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**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.

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 stamp or seal.

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

Why call my daughter in California which makes it appear that the Director can't communicate with me? Why plant wedges between my daughter and me? Why use my daughter to make me look bad?

Can we look at the evidence before judging? Can we follow the medicine trails and then judge if the medicine trails are true or if what Congressman Barber is being told is true?

The medicines I received from SAVAHCS on May 9, 2013, and the medicines I received from NAVAHCS in three installments beginning on May 1, 2013, said "Refill 4 of 4" (or 5 of 5 in one case) and "Last Refill". But there was no fill 1, 2, or 3. The one fill is made to appear as if 4 fills were sent.

Kate Simmons  
411 Myra Way  
San Francisco, CA 94127  
September 18, 2013

Director Jonathan Gardner  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)  
3601 South 6th Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85723

Reference: Telephone call of June 7, 2013, concerning Anthony OConnell, last four  
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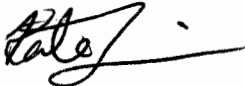
Dear Director Gardner,

I am trying to remember a telephone call I received from your office on June 7, 2013: I  
was driving in traffic and was distracted. Would you please tell me the purpose and  
content of the call? If you recorded it please send me a transcript.

**If you contact me again concerning Anthony O'Connell please do it by letter  
with a copy to Anthony O'Connell, and not by telephone. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Kate Simmons



Copy to:  
Anthony O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
Green Valley, AZ 85614



Anthony O'Connell &lt;anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com&gt;

**Anthony O'Connell**

1 message

**Kate Simmons** <ksimmons92270@yahoo.com>

Fri, Dec 6, 2013 at 2:08 PM

Reply-To: Kate Simmons &lt;ksimmons92270@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "jonathan.gardner@med.va.gov" <jonathan.gardner@med.va.gov>, "marjorie.ford@med.va.gov" <marjorie.ford@med.va.gov>, "kernk@email.arizona.edu" <kernk@email.arizona.edu>, "joseph.rindone@va.gov" <joseph.rindone@va.gov>, "john.nanson@med.va.gov" <john.nanson@med.va.gov>, "timothy.mueller@med.va.gov" <timothy.mueller@med.va.gov>, "patty.valera@mail.house.gov" <patty.valera@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Anthony O'Connell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Dear recipients:

On November 14, 2013, I received a phone call from someone in the VA that said Cardiology had sent two letters to Anthony O'Connell. Would you please send to me and Mr. Anthony O'Connell copies of these two letters?

I am Anthony O'Connell's Health Care Agent in his Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will dated January 1, 2009. He tells me that he has rescinded this document. He has repeatedly asked that this document be removed from the VA records, and has done all the procedures he has been instructed to do to make this happen, such as going to the Release of Information, and trying to make an appointment with the social worker. Please release this document from the VA records now and send verification to me and Anthony O'Connell that it has been done.

Please adhere to my September 18, 2013, letter to the Director that said, in part: "If you contact me again concerning Anthony O'Connell please do it by letter with a copy to Anthony O'Connell, and not by telephone."

Thank you,

Kate Simmons  
411 Myra Way  
San Francisco, CA 94127

**Kate Simmons never received  
anything in writing.**

1/23/14

This is a virtual death sentence for me



## Refill Prescription Information (Active Prescriptions of ANTHONY OCONNELL)

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Refill Status	Refill Submit Date	Fill Date	Refills Remaining	Prescription	Facility
Refill in Process	1/7/2014	3/24/2014	0	RX#2157050 WARFARIN NA 1MG TAB	NORTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - PRESCOTT DIVISION
Refill in Process	12/4/2013	3/8/2014	0	RX#4973800A DIGOXIN 0.25 MG TAB	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION
Refill in Process	12/4/2013	3/8/2014	0	RX#4973802A FINASTERIDE 5 MG TAB	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION
Refill in Process	12/4/2013	3/8/2014	0	RX#4973804A METOPROLOL 25 MG TAB	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION
Refill in Process	12/4/2013	3/8/2014	0	RX#4973808A TAMSULOSIN 0.4 MG CAP	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION
Active	10/10/2013	12/27/2013	0	RX#5303370 BUPROPION 150 MG S.R. 12-HR TAB	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION
Active		10/23/2013	1	RX#5302333 ATORVASTATIN 40 MG TAB	SOUTHERN ARIZONA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - TUCSON DIVISION

Please judge for yourself: Is "0 refills remaining" true or is the following true?

"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)."

(From Director Gardner's letter of June 13, 2013, to Congressman Ron Barber)