuana to people with a doctor's prescription. Debilitating pain, side effects of Chemo, and eating disorders are common reasons doctors prescribe medical marijuana. Recently the state cracked down and reduced the number of dispensaries from 1000 to 70 – Justin's made the cut. He has a license for one year to legally sell marijuana at his shop on Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood, CA - one year to prove that he's got what it takes to make a successful and legal business.

The money Justin makes from the dispensary supports his family – Mom and Dad and two sisters – and fuels his budding musical career that recently resulted in a Billboard hit song. The pot business is a family affair as his mom, Nansee, dad, George, and one sister, Alexandra, all work at the shop. His two best friends from high school, Warren and Darren, also take turns watching the store. For Justin, it's a constant struggle to run the business – obtaining inventory, keeping it safe, dealing with legal issues and city ordinances, turning away people without a legitimate need, and managing a staff of family and friends. He has a vision for the shop – to renovate it and improve it and give it a more legitimate feel and even offer holistic healing products and Cannabis baked goods. He's already opened the Cannabis kitchen that his sister currently runs. Another friend, Chef Chris, is experimenting to create the perfect recipes to add to the shop.

When not at the shop, Justin is managing his home life at his cottage just a few blocks from the store. His Mom, Nansee lives with him and constantly gets on his nerves. His best friend and personal trainer is always hanging around trying to provide some good advice while his personal stylist counters with his two cents. He's in the process of turning his garage into a hydroponic grow house to provide inexpensive inventory to the store. And then there's the studio in his living room that allows him to work on his music with a new producer and manager.

Justin's life is tumultuous to say the least. The pressure of supporting the family financially and managing the cast of characters in his life is overwhelming. His recent engagement to his ex-girlfriend has proved to be another huge commitment in his life that he's not sure he can handle. He doesn't always make the best decisions especially when it comes to finances – his heart tends to get in the way as does a certain gullible nature. His car was recently repossessed but he stills shells out money to have his aura cleaned on a regular basis – just another one of his phases. He is struggling to get Nansee to move out as her constant meddling in his life has gotten the best of him.

## PRELIMINARY CAST:



### JUSTIN LANNING

Justin is a 23 year old force of nature with unlimited energy and enthusiasm. A true extrovert, he also has a kind spirited, approachable side and tends to be somewhat gullible. Wants the best for everyone in his life so he's always sacrificing himself.



### WENDY MARTELL

Wendy is Justin's fiery lover and recent fiancée. She was a beauty queen in Peru four years ago and has had a rough time adjusting to the States. Justin and Wendy have been on and off in a relationship for over a year. Justin feels devastated when she is not in his life – but finds it difficult to deal with her when she is.



### NANSEE LANNING

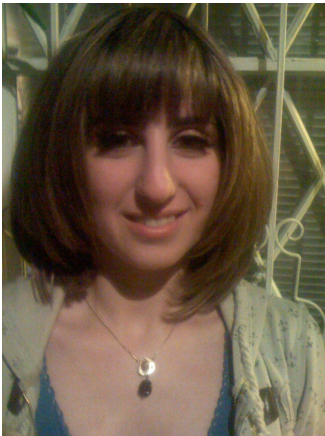
Justin's mom currently lives with him in his house. She is outspoken, opinionated, colorful, and eccentric. She constantly tells Justin what to do which gets on his nerves. She helps run the operation and does everything she can to keep the family together.



PICTURE TO COME

### GEORGE LANNING

Justin's dad is separated from Nansee and now lives above the shop in a little apartment. He keeps an eye out for thieves by night and works the shop during the day. He can often be found sorting, separating, and counting the various strains of medical marijuana or manning the register in the shop.



### ALEXANDRA LANNING

Justin's younger sister is definitely a counter to Justin's naïve enthusiasm and excitement. She is practical and down to earth. She runs the Cannabis kitchen and makes the Cannabis butter which suits her well as she prefers to stay out of the limelight of the shop.



### ANDY

Justin's best friend and personal trainer is originally from Great Britain. He spends a lot of time around the house even when not working out with Justin. He is a positive guiding force in Justin's life and does what he can to keep him on track.



## WARREN

Justin's high school friend works at the shop and hangs out around the house. He's very loud, extroverted and wild – a total player who teaches Justin the ways of life, which more often than not, gets him into trouble!



## DARREN

Darren is Warren's brother. He too works in the shop and hangs at the house. A counter to his brother, Darren is quieter and more introspective than Warren. Both brothers met Justin in high school.



## CHEF CHRIS

Chris makes and bakes edibles with



## SHANE TAMOSHUNAS

Shane is Justin's stylist and friend. He tends to be brutally honest and incredibly blunt. He is genuine, doesn't take any crap, and is known to make grown men cry. He is one of Justin's good friends and offers advice on a plethora of subjects whether or not he is asked.

## **STORYLINES:**

Keeping the shop running legally and legitimately. He has one year to prove to the state that his dispensary should retain its valuable license.

Stories of customers who have legitimate and legal needs for medical marijuana. Often it is prescribed as an alternative to typical "CLASS A" narcotics like Hydrocodone.

Dealing with friends, relatives, and customers who try to "game" the system with false documents and begging to try to get Justin to provide them with marijuana.

Creating and caring for the hydroponic grow house in Justin's back yard.

Managing the Cannabis kitchen that is currently run by his sister. They are trying to develop new products and baked goods for the shop.

Redesigning the shop and expanding his products to better legitimize the store and set him apart from other dispensaries.

Dealing with mom, Nansee at home. Trying to get her to move out.

Trying to rebuild a relationship with his ex-girlfriend and now fiancée. Dealing with other ex-girlfriends who want him back.

Working with his agent, Steve, and producer Lorenzo to reinvent his music for the Christian and Gospel markets. They've tried everything else! Of course the conservative Christian market doesn't often approve of medical marijuana.

Lobbying with the State of California and national political movements in order to increase support for alternative legal drug therapies.

Trying to make ends meet – paying his bills and supporting the many hanger-oners in his life that include family and friends!

Justin's search to find balance in his life through his series of holistic and sometimes crack pot ideas that currently include aura cleansing.