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Ms. Saunders,

I wish I could be there. I don't have the funds to attend but thought I would email instead. I served in combat, I am a female, Woman.

I can tell you that I submitted a complaint to the DODIG and they have finished but 8 weeks later do not have the report. I was informed that USA CID was allowed to make comments and they were not in my favor. Everything I say to you is the truth, I have the evidence by mistake. Please I pray you and other committee members learn from my case. I say this because in my research I found that victims of Rape in the military deployed faced the same things I did. I found the data threw SAPRO DOD in their reports to Congress.

In 2003 the summer I was in a blast. It's still not recognize by the VA, and I am still not compensated for TBI. December 31 my attack started and went into the night and day of Jan 1, 2004. I was beat, cut, held down and rape 4 times. 3 of those times I have no memory of it but learned about it in the CID statements given to me on accident. I barely remember my rape kit. I don't remember the pictures, x-rays or anything other than being in the room where the rape kit took place. I gave my statement to CID, and off of one female they decided I was a liar. I was "arrested" for false statement and then told in the same session to make another statement. I did but it was bits and pieces of what I remembered. I had problems with my speech then but I didn't know it was from the blast I was in 6 months prior to this. CID did not care and was never told that I was in a blast and injured.

I tried desperately to make them believe me. Laying on my bunk in Kuwait crying I was looking at my camera that I took with me. I saw a photo and it made my stomach hurt badly. I thought that was one of the attackers and took it to CID. They found my attacker well one of them. Senator Joni Ernest had been informed that a rape took place on her watch in her area. She was the mayor of Camden yards. Later when I found the photo, She identified [REDACTED] in the photo. CID went and got him and she went into a crime scene and told his tent mates that [REDACTED] was being investigated for rape to tell her what they thought happened.

SA [REDACTED] the agent in charge of my case came back to gather the forensic evidence and was given the statements by Joni Ernest. Yes it was legal under UCMJ, but what was not legal is that CID gave my command the DRAFT COPY of the investigation to discharge me. The draft copy holds no medical records,

x-rays nothing. I was sent back to a combat zone against doctors' orders and then put back in Germany before the final report was even written. Fast forward...

I started fighting in 2004 with a request for my discharge to be upgraded. The board found that my command violated my rights and said in their report that if I did everything they said I did then I should have been court martial. Court Martial a rape victim meant ALL evidence was going to be examined. My command would not tolerate that and sent my discharge to a LTC over the company instead of Brigade like the report said it should have been. Won I battle. Yet no paper work was sent to me to request the monetary funds until 3 weeks ago. I still don't understand how to do it and have no help in doing it either.

In 2007 I started having seizures. That year and into 2008 I was diagnosed by the VA medical center with a TBI due to sexual assault. But no one told me; I found out in 2012 when I requested my medical records. It listed a wide range of problems from speech, cognitive problems. This was not taken into consideration in the claims process. In 2012 Congressman James Lankford received photos from CID that showed forcible rape. The pictures were very graphic and tore me to pieces because they said that I engaged in consensual sex.

My shoulder was damaged during the attack, but I also had a previous injury from basic. First injury was shoulder impingement. I tried to ask the VA to fix it and waited 4 years. The doctors civilian ones found that the pain was worse because I had a Level 2 AC Joint Separation. Now, because the AC Joint Separation has not been fixed my Scapula is winging from weak muscles that were injured in the attack. A level 2 separation is where my clavicle was elevated from the AC joint. It hurts but the VA refuses to fix it and even went as far to cover up the seizures by saying I had chronic daily headaches. They put me on another med with Topamax to control the seizures and lied about it in my medical records. The Mayo Clinic disagrees with them. The VA told me I was not allowed to have children and said I had to take Mirana. When they refused to acknowledge the TBI from sexual assault and said it was personal history TBI. I took the Mirana out because Shawn and I wanted to have our last baby. Now they refuse to see me. But this has happened recently, after they took my care away because they said I was not a veteran.

I was due to be in WI for an EEG Telemetry (2010) and I got a call telling me you can't go because you are not a veteran. The Topamax I was in was stopped suddenly and all appointments canceled. I was classed as a Polytrauma patient and the VA knew I had a TBI due to sexual assault. The law is clear that the VA had to treat me for injuries due to the sexual assault and they ignored it because of what the Army did to me.

I challenged the findings in CID statements and they took away a charge that did not exist. In 2013 I received a letter from an office yes Provost Marshall General Office. They said that CID did not start investigating my

rape case till 4 Jan 2004; this was 4 days after I reported it. I was arrested on the 3rd and 4th for making false statements. Yet the physical evidence of my body, and forensic evidence gathered backed up my story despite CID saying it was consensual sex.

I am still confused on how I could be thrown away when my arrests were conducted at a time the investigation was not even open. No one will explain that to me. There was also big gaps in the timeline in the statements given to CID and those taken by CID. Yet no one did anything.

I can't tell you how this has impacted me, my family. I had lost my kids (2008) because I have seizures and PTSD. I lost my healthcare right when the state department fought to bring my daughters back from India. My husband's parents were looked at for International Kidnapping. Abbey and Shelly are alright now, but I did not know how to explain to the state department I lost my healthcare because the VA had refused to grant service connection for rape. The kicker was they had the photos and the entire rape kit and still said no.

My attacker is still in the NG for Iowa, his commander promoted, my command promoted. Me no job in computer security and I have worked hard. My attacker was given a purple heart and fathered a daughter but told CID he could not have children.

I contacted CID and spoke to a CW5 [REDACTED] who said the final report was not ready till the 19th of January 2004. My command was still in Balad and she said it would have taken days for them to get it. So, even at 3 days the final report my command was given with ALL of the evidence but they didn't care. I was already in Germany for out-processing.

I spoke to SA [REDACTED] (I have this in writing) who said that the reports that said they had the evidence was a lie. CID destroyed the rape kit the same day they took it because per [REDACTED] they felt it was not needed. They refused to test it and listened to my attacker when he said I was drunk. Blood was drawn and no alcohol was in my blood work. But from where I was kicked in the stomach my kidneys suffered damage. This has been verified. They even gave [REDACTED] the sheets back he raped me on 3 times. We never found the 1st attack point; it was in the sand. But I was and still am a liar.

I can't begin to tell you or the board how to look at this. I know that I have tried to kill myself 3 times with pills and knives. I came very close once in 2010. I don't want anyone to pay like I have.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christina D. Thundathil