

Intercept Plans Leak of David Grusch Personal Medical Information

Online magazine Intercept contacts Intelligence Agent Whistleblower David Grusch about clinical medical treatment including disclosure of PTSD.

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UAP Medical Coalition (UAPMC) released the following statement:

Despite the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act, decorated officer David Grusch was notified by Intercept press staff that his medical information was about to be made public. Included in the health care information was Grusch's PTSD diagnosis, suicidal ideation, and temporary hospitalization in 2014 and 2018. According to Ross Coulthart, Australian news reporter who broke David Grusch's story on News Nation, Grusch had disclosed his struggles with grief and depression in a private interview that was never aired. At the time, when Grusch received health care for his symptoms from his service in Afghanistan, the Intelligence Community (IC) and Defense Department accepted his mental health treatment and Grusch continued to hold his security clearances.

- The security leak was checked by Grusch himself through fact finding.
- On August 8th, Ross Coulthart was featured on News Nation with Chris Cuomo verifying Grusch's medical history, the information that was disclosed in his interview, including a clip of Grusch relaying a story about a friend and fellow veteran who took his life after Mr. Grusch returned from Afghanistan.
- Grusch's testimony led to a subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs. Last month (July 2023), a public hearing with three witnesses to UAP events including Grusch a former National Reconnaissance Officer Representative, Ryan Graves, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Aerospace, and David Fravor, former Commanding Officer, Black Aces Squadron, US Navy testified before congress of the UAP cover up.
- Illegal release of Mr. Grusch's mental health records and hospitalization for PTSD is a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA, 1996) and the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protections established for employee rights against retaliation.

- UAP Medical Coalition provides education about PTSD from UAP exposures and remains sensitive to this issue including protecting treatment of military veterans, law enforcement, first responders, and our citizens. UAP Medical Coalition requests an immediate investigation into the illegal release and shame-inducing actions of the responsible parties. We also request Congress take immediate action with an investigation to determine the source attempting to discredit federally protected whistleblower David Grusch.
- UAP Medical Coalition takes the illegal leaking of medical information seriously and recommends individuals in our professional resource network take action to hold our government accountable for the egregious retaliation on a former U.S. veteran who has suffered PTSD and related issues from service during wartime.

We request Congress investigate the retaliatory actions against Mr. Grusch and immediate protection of himself and his family. We recommend tighter supervision over Mr. Grusch's ICIIG complaint which has been identified as an urgent concern by the IG himself. These reprehensible actions deserve an equal response for whistleblower safety, protection from harms, and protection of medical information which is inviolable under the Federally Mandated HIPAA law.

About

UAP Medical Coalition:

The UAP Medical Coalition was established to inform stakeholders, particularly the mental health and medical community, about UAP and UAP exposures, encourage research, and improve patient care. The UAP Medical Coalition also facilitates and supports other programs focused on community health related UAP initiatives.

Ted Roe, Founder, UAP Medical Coalition:

Ted Roe is the founder of the UAP Medical Coalition, www.uapmed.org, and a co-founder of www.narcap.org – the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena - a 20yr data collection and advocacy program for UAP and Aviation Safety. He is a founding member of the UAP Integration and Outreach Committee at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, AIAA - www.aiaauap.org, and is a UAP experimenter. His goals are to advocate for UAP/UFO experiencers, promote evidence-based practices, research, and education, and raise the standards for ethics and professionalism in UAP studies.

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