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EPISODE: #014: HOW THE BETTING ECONOMY TARGETS YOUNG MEN: KEITH D. EXPOSES THE ONLINE GAMBLING EPIDEMIC

Claim 1: Keith claimed a U.S. soldier placed a bet on the operation that captured Maduro, won about $400,000, and now faces legal proceedings — **TRUE**

U.S. Army Special Forces Master Sergeant Gannon Ken Van Dyke was indicted for using classified information about the operation that captured Nicolás Maduro to win roughly $400,000–$410,000 on Polymarket. He pleaded not guilty; the case is ongoing.

Source: U.S. Soldier Charged With Using Classified Information To Profit From Prediction Market Bets - Justice.gov

Claim 2: Keith claimed a man in Paris used a blow dryer to manipulate an airport temperature sensor and won a prediction market bet — **TRUE**

French authorities investigated unexplained temperature spikes at a Charles de Gaulle airport weather sensor used to settle Polymarket weather bets; online speculation and a viral video pointed to a hair dryer, and Météo-France filed a formal complaint over tampering.

Source: French police probe Polymarket Paris weather bet - NPR

Claim 3: Keith claimed a Super Bowl streaker bet on his own stunt and won — **TRUE**

Yuri Andrade bet $50,000 that a streaker would appear at a Super Bowl, then ran onto the field himself, netting roughly $374,000. It became a widely cited example of a bettor controlling his own bet's outcome.

Source: Are Prediction Markets Broken or Just Easy to Manipulate? - crypto.news

Claim 4: Keith claimed 73% of adults, and 80% of Gen Z, say they invest in high-risk assets because they feel financially behind, and nearly a third of Gen Z is already in or considering crypto and sports betting this year — **TRUE**

All figures match Northwestern Mutual's 2026 Planning & Progress Study almost exactly: 73% of U.S. adults overall, 80% of Gen Z, and 32% of Gen Z currently invested in or considering crypto/sports betting this year.

Source: Americans' Finances are Improving - But Some Still Feel Behind and are Turning to Prediction Markets, Sports Betting and Crypto to Catch Up - Northwestern Mutual

Claim 5: Keith claimed fifty percent of US adults under thirty are living with their parents — **TRUE**

The Federal Reserve's 2025 household survey found 49% of adults under 30 live with their parents, up from 43% in 2022 and 37% in 2019.

Source: [Do half of US adults under 30 live with their parents? - The Colorado Sun]()

Claim 6: Keith claimed Meta is launching its own prediction market through Facebook and Instagram — PARTIALLY TRUE

Meta is building a prediction market app internally called "Arena," confirmed by multiple outlets in June 2026. It's a standalone app separate from Facebook and Instagram, though those platforms would direct users toward it, and it would initially run on virtual points rather than real money. Keith's framing slightly overstates how integrated it currently is with Facebook and Instagram themselves.

Source: [Mark Zuckerberg Wants Meta to Launch Its Own Prediction Market - TechCrunch]()

Claim 7: Keith claimed Polymarket set up an entirely fake version of its site for influencers to stage gambling wins on — TRUE

A Wall Street Journal investigation found Polymarket paid at least 10 creators to film staged bets on a lookalike clone of its own website, fabricating close to $1.9 million in claimed wagers and nearly $900,000 in fake winnings across more than 1,100 videos.

Source: [Polymarket Paid Influencers to Fake Winning Bets, Built Dummy Websites to Pull It Off - TechSpot]()

Claim 8: Keith claimed one in six to two in five people with a severe gambling problem will attempt suicide — PARTIALLY TRUE

The most consistently cited figure in the research is closer to 1 in 5 (20%) for suicide attempts among problem gamblers, though individual studies vary meaningfully by population, from about 16% up to roughly 30% in treatment-seeking samples. Keith's range is broader than the most commonly cited stat but isn't unreasonable given how much studies vary.

Source: [Problem Gamblers Have Highest Suicide Rate of Any Addiction Disorder, Studies Show - News 5 Cleveland]()

Claim 9: Keith claimed Coinbase now lets users trade on sports, including World Cup matches — TRUE

Coinbase launched prediction markets nationwide via a partnership with Kalshi in early 2026, explicitly including sports event contracts, with the rollout timed around the Super Bowl.

Source: [Coinbase (COIN) Stock: Prediction Markets Launch in All 50 US States via Kalshi - crypto.news]()

Claim 10: Keith claimed Dennis Schroeder called out a streamer for gambling with sponsor money, saying he's a role model — TRUE

Source: [Instagram Reel]()