



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson, AZ 85723

In Reply Refer To: 678/13-119

JUN 13 2013

The Honorable Ron Barber
United States Congressman
3945 East Ft. Lowell, Suite 211
Tucson, AZ 85712
Attn: Patty Valera

Dear Congressman Barber:

This is in response to your inquiry dated June 3, 2013, on behalf of Mr. Anthony Miner O'Connell, who contacted your office regarding his medication renewals from the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS). I asked Ms. Bernadette Schaeffer, Outpatient Pharmacy Program Manager to review your request.

In reviewing Mr. O'Connell's records it was determined that he does not have a telephone. Ms Schaeffer did contact his daughter Ms. Kate Simmons on June 7, 2013. Ms. Schaeffer confirmed that, Mr. O'Connell is receiving medications from the Consolidated Medication Outpatient Pharmacy and/or the SAVAHCS. He is also receiving medication from the Northern VA Health Care System (NAVAHCS). Ms Simmons was surprised that her father was still concerned about his prescriptions, as he had recently told her that he had resolved the issue. Ms. Schaeffer provided Ms. Simmons with her contact information if any issues with his medication arise.

1 fill VA 1

1 fill VA 2

The SAVAHCS strives to provide quality and compassionate care to all of our Veterans. We are very concerned with patient care and the satisfaction of the Veterans we serve. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Bernadette Schaeffer at (520) 792-1450, extension 5394.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JHG", written over a circular scribble.

Jonathan H. Gardner, MPA, FACHE
Director
Southern Arizona
VA Health Care System

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Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Gallery

Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>
 Reply-To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>
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Fri, Jun 7, 2013 at 10:01 PM

Hi Tony,

Sorry I have been quiet lately - I have been opening an art gallery in North Beach in San Francisco. It is not public and I keep it off Facebook.

<http://www.glassdoorgallery.com/>

Are you ok now with the meds - the VA called me today to check. I can call them back - I was diving but they were nice and said they mailed the meds to you in Green Valley.

Love.

Kate

Kate Simmons

Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>
 To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Sat, Jun 8, 2013 at 3:57 AM

Dear Kate,

It's lovely to hear from you. I was to going ask you if you were the Kate in Linda's "My friend Kate opened a new gallery in North San Francisco" comment on Facebook. Then I thought no, it couldn't be with all the stuff you are already doing. Happily, I was wrong. That's wonderful. Private gallery sounds so upscale. God knows I know you know how to market.

Speaking of marketing, and thank you for telling me about the VA contacting you, I would guess that the VA call (not a letter which leaves a record, but a telephone call which doesn't) was made soon after June 3 when I got US Representative Ron Barber's Tucson Office to investigate and the VA is in cover mode.

US Congressman Ron Barber is doing a seminar here in Green Valley on Monday, June 10, I believe with some FBI people, on scams for seniors. The media will be there and I'm going to speak and show a small placard with "stoppedmedicine.com" on it. I made <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com>. Two main points are the VA (1) stopped my medicine without explanation and (2) is making it appear as if they didn't. I want the media to look at my web site.

Because it is impossible for you do be kept informed of the latest nuances in deception would you please continue to do what you just did, just tell me about the VA call but not get involved? I bet you a quarter if you asked the VA to put their communications to you in writing you would never hear from them again.

I stopped in at the local Democratic HQ to get political contacts and meet Judie Torres who is a treasure of support. She likes to get on the phone and find things out and she is insightful. Calling from the Democratic HQ has clout by association. She looked at my web site <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com> and told me to drop the Virginia connection. She, like you, doesn't believe there could be an ill intent. Common sense suggests there is but since nobody would believe it so I am dropping the Virginia connection for now. I'm going to revise the site and make it as simple as I can

That is so cool that you opened a private gallery. Your web site is exciting. The intrigue makes me want to go see exactly what it is about.

It is inhumanly hot here.

Love, Tony

[Quoted text hidden]

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asked you to look at it). I'll email you after I post it. I made it really simple.

I'm surprised that the big "0-refills75p" attachment of 1,975mb was apparently sent successfully(?). Did you get two attachments tonight? If you did I'm guessing that once I do a google bridge big attachments go automatically without my having to go through the bridge steps. But I don't know.

[Quoted text hidden]

Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 12:08 AM

Reply-To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

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Bernadette asked me my relationship to O'Connell and I replied that I am his daughter. She then said it would help if he had a telephone and I said he does not have one and does not plan to get one.

Bernadette assured me he was receiving all medications and verified address in Green Valley with me. Bernadette thought he may be getting too much medication from 2 VA hospitals and could bleed out (To death) if this was the case.

I was driving unfortunately and said I could not stay on the phone as I could not pull over. She gave me her extension but I had no way to write it down.

Kate Simmons

From: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

To: Kate Simmons ksimmons92270 <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 11:25 PM

Subject: VA

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Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 12:22 AM

Reply-To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

yes, I did receive both attachments without a problem

Kate Simmons

From: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 12:05 AM

Subject: Re: VA

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Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 2:11 PM

Reply-To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Tony, I also remember she said she mailed the meds to the address in Green Valley, and she was surprised you did

not receive them.

Kate

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Dear Kate,

I just built up my courage and opened your two emails of July 22. I was afraid you were still thinking that the VA was just trying to help me and it was just my imagination that weren't.

Please read the attached Gardner-Barber letters. What the director said his employee said you said makes me look like bad. When I said I was happy with the VA they were giving me my medicine. Now the VA is not giving me my medicine and I'm not happy with that. It is two different situations.

I have to include the Gardner-Barber letters on <http://www.canwelookattheevidence.com/> because they are so central. Would you please send me an email that I can put on the web to counter it? Please include the "she was afraid I would bleed to death" comment, that is an easily recognizable con. (lol)

The VA stopped my medicine. Stopping my medicine will kill me. Please make the connection before it is too late. The trick is to look at the evidence. I know you are very busy but please see the attachment "0-refills75p" and use that as a base to think from.

Thank you for asking me if you should call the VA. Please, in this situation, never communicate with the



Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

May9

6 messages

Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>
To: Kate Simmons ksimmons92270 <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 2:26 PM

Kate,

I'm sorry the VA brought you into this.

Is the VA caller referring to the May 9 delivery I describe in <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com> that was done outside the system?

Tony

Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Kate Simmons <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 2:44 PM

I do not mind at all but I would like you to get the medicine you need.
If I can help let me know.

Sorry, the conversation on my phone is hard to know, it was so short and I was driving. The gist was this - she was saying they are sending the meds to you, and she verified your address...not sure why you are not receiving them.

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To: Kate Simmons ksimmons92270 <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>
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Subject: May9

This plants wedges between me and my daughter.

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Tony

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Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 3:19 PM