

STATEMENT OF GEORGENA GRAY, PROTECT OUR DEFENDERS

Response Systems To Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Georgena L. Gray, a 49 year old, Army spouse, a mother of 4 children, and a Red Cross Volunteer. This year, I was sexually assaulted while working at the Fort Riley USO in January 2013. I reported this incident first to my husband and then to Fort Riley CID. What happened next in my opinion was a miscarriage of justice by the system designed to protect those attacked. Fort Riley CID did not follow protocol and inform me that they could not find any wrong doing in their opinion, nor notify myself or my husbands' chain of command. To add insult to injury the same perpetrator harassed me again in July in front of two witnesses and again the Army didn't find anything wrong in their investigation.

In August while working a Red Cross Blood Drive at Fort Riley, this same perpetrator in violation of two no-contact orders showed up to work. After immediately alerting all those in attendance of the situation as informed by the Fort Riley SHARP office on how to handle the situation, I was dressed down for "causing a scene" by a senior non-commissioned officer on Fort Riley USAG staff. I shortly received an apology by the Fort Riley Garrison Commander but the stigma of no one doing anything still hurts.

The investigation results were read to me on 9 September 2013 which the investigating officer found that there was no "evidence" to substantiate any of the allegations made by me. This was quite shocking since my In-Laws were witnessed to the second incident and multiple witnesses to the third incident. I appealed the decision based on these incidents and other evidence that was not utilized in the investigation.

Retribution. The day following the results, the same brigade combat team public affairs office released a story on the perpetrator exhorting a anti-DUI program he started. In this article, there is one paragraph in it which is a direct slap in my face and directed towards myself. It seems kind of odd that this story would be released the day after the investigation is complete and adds the perception that this investigation was one-sided all along. To add further insult, my husband and I wanted to attend a battalion ball in June 2013 but it was moved to September 2013. My husband had already PCS'd to Korea but I still wanted to attend. My husband and my counselor both told me to go so I made arrangements to attend with a female family friend.

The day of the event after executing numerous tasks in preparing to attend and spending over \$700 dollars, we were informed by the spouse of my friend that if we attended, we would be arrested. The spouse was told that he would be brought up on charges of violation Art 92, UCMJ if we attended. This act alone is issuing an unlawful order is in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So we did not get to attend. My husband contacted the Eighth United States Army Inspector General's Office who placed a call to the unit commander. The spouse was immediately called back into his office which the commander apologized to the

spouse but no apology was given to my friend or myself. Nothing was done to punish the individual giving the unlawful order either.

Final comment. My appeal was overruled. In looking back, this investigation (which we have yet to see a copy as requested under the Freedom of Information Act) should have been taken away from the unit based upon the perception of being one-sided and given to another unit to conduct the investigation. I no longer volunteer on Fort Riley as I feel that I and my husband are persona non-gratus. I've enclosed my statements which I made to both Fort Riley CID and to the investigating officer in this investigation. If you wish to discuss or have questions please feel free to contact at my information below. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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