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Re: Request for Investigation – Possible Misconduct
U.S. Army Captain Jennifer Peña, MD, FACP
Physician to the Vice President

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) is a 501(c) (3) educational nonprofit corporation established in 1977 and is the nation's oldest men's human rights organization. Our directors, advisors, liaisons, and members are men *and* women from a wide variety of professions across the globe, including, educators, veterans, medical professionals, attorneys and retired law enforcement officers.

You can learn more about NCFM, our interests, activities, and numerous accomplishments by visiting our website, www.ncfm.org.

NCFM is committed to the removal of gender-based stereotypes, especially as they adversely impact boys, men, their families, and the women who love them, including but not limited to, issues involving the criminal justice, and family court systems. NCFM also conducts advocacy efforts for those who have been subjected to various forms of false allegations in a variety of settings.

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Recent print and televised news media stories have reported on the selection of U.S. Navy Admiral Ronny Jackson, the current physician to the President, to be the next Secretary of the Veteran's Administration. Due to highly publicized negative allegations concerning past behavior, Admiral Jackson has withdrawn from the selection process.

Recently, reputable news reports, which have been footnoted here, ^{1 2} reveal that the unverified and unproven allegations originated and were made primarily by the current physician to the Vice President, U.S. Army Captain Jennifer Peña, MD, FACP ³.



U.S. Army Captain Jennifer Peña, MD, FACP
Photo courtesy of LinkedIn

According to news reports, the unvetted allegations from Pena were made to members of congress, primarily Senator Jon Tester ⁴ who then intentionally leaked these salacious allegations to various news media sources, who then reported on them. Admiral Jackson then subsequently withdrew his name from consideration ⁵.

Additionally, an independent blog "armydocwhistleblower.blogspot.com" ⁶ reports that Captain Pena was investigated by various Department of Defense oversight bodies for sexual assault of a male colleague, filing a false sexual harassment complaint against a male colleague, and federal prescription fraud.

¹ Sara Carter, "VP Pence Physician Behind Ronny Jackson Attacks"
<https://saraacarter.com/vp-pence-physician-behind-ronny-jackson-attacks/>

² PJ Media, "Pence Doctor Is Source Behind White House Physician Ronny Jackson Smears"
<https://pjmedia.com/trending/pence-doctor-is-source-behind-white-house-physician-ronny-jackson-smears/>

³ LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifer-pe%C3%B1a-md-facp-49436a75>

⁴ NPR, "VA Nominee Accused Of Drinking On Duty, Improper Prescriptions, Sen. Tester Says,"
<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/04/24/605205437/ronny-jacksons-va-nomination-hearing-in-jeopardy-amid-serious-allegations>

⁵ Fox News, "Dr. Ronny Jackson withdraws as VA secretary nominee"
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/26/dr-ronny-jackson-withdraws-as-va-secretary-nominee.html>

⁶ <http://armydocwhistleblower.blogspot.com/>

This blog was quoted as saying in part, “Records also show that Dr. Pena was well-known for her lewd, hypersexual behavior and sexually-explicit comments... Dr. Pena had once asked several other women during a social dinner if they preferred to spit or swallow in reference to oral sex.”



Photo courtesy of
armydocwhistleblower.blogspot.com

News reports linked here also reveal that the motivation for Pena making these false allegations was due to the fact that she was jealous of Admiral Jackson and the fact that he had several recent promotions.

NCFM has no independent knowledge of these facts, however if true, are extremely disturbing. NCFM has been in existence since 1977 and has been involved and investigated thousands of false allegations, primarily against men, that include false allegations in the criminal and family courts.

What is particularly troubling about these allegations if they are true, is the fact that it caused a distinguished, talented, military officer to withdraw from a position that is sorely needed, the V.A. Secretary, an agency with a history of problems ^{7 8}.

The Veterans Administration healthcare system sees approximately nine million patients a year, and according to V.A. statistics, approximately 90 percent of those served are men ⁹. While the V.A. does provide adequate health care in many situations, there have been a significant number of problematic areas that need reform. Many of these problematic areas have been prominent in news stories, but what is truly disturbing are the number of suicides of veterans who have experienced significant delays in obtaining health care ¹⁰.

⁷ Modern Healthcare, “Pattern of problems with Veterans Affairs healthcare system”
<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20140507/NEWS/305079939>

⁸ CNN, Department of Veterans Affairs Fast Facts
<https://www.cnn.com/2014/05/30/us/department-of-veterans-affairs-fast-facts/index.html>

⁹ Congressional Research Service, <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R43579.pdf>

¹⁰ Military.com, “Parking Lot Suicides Roil VA Hospitals”
<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2017/08/14/parking-lot-suicides-roil-va-hospitals.html>

The current administration has prioritized the problematic V.A. health care system through legislation and transparency efforts ¹¹.

If the news reports are correct, then it would be safe to say that the false allegations of one woman, who went outside of the military chain of command, and possibly in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice may have affected the health care of approximately eight million men and approximately 800,000 women, effectively delaying this administration's efforts to bring much needed reform to the V.A. health care system.

Such reckless, selfish, and irresponsible behavior, if true demands accountability.

As such, NCFM respectfully requests that the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General conduct a fair investigation of the actions of U.S. Army Captain Jennifer Peña, M.D. If, based on a fair and unbiased investigation reveals that Dr. Peña was in violation of any provision of the UCMJ or any policy or directive, then the only logical and ethical action would be to refer Dr. Peña to a general or special court martial as prescribed by law.

If an investigation reveals criminality, complicity, or a reckless disregard for the truth on the part of Senator Tester, a referral to the appropriate senate committee or federal prosecutor for review and potential criminal action is necessary.

Our veterans, who have sacrificed so much for freedom and prosperity, deserve nothing but the best in health care and those efforts should not and must not be derailed by the alleged vindictive actions of one woman or the alleged, vindictive, and politically motivated efforts of one legislator.

As a matter of normal business practices, NCFM respectfully requests a letter of acknowledgment, on official letterhead, that this correspondence has been received and what action will be taken.

Respectfully,


President

cc:

¹¹ The Hill, "Trump's essential VA reforms bring transparency, choice to veterans"
<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/331646-trumps-veteran-affairs-reforms-prioritize-transparency-choice>