

Seminar on scams hosted by Congressman Ron Barber on June 10, 2013

My name is Anthony OConnell (anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com)

My situation fits the topic in that if I trust the advice I am given, I'll lose money. But the adviser is the VA and I don't know what they would gain. Can answers be gotten from the Director of the Tucson VA? (Director Jonathan Gardner <johnathan.gardner@med.va.gov>)

- (1) Why were my medicines stopped?
- (2) Why am I being led to believe that they were not stopped?
- (3) What is the intent?
- (4) Why am I treated differently from other veterans?

The VA's MyHealthVet interactive web site enables veterans to request medicine and to see their remaining refills. It shows, with slight variations over the past several months, that I have 0 refills remaining. This shows my medicine was stopped and trumps everything to the contrary.

I fear, from glimpses I've had of what the VA has put in their records about me over the past decade, that a researcher would be led to believe, from the records a researcher would be shown, that I am a really bad person. I can't defend myself against this because these records are kept secret from me. What I've seen are frame-ups. History suggests that this image of me will try to be used as cover and I know from experience that it works ("Oh, it's him, don't waste your time"). Can I get a copy of what a researcher would be shown?

I don't want to take questions now because I believe the answers are too improbable to be believed unless you see the documents and connect the dots yourself. Please look at those documents at my web site <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com> and ask me questions by email. It is necessary to differentiate between evidence and cover. Exposing document trails and cause and effect trails are evidence. Power is not evidence. Killing the messenger; confusion and conflict; and the extreme avoidance of accountability, not recognizable at first, is cover. Drop assumptions such as "Oh no, they wouldn't do that much less get away with it."

0 refills remaining means 0 refills remaining. If this evidence doesn't prevail I'm dead because I live on the poverty line and can't afford the medicines. Continuing to withhold my meds will kill me. This is not a figure of speech. I need my prescriptions renewed now and it's the law.

Thank you Congressman Barber for your work in digitizing and synchronizing the VA and DOD records, and for having your Tucson Office look into this.

RON BARBER

2ND DISTRICT, ARIZONA

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Mr. Anthony Miner O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
Green Valley, AZ 85614-2415

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I am enclosing the reply I received from the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is in response to my inquiry made on your behalf. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance, and hope that you will find the enclosed correspondence informative.

Should you require assistance with another federal agency in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me or Patty Valera in my Tucson office at (520) 881-3588 or via email at [Patty.Valera@mail.house.gov](mailto:Patty.Valera@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely Yours,



Ron Barber

Member of Congress

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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 read "JHG", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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



Anthony O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614  
June 13, 2013

Senator John McCain  
241 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

If the VA in Arizona continues to withhold my medicines it will kill me. I live on the poverty line and can't afford the meds. Please ask your staff to look at <http://www.stoppedmedicine.com> and <http://www.followthetrails.com> . There are tons of covers.

The Director is not supposed to withhold the Veteran's meds and pretend he doesn't know what the problem is or to attack the Veteran's character. Suggested questions:

- (1) Why were the Veteran's medicines stopped?
- (2) Why is the Veteran being led to believe that they were not stopped?
- (3) What does "0 refills remaining" mean to you?
- (3) What is the intent?
- (4) Why is this Veteran treated differently from other veterans?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony OConnell 7637



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**JUL 12 2013**

In Reply Refer To: 678/0-002A

The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senator  
407 West Congress Street, Suite 103  
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Attn: Suzanne Hernandez

Dear Senator McCain:

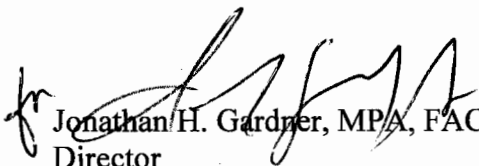
This is in response to your letter dated June 19, 2013, regarding your constituent, Mr. Anthony OConnell and his concerns at the Green Valley Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS). I requested that Mr. John Altevers, Administrative Officer, Community Clinics Care Line, address his concerns.

Mr. OConnell expressed several concerns in his letter to you but specifically asked questions about his prescription renewals, his treatment, and obtaining his living will. Mr. OConnell's current medications were not stopped and were refilled promptly at his request since October 2012. Many medications are renewed annually. In order for Mr. OConnell to obtain further medication refills, he can schedule an appointment with his provider at the Green Valley CBOC by calling (520) 399-2291. If Mr. OConnell needs refills prior to October 2013; he should contact the pharmacy refill line, at (520) 470-8262 and select option four. Mr. OConnell also contacted his provider several times asking that his living will be returned to him. He was advised each time to contact the Release of Information (ROI) office located at the main VA hospital to obtain his living will, as it is not available at the clinic. Mr. OConnell can reach the ROI office at (520) 792-1450, extension 6923.

These are standard VA procedures and all Veterans are provided the same guidance to receive medication refills and to obtain copies of their computerized medical information.

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Sincerely,

  
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