

FINAL RESPONSE

10/17/2016

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DAYS SINCE DISCLOSURE: 440 days

NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN (UACs) RELEASED SINCE 10/2013: 128, 299

NUMBER OF SPONSORS "RUN" FROM MY DATA FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY: 29,000

Plain Speak to Follow:

440 days ago I decided to forego my career and take a stand. I blew the Whistle. I had to. Out of the 20 or so people working with this data; nobody else stood up and said "WTF". I told my immediate Supervisor we needed to do something. Yes, we had the authority to work with HHS and DHS to conduct a nationwide operation to return these unaccompanied children to safe havens. The Supervisor dismissed it and said it wouldn't look good if we pushed it. My mind was boggled. A senior official blowing off what is right and morally just.

Going to be vague here to attempt to keep some sort of confidentiality; OSC took the case and ran with it and tried to do bring the right parties to the table. OSC contacted HHS and requested information on numerous occasions and each time HHS would come back with an excuse. I finally had enough back and forth. I asked OSC if I could be debriefed "confidentially" by HHS.

Now comes the interesting part. HHS debriefed me on a Friday. I used my GOV email account to coordinate the meeting (dumb I know). The very next business day my detail was terminated from the organization I was working with. Crazy. No explanation. Nothing. I was sent back to my Agency. Note: I never, in over 2 decades of service to our nation, received disciplinary action, in fact they wrote me up for an Agency Director's award and I received it for my work with this very detail! Obviously they wrote it before they terminated my detail.

Now, HHS: HHS has attacked my data since the beginning of this disclosure. And I will say it again; the DATA CAME FROM THEM. HHS uses a database called the UAC Portal. The UAC portal has ALL the names and identifiers of the sponsors. HHS can just cruise on down to their own website and pull the sponsor data. First, run sponsors for name/date of birth to determine if they are criminals. BUT guess what; criminals don't typically provide correct names/dates of birth. Second, RUN their fingerprints through federal and state databases. I guarantee this did not happen, it's a big lift. Hence, HHS still attacking my credibility.

URL: <https://uacportal.org/> Details of database: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/acf-uacp.pdf>

All the actors involved with this data are career federal employees. Most at the GS15 and SES levels. The GS15 won't get their SES and the SES won't get their bonus for the year if they admitted they did the wrong thing by releasing the children to criminals and further by not doing anything about it.

This is just wrong. Wrong on so many levels. HHS and DHS has hidden the fact to the public and Congress that they released tender age children to criminals. Since 2013, over 128,000 released without knowing if their sponsor is a criminal! HHS and DHS released 128,299 UAC's since they started tracking them (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors>)

The data I had, only had 29,000 sponsor's data run and 3400 had criminal histories including sex offenses and assault. HHS only reviewed 25 of those sponsors. Yes, HHS only ran 25 (**that's TWENTY-FIVE**) sponsors based on my allegations.

I commend OSC and especially OSC's John Young for walking me through this 440 day ordeal. I am glad John and John's Chief, Catherin McMullen, tried and tried again to get HHS to the do the right thing. OSC has been nothing but professional and kept me in the loop the whole way. I'm hoping OSC's report on my disclosures makes it to the right hands after this report goes public.

Whistleblowing is tough; tough on you and your family; whistleblowing destroyed my career; and I would do it all over again because it's the right thing to do. I don't feel dirty. Not at all.