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Honored Panel Members thanking for having me today. For the record, my name is, "Not a veteran" and my service in Balad Iraq means nothing.

- I served in the U.S. Army from May 2002 till Jan 2004.
- I deployed to Balad Iraq in March 2003 till Jan 2004.
- I was in a blast in June 2003; you have the medical document that backs up this claim.
- On the early morning of New Year's Day I was raped by 2 males. I was beaten, kicked and held down.
- When I came to I was in a tent with all males, not knowing how I arrived there.
- Upon arriving to the hospital I was taken for a rape kit.
- All of the forensic evidence proved that I had been raped, yet CID had other plans for me.
- After my rape, I was interrogated by CID for 7 ½ hours. I know this from the timelines in the Report of investigation.
- After CID found one witness they decided I lied and told me to sign a paper and make another statement. Being junior enlisted I felt I had no choice so wrote what was in my nightmares.
- After CID found one of the "attackers"; the attacker admitted to drinking but censual sex. The men in the tent wrote some statement to that effect while others did not.
- Once again my credibility came under fire. It was determined that I made a false rape allegation because I was late for work.
- Because of this I was discharged from the Army with General under Conditions for misconduct. However, in 2005 the board for discharges upgraded my discharge to fully honorable but the DOD, VA, Army data system keep it in their system as General under Honorable Conditions. One system had me with a Bad Conduct discharge. Yet, Officials speaking for Secretary Mchugh cite it was only a technicality and did not matter.

<u>Issues with this investigations</u>

- In 2005 I requested my personal file from the National Personal Records Center. In my file was the draft copy of the investigation. The commander of my attacker I learned requested statements prior to CID arriving at the crime scene.
- One witness cited me being in a place that didn't exist and CID did not even check into it. They were not looking for a rapists they were looking to find fault with me. They didn't want to help me.
- My attacker was slapped on the wrist with drinking violation despite the fact that he was married and admitted to sodomy and was higher rank. Yet JAG never recommender charges for him on the fact. CID never compared the statements. CID in the ROI made up things that I never said. They did an analysis and have ignored FOIA requests for information on the rape kit of my attacker and other information such as photos that can actually be seen.
- I further learned that he raped me 3 more times that night; even till this day I have no memory of it.

- I gathered intel about my attacker and learned that he had been convicted of drugs, his first offense, under this same commander and was sentence to serve prison time in 2000; 4 years before he raped me.
- I learned that the agent lied in the official report by saying no derogatory information was found on him in the DCII; when in fact the DCII is connected to many law enforcement databases. There was no way CID could have not seen this. Recently under the direction of Secretary of the Army a letter was sent to me not denying that the systems were connected but that the law did require the agent to check that system. A technicality allowed my attackers to get away.
- I learned that CID never ran checks on the witness or the association with my attacker. Out of the 6 statements they submitted to JAG and the Provost Marshall General office; 3 of these men had committed serious crimes. 1 witness plead guilty to assault; another witness plead guilty to Assault on a peace officer, bodily injury to a peace officer, harassment, assault; the last witness was convicted in 2002 of failure to register as a sex offender. Yet when I told CID it was 2 attackers they didn't believe me.
- One of the men that has minor traffic violations is friends with my attacker on FB and they hang out on regular occasions and the man arrested for failing to register as a sex offender is also friends with my attacker. Yet CID managed to miss these important details in my investigation.
- In 2010 CID took away one of the charges, "False Swearing" in the document they cited that the evidence was stored in CID office in Camp Arijan; yet less than 1 week went by when an email was produced that said all the evidence pertaining to me was destroyed by setting it on fire. CID admitted that they did not even bother to test it in their facility in Georgia. Even in 2010 CID was still lying to me about my investigation which show they cannot be trusted.
- In all of this the DOD cites that they are serious about prosecuting sexual assaults and holding commanders and leaders responsible. My case proves they are not. I have been fighting non-stop for 10 years and they have done nothing. My attackers and his good ole boy network still serves in the Iowa National Guard even today. This is the damage I have suffered I have suffered as a result of the Army and CID under the Army directions as well as the DOD.
- The DOD is responsible because the Army falls under them. If the DOD can't get them under control, then how are we were as victims supposed to be believe them when they say we are serious about getting rid of sexual assault? Especially when this part of the DOD is not even following regulations, directives set out by them? If the Army will circumvent these, they will circumvent the new protocols in place.

The Tsunami

- My left shoulder was injured in the attack. Due to a paperwork error the VA in Alabama refused to treat it. After fighting with them for 2 years I went to an outside provider. The bone doctor used the same x-ray and said that I had a level 2 AC joint separation and then order an MRI. A MRI that the VA denied me. He found a perialabel cyst and in then in the summer of 2008 I had surgery. He shaved half of my shoulder blade off and got rid of the cyst. He advised me that I still needed a screw to connect everything back together. Since the VA in OKC had denied me this treatment the shoulder has escalated to a winging scapula. Doctors cite it's alright for me to walk around in pain to just strengthen the muscle and let the bone not be connected. I must say this evidence was submitted to CID and Army and ignored.

- In 2007 I blacked out behind our SUV. I didn't understand. So, I was advised by a family member to see a neurologist. The EEG's in 2007 started showing abnormal activity, I was diagnosed officially with complex partial seizures.
- In 2007 I began testing by AL VA Healthcare for TBI screening. In 2008 a Neuropsychologist diagnosed me with a TBI from the sexual assault I suffered on the night of New Years Eve. From the report and the analysis done it was shown that it was moderate TBI. The VA has never helped me with speech, balance when I have fallen and fractured my feet sprained ankles to the point they were almost broken. This is my tsunami. Yet this was never considered as new and material to the VA nor by CID, DOD, or Army in prosecuting my attacker.

- In 2010, I stayed on medication to treat the seizures but they got worse to include arms twitching and legs just on one side. It would seem that my tongue was moving but I didn't know how to explain it. I was being treated at the OKC VA medical center. Medical records I have stated I was brain surgery candidate and all three EEG's showed the same issue's from 2007 that lead to complex partial seizures diagnosis. One day before being sent to WI for an EEG Telemetry to confirm the diagnosis all care was terminated. I was told that I was not a veteran. All medication was suddenly stopped. I have the appointments letters where they cancelled my neuro appointments.
- No doctors would not see me. I had no insurance, free clinics would not see me because they said my problems were to complex. I went with no healthcare for 2 years 6 months before becoming service connected for my colon at 30%. in 2012 PTSD came from depression at 70% but not for MST.
- My EEG's are still abnormal and no help is available to me for seizures. When I am sleep deprived they really act up.
- I was finally able to go back to the neurology clinic and sent to Texas for EEG Telemetry and under doctor's notes to capture events. The tech in notes said the doctor was not evaluating the seizures because my VA said they were not real because I said I had been raped in Kuwait. While seeking a second opinion this doctor said I was having seizures. Medical records put civilian doctors against VA doctors because the VA has a proven track record of not wanting to treat RAPE victims much less compensation for injuries incurred in service due to rape.
- In 2013 I filed inability to have children because of the meds I was on. The doctor in OKC VA Med center said I could just suffer with the pain to get pregnant. So, I suffered indeed. At a recent appointment my doctor said I could be put on blood pressure med to control migraines; but yet they never suggested this when I wanted to have a child. It seems to draw simple conclusions they want victims of sexual assault to suffer and not move forward.
- The VA on paper states they treat victims for problems related to MST but behind out backs they make VHA directives that state the provider has to believe that the victim was raped in order to receive healthcare from their facility. This directive is VHA Directive 2010-033.

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<u>The Army Makes False Promises</u>

- I have been fighting with the Army and DOD for some time now. I asked some time ago for 5 specific things. A political appointment by President Obama said that I could have them. He put someone in charge. This man gave a deadline of 1 May 2014. That deadline has passed. Nothing this man said has been done.
- The Army has still made false promises and lied. They can't account on why their agency destroyed evidence before testing it. Why they are letting males with criminal records run around and put other females at risk. Why they are still violating their own regulations. They are not serious about rape in the military. This is why commanders should not be in the prosecution process of rapists in the Armed Forces. Even higher ups are still covering for their own. I am proof.

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Lastly, I would like to say that the DOD, Army and VA work together to not help victims of sexual assault. I am proof even if they don't want to have any others. I tried to take my life after they took my care away in 2010 and laid in ICU for 4 days. MY GCS was a 11 and my kidneys were at the brink of failing due to acidity levels of 769 at the highest levels when they peaked. A hospital that works with the VA medical center advised then to run a CT scan and do dialysis on my kidneys but they refused. The reason? They cited because I maxed out my eligibility for help. My

blood works shows that I was not stable to leave ICU but they made me leave anyway. I was transferred and made to leave the VA hospital because I was not a veteran.

To save a life of another Sexual assault victim please take commanders out of the process. They cannot be impartial. Thank you.

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