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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Hello,

This is Michael A. Ayele sending this message, though I now go by W and I prefer to be referred to as such. I am writing this letter for the purpose of filing a FOIA request with Norridge School District 79. The bases for this non-commercial FOIA request are the September 15, 2021 testimonies that Maggie Nichols, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, and Aly Raisman provided to Congress with regard to the "*medical treatment"* they received from Tier III sex offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar. [i]

I) Requested Records

What I am requesting for prompt disclosure are records in your possession detailing your discussions about [1] Maggie Nichols as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed the legislative branch of the U.S. government (Congress) that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment"* when she was a minor; (ii) she had reported the sexual abuse she had suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar; (iii) the sexual misconduct complaint she filed against Lawrence Gerard Nassar was grossly mishandled by U.S.A. Gymnastics (USAG), the United States Olympics and Paralympics Committee (USOPC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); (iv) she had always suspected Lawrence Gerard Nassar to have been sexually inappropriate toward Simone Biles; [2] Simone Biles as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that (i) Maggie Nichols intuition was correct; (ii) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment"* when she was a minor; (iii) "*there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children*"; [3] McKayla Maroney as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had, throughout his medical career, always been "*more pedophile than doctor"*; (ii) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment"* when she was a minor; (iii) she had reported the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar to the FBI; (iv) the sexual misconduct complaint she had filed was very grossly mishandled by the FBI; (v) she "*welcomes any questions"* people may have on the way in which her sexual misconduct complaint was processed by the FBI; [4] Aly Raisman as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment"* when she was a minor; (ii) she had reported the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar; (iii) the sexual misconduct complaint she had filed was very grossly mishandled by USAG, the USOPC and the FBI; (iv) she welcomes questions (and comments) people may have on the way in which her sexual misconduct complaint was processed by the FBI; [5] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W as a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri

healthcare worker who was subjected to intense online frenzy following his decision to recognize that (i) he was 33 years old when he first read the February 25, 2025 CNN and NBC articles commending the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case; (ii) the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the reasons why the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar was not handled in the same manner; (iii) the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar used the Wi-Fi network of Michigan State University to download child pornography videos; (iv) the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on how seriously Michigan State University takes matters pertaining to cybersecurity particularly given the thousands of child pornography materials found at Lawrence Gerard Nassar's place of residence; (v) the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which Michigan State University has processed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request they had previously assigned Case No. MSUFOI4723; (vi) the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which MSU has (in the past) processed complaints involving Black/African American healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women as compared with white healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women; [6] the decision of internet search engines (ISEs) such as AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo to filter and distort Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's written publications on matters pertaining to the September 15, 2021 testimonies of Maggie Nichols, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Simone Biles by generating unwelcome and unapproved queries such as "*Michael Ayele October 26, 2013,*" "*Michael Ayele investigation,*" "*Michael Ayele United Against Hate Week,*" "*Michael Ayele Cybersecurity Awareness Month,*" "*Michael Ayele email,*" "*Michael Ayele Michigan State University,*" "*Michael Ayele California State University lawsuit,*" "*Michael Ayele medical consent case,*" "*Michael Ayele NCD January 2000 report,*" "*Michael Ayele death penalty appeal,*" "*Michael Ayele v washington adventist hospital,*" "*Michael Ayele age and relatives,*" "*Michael Ayele SORNA.*"

II) Request for a Fee Waiver and Expedited Processing

The public has a compelling and legitimate interest in this information for the following reasons:

1) On (or around) September 15, 2021, Maggie Nichols had informed the legislative branch of the U.S. government (Congress) that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment*" when she was a minor; (ii) she had reported the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar; (iii) the sexual misconduct complaint she filed against Lawrence Gerard Nassar was grossly mishandled by U.S.A. Gymnastics (USAG), the United States Olympics and Paralympics Committee (USOPC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); (iv) she had always suspected Lawrence Gerard Nassar to have been sexually inappropriate toward Simone Biles.
2) On (or around) September 15, 2021, Simone Biles had informed Congress that (i) Maggie Nichols's intuition was correct; (ii) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment*" when she was a minor; (iii) "*there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*"
3) On (or around) September 15, 2021, McKayla Maroney had informed Congress that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had, throughout his medical career, always been "*more pedophile than doctor*"; (ii) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment*" when she was a minor; (iii) she had reported the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar to the FBI; (iv) the sexual misconduct complaint she had filed was very grossly mishandled by the FBI; (v) she "*welcomes any questions*" people may have on the way in which her sexual misconduct complaint was processed by the FBI.
4) On (or around) September 15, 2021, Aly Raisman had informed Congress that (i) Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment*" when she was a minor; (ii) she had reported the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar; (iii) the sexual misconduct complaint she had filed was very grossly mishandled by USAG, the USOPC and the FBI; (iv) she welcomes questions (and comments) people may have on the way in which her sexual misconduct complaint was processed by the FBI.
5) The requested records will enable the public to ascertain if there were conversations within your school district about the September 15, 2021 testimonies that Maggie Nichols, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney and Aly Raisman provided to Congress with regard to the "*medical treatment*" they received from Tier III sex offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar when they were minors.

6) In the month of February 2021, the American Psychological Association (APA) had issued a press release wherein they had recognized that (i) "*racism is not limited to racist ideas, attributions, expectations, assumptions, and behaviors held by individuals;"* (ii) "*racism has been an enduring, insidious, and pervasive feature of the United States (U.S.) landscape;"* (iii) *"racism has shaped and undermined almost every aspect of U.S. society, including our laws, policies, educational systems, customs, and cultural narratives, weakening our political and civil institutions and creating many political and social fissures;"* (iv) "***racism intersects with other social and personal identities (e.g., age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability status, socioeconomic status, etc.) in ways that compound experiences of oppression among diverse groups in the form of sexism****, heterosexism, ableism;"* (v) "*white privilege is unearned power that is afforded to white people on the basis of status rather than earned merit and protects white people from the consequences of being racist and benefitting from systemic racism."* [ii]

7) On (or around) October 29, 2021, the American Psychological Association (APA) had issued an apology for their complicity in exacerbating racism in American society and government. As you are likely aware, when issuing their October 29, 2021 apology, the APA had publicly recognized that the "*discipline of psychology"* (i) "*has since its origins as a scientific discipline in the mid-19$^{th}$ century, contributed to the dispossession, displacement, and exploitation of communities of color;"* (ii) has "*contributed to the financial wealth gap and social class disparities experienced by many communities of color;"* (iii) "*was complicit in contributing to systemic inequities, and hurt many through racism, racial discrimination, and denigration of people of color;"* (iv) has for a long time throughout its history failed to recognize that "*racial inequities result from laws, systems, policies, practices, and cultural narratives that reflect racial bias and white supremacist ideology;"* (v) has for a long time throughout its history failed to recognize that race "*is a social construct with no underlying genetic or biological basis;"* (vi) has for a long time throughout its history failed to condemn "*racism in all forms for its destructive psychological, social, educational and economic effects on human rights and human welfare throughout the lifespan;"* (vii) has for a long time throughout its history "*promulgated ideas of human hierarchy through the construction, study, and interpretation of racial differences;"* (viii) has for a long time throughout its history "*participated in, and disseminated scientific models and approaches rooted in scientific racism;"* (ix) has for a long time throughout its history promoted pseudoscientific movements such as "*eugenics*" to "*support segregation, sterilization, and antimarriage laws."* [iii]

Expedited processing for this request is justified because

1) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black ex-immigrant who went to America on an F-1 visa in the month of December 2009 (when he was eighteen years of age).
2) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black ex-immigrant who went to America to pursue his undergraduate academic education.
3) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black ex-immigrant who was informed what constitutes "*affirmative and effective consent"* when he was a full-time undergraduate student at Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) in the month of January 2010.
4) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black former international student who was informed what constitutes "*affirmative and effective consent"* after being told of the April 5, 1986 rape and murder of Jeanne Ann Clery.
5) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black former international student who, in calendar year 2011, was an intern of the Callaway County, Missouri local government.
6) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black former international student who, in calendar year 2013, was employed for the Missouri Department of Mental Health (MODMH) Fulton State Hospital (FSH) after signing an employment contract with the department. [iv]
7) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black former international student who graduated from Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Political Science and Economics on (or around) December 31, 2016.
8) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) who was, during his employment with the MODMH (FSH), briefed and quizzed on several aspects of the facility known as the Sex Offender Rehabilitation and Treatment Services (SORTS). [v]

9) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker who has, in the mid-2010s, reported upon instances whereby "*medical professionals"* were forcibly administering psychotropic drugs in an effort to perpetuate racism and discrimination in healthcare services.
10) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) who unequivocally condemns the forcible administration of psychotropic drugs in healthcare settings.
11) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri state government employee who unequivocally condemns violence committed against girls/women irrespective of the girl/woman's racial background, sexual orientation, national origin, religious affiliation, disability status and/or age group.
12) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) who has corresponded with the National Council on Disability (NCD) on the subject of their January 2000 report entitled "*From Privileges to Rights: People Labeled with Psychiatric Disabilities Speak for Themselves."* [vi]
13) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri state government employee who first began reading/hearing about the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar when he was 25 years old.
14) Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W is a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri state government employee who has, in calendar year 2023 corresponded with Michigan State University on the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar. [vii]
15) The subject matter of this record request will raise awareness about Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's correspondence with Michigan State University on the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar, including (but not limited to) the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar had used the Wi-Fi network of Michigan State University to download child pornography materials from the internet.
16) The subject matter of this record request will prove that the United States government has established legal precedent of holding to account medical doctors who are sexual predators.
17) The subject matter of this records request will prove that despite having established legal precedent of filing criminal charges against medical doctors who are sexual predators, the FBI (and other law enforcement agencies) have been reticent in holding to account "*medical professionals"* who deliberately (with malicious intent) provide objectionable healthcare services that harm vulnerable patients.
18) The subject matter of this records request will prove that despite having established legal precedent of filing criminal charges against medical doctors who are sexual predators, the FBI (and other law enforcement agencies) have been reticent in holding to account "*medical professionals"* who deliberately (with malicious intent) provide objectionable healthcare services that make a mockery of the Hippocratic oath.
19) The subject matter of this records request will prove that despite having established legal precedent of filing criminal charges against medical doctors who are sexual predators, American society and government have been reticent in pursuing winnable criminal prosecutions against "*medical professionals"* who abuse their position of authority. [viii]
20) The subject matter of this records request will raise awareness about the September 15, 2021 testimonies that Maggie Nichols, Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney and Aly Raisman provided to Congress with regard to the "*medical treatment"* they received from sex offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar.
21) The subject matter of this record request will raise awareness about the way in which internet search engines (ISEs) such as AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo have filtered and distorted Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's written publications on matters pertaining to the September 15, 2021 testimonies of Maggie Nichols, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Simone Biles by generating unwelcome and unapproved queries such as "*Michael Ayele October 26, 2013," "Michael Ayele investigation," "Michael Ayele United Against Hate Week," "Michael Ayele Cybersecurity Awareness Month," "Michael Ayele email," "Michael Ayele Michigan State University," "Michael Ayele California State University lawsuit," "Michael Ayele medical consent case," "Michael Ayele NCD January 2000 report," "Michael Ayele death penalty appeal," "Michael Ayele v washington adventist hospital," "Michael Ayele age and relatives," "Michael Ayele SORNA."* [ix]

In my judgment, the facts presented in my request for a fee waiver and expedited processing will significantly decrease public confidence in the activities, the engagements and the priorities of internet search engines (ISEs) such as AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo because they have previously filtered and distorted Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's correspondence with the U.S. government on matters pertaining to the "*medical treatment"* that Tier III sex offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar provided to Maggie Nichols, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman, Simone Biles and others. Unfortunately, the decision of ISEs to filter and distort Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's correspondence on the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar has served to obfuscate the fact that [1] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W had, in calendar year 2013, witnessed many double standards in the way in which complaints involving violence against girls/women were processed by local and state government agencies throughout the State of Missouri; [2] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W had, in calendar year 2013, expressed verbal and written objections to the double standards he witnessed in healthcare settings; [3] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W unequivocally condemns violence committed against girls/women irrespective of the girl/woman's racial background, sexual orientation, national origin, religious affiliation, disability status and/or age group; [4] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W was 25 years old when he first began hearing/reading about the circumstances that led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [5] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W closely followed developments of the Lawrence Gerard Nassar case between 2016 and 2023; [6] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W had, in calendar year 2023, corresponded with Michigan State University about several perturbing aspects of the Lawrence Gerard Nassar case which he felt were improperly addressed by the Department of Education (DOED), the DOJ (FBI) and the judicial branch (the courts) of the State of Michigan; [7] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W had in calendar year 2023 expressed in writing some very grave concerns about the cybersecurity infrastructure of Michigan State University; [8] the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the reasons why the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar was not handled in the same manner; [9] the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar used the Wi-Fi network of Michigan State University to download child pornography videos; [10] the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions about how seriously Michigan State University takes matters pertaining to cybersecurity particularly given the thousands of child pornography materials found at Lawrence Gerard Nassar's place of residence; [11] the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which Michigan State University has processed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was previously assigned Case No. MSUFOI4723; [12] the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which MSU has (in the past) processed complaints involving Black/African American healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women vs. white healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women.

As a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri state government employee (who has some experience working in information technology), I believe that the circumstances which led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar raise three key questions.

1) If agents of the FBI were able to detect and report Joel Le Scouarnec's cybercriminal activities in 2005 (without a complaint ever having been filed against him), how is it possible that they were not able to detect Lawrence Gerard Nassar's cybercriminal activities after he was sued by many women?
2) Have agents of the FBI engaged information technology (IT) experts of Michigan State University in earnest and honest conversations about the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography materials using the Wi-Fi network of Michigan State University?
3) Have IT experts of Michigan State University ever submitted an anonymous or non-anonymous complaint to the FBI about the many cybercriminal activities Lawrence Gerard Nassar engaged in while he was employed by Michigan State University?

Via email dated March 30, 2023, I have contacted employees and legal representatives of Michigan State University to get straightforward answers to the above-mentioned 3 questions. However, I was unable to get straightforward answers to these three questions from Rebecca Nelson and Teresa Woodruff: the two individuals who processed my Michigan State University FOIA request, which they had assigned Case No. MSUFOI4723.

As of this writing dated November 3, 2026, if you ask me, "*Hey, W! You've published your correspondence with Michigan State University about the circumstances that had led to the September 20, 2016 arrest of Lawrence Gerard Nassar. Do you happen to know if there were conversations between Michigan State University, the Department of Education (DOED), and the FBI about the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography materials using the Wi-Fi network of Michigan State University?"* My honest answer would be, "*I don't know,"* and I think this is regrettable because the above-mentioned three questions merit thoughtful and thorough answers.

On my end, I am dismayed that the above-mentioned three questions were left in suspense because the criminal proceedings against Lawrence Gerard Nassar are officially closed, and members of the general public—including representatives of the media and myself—are entitled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to obtain records from closed cases. Unfortunately, though, in my prior correspondence with MSU, Rebecca Nelson and Teresa Woodruff (representing Michigan State University) have refused to confirm or deny the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar had downloaded child-pornography images and videos using the university's own Wi-Fi network. This very coy ambiguity of Michigan State University stands in stark contrast to the very clear February 25, 2025 CNN and NBC articles describing how sex offender Joel Le Scouarnec was caught downloading child pornography content from a website actively monitored by the FBI, a case in which U.S. federal authorities successfully traced illicit online activity.[x] Indeed, Michigan State University's March 2023 response to my FOIA request offered no clarification of whether such activity was investigated or whether discussions concerning such activity took place between Michigan State University, the FBI and the DoED even though these agencies have a legal obligation to investigate and prevent the online sexual exploitation of children. To date, the question of whether Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography content using the university's Wi-Fi network remains unresolved not for lack of inquiry (on my part), but because Michigan State University, the Department of Justice and the DoED have provided incomplete and inconsistent responses to my FOIA requests (on the DOJ July 2021 report entitled "*Investigation and Review of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Handling of Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Former USA Gymnastics Physician Lawrence Gerard Nassar"* as well as the September 15, 2021 testimonies of Maggie Nichols, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Simone Biles).

The decision of Michigan State University to refuse to confirm or deny the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography images and videos using the university's own Wi-Fi network was a little bit shocking to me because I felt that this decision gravely undermined public confidence in the university's commitment to transparency for closed cases that raise significant cybersecurity-related concerns. On a personal level, as a Black B.A. graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker, I question why there is not a greater level of clarity regarding the very strong possibility that Lawrence Gerard Nassar—already known to possess tens of thousands of child-pornography images and videos—unsettlingly accessed these illicit materials through the university's Wi-Fi network. If U.S. federal authorities could track and intercept Joel Le Scouarnec's online crimes across international borders (from the opposite side of the Atlantic Ocean where they are located), it is troubling that no comparable federal or state detection appears to have occurred in the State of Michigan, where Lawrence Gerard Nassar lived and worked (and obtained tens of thousands of child pornography images and videos). Regardless of how anyone looks at these two cases, it's impossible not to conclude that discrepancies exist between the case of Joel Le Scouarnec and the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar. It's also impossible not to conclude that these discrepancies are indicative of a profoundly foul cover-up at play in the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar unlike the case of Joel Le Scouarnec where people spoke out against his despicable and hideous acts early on (like in calendar year 2005 for instance). For me, these unresolved discrepancies between the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar and the case of Joel Le Scouarnec naturally raise concerns about whether internet service providers in Michigan and relevant law-enforcement agencies exercised professional and responsible diligence to hold Lawrence Gerard Nassar accountable at an earlier date than he was ultimately held accountable. Additionally, these unresolved discrepancies between the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar and the case of Joel Le Scouarnec raise concern (at least for me) about the systemic gaps and oversight failures that enabled Lawrence Gerard Nassar's criminal online activity to go unchecked.

The core issues presented in this records request are as follows: 1) Have you had conversations about Maggie Nichols as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed the legislative branch of the U.S. government (Congress) that Lawrence Gerard Nassar had sexually abused her under the guise of "*medical treatment"* when she was a minor? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 2) Have you had conversations about Maggie Nichols as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that she

had reported the sexual abuse she had suffered at the hands of Lawrence Gerard Nassar? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 3) Have you had conversations about Maggie Nichols as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that the sexual misconduct complaint she filed against Lawrence Gerard Nassar was grossly mishandled by U.S.A. Gymnastics, the United States Olympics Committee (USOPC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 4) Have you had conversations about Maggie Nichols as an internationally renowned woman who had on (or around) September 15, 2021 informed Congress that she had always suspected Lawrence Gerard Nassar to have been sexually inappropriate toward Simone Biles? 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If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 17) Have you had conversations about Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W as a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker who was subjected to intense frenzy following his decision to recognize that he was 33 years old when he first read the February 25, 2025 CNN article commending the FBI's handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 18) Have you had conversations about Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W as a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker who was subjected to intense online frenzy following his decision to recognize that the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the reasons why the case of Lawrence Gerard Nassar was not handled in the same manner? 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was subjected to intense online frenzy following his decision to recognize that the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on how seriously Michigan State University takes matters pertaining to cybersecurity particularly given the thousands of child pornography materials found at Lawrence Gerard Nassar's place of residence? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 21) Have you had conversations about Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W as a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker who was subjected to intense online frenzy following his decision to recognize that the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which Michigan State University has processed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request they had previously assigned Case No. MSUFOI4723? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 22) Have you had conversations about Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W as a Black B.A. Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) and a former Missouri healthcare worker who was subjected to intense online frenzy following his decision to recognize that the FBI handling of the Joel Le Scouarnec case raises questions on the way in which MSU has (in the past) processed complaints involving Black/African American healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women as compared with white healthcare workers accused of committing violence against women? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records? 23) Have you had conversations about the decision of internet search engines to filter and distort Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W's written publications on matters pertaining to cybersecurity by generating unwelcome and unapproved queries such as *"Michael Ayele October 26, 2013," "Michael Ayele investigation," "Michael Ayele United Against Hate Week," "Michael Ayele Cybersecurity Awareness Month," "Michael Ayele email," "Michael Ayele Michigan State University," "Michael Ayele California State University lawsuit," "Michael Ayele medical consent case," "Michael Ayele NCD January 2000 report," "Michael Ayele death penalty appeal," "Michael Ayele v washington adventist hospital," "Michael Ayele age and relatives," "Michael Ayele SORNA"*? If yes, will you promptly disclose those records?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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[i] Chair Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for inviting me to speak to you today, and I want to personally thank you for your commitments to prioritizing athlete safety and holding accountable those responsible for athlete safety.

**I was named as Gymnast 2 in the Office of Inspector General's report and previously identified as Athlete A by USA Gymnastics. I want everyone to know that this did not happen to Gymnast 2 or to Athlete A. It happened to me, Maggie Nichols.**

I first started gymnastics when I was three and since I was a child, I always dreamed of competing for my country in the World Championships and Olympic Games. I was an elite level gymnast by the age of 13, and by the time I was 14, I made the National Team. I traveled internationally for four (4) years attending competitions and in 2015 competed at the World Championships representing our country, where I won a Gold medal. My Olympic dreams ended in the summer of 2015, when my coach and I reported Larry Nassar's abuse to USAG leadership. I went on to compete at the University of Oklahoma, where I was named First Team All-American in the all-around and all four events, and was a Two-Time National Champion.

**I reported my abuse to USA Gymnastics over six years ago, and still, my family and I have received few answers, and have even more questions, about how this was allowed to occur and why dozens of other little girls and women at Michigan State had to be abused after I reported.**

**In sacrificing my childhood for the chance to compete for the United States, I am haunted by the fact that even after I reported my abuse, so many women and girls had to needlessly suffer at the hands of Larry Nassar. USA Gymnastics, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the FBI have all betrayed me and those who were abused by Larry Nassar after I reported.**

**Not only did the FBI fail to conduct a thorough investigation, but they also knew that USAG and the USOPC created a false narrative where Larry Nassar was allowed to "retire" with his reputation intact and return to Michigan State University; thus, allowing dozens of little girls to be molested. As the Inspector General's Report details, during this same period, FBI agents did not properly document evidence, failed to report to proper authorities, and the Special Agent in charge was seeking to become the new director of security for the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee; a job opportunity raised by Steve Penny. Afterwards, FBI agents in charge of the investigation, lied to OIG investigators about what had occurred. This conduct by these FBI agents, including the Special Agent In-Charge, who are held in high regard and expected to protect the public, is unacceptable, disgusting, and shameful.**

**This committee produced a report in 2019 titled The Courage of Survivors-A Call to Action. It found that "the U.S. Olympic Committee and USAG, the National Governing Body designated by USOC to administer amateur gymnastics— failed to adequately respond to credible allegations against Nassar." Similarly, the OIG report found that senior FBI officials lied to the Inspector General, engaged in serious conflicts of interest, and tried to cover up of one of the biggest child sexual abuse scandal in the history of amateur sports. Both reports uncovered serious and possibly criminal misconduct by those at the highest level of the Olympic Committee, our sport, and the FBI.**

**Despite these findings of serious and criminal misconduct throughout the FBI, USAG and USOPC, no accountability has occurred. An important question remains, perhaps the most important question: why? Why would the FBI agents lie to OIG investigators? Why would the FBI not properly document evidence that was received? Why would an FBI agent be interested in the USAG presidency? These questions remain unanswered, and the survivors of Larry Nassar have a right to know why their well-being was placed in jeopardy by these individuals who chose not to do their jobs.**

**To-date, no one from the FBI, the USOPC or USAG has faced federal charges, other than Larry Nassar. For many hundreds of survivors of Larry Nassar, this hearing is one of our last opportunities to get justice. We ask that you do what is in your power to ensure those that engaged in wrongdoing are held accountable under the law.** Maggie Nichols September 15, 2021 testimony to Congress. ABC News. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKOIGyJBvcI

**My name is Simone Biles, and I'm a gymnast who has trained at the highest levels of this sport.** As an elite gymnast, I have had the honor to represent the United States of America in multiple international competitions, including World Championships and the Olympic Games. Over the course of my gymnastics career, I have won 25 World Championship medals and seven Olympic medals for Team U.S.A. That record means so much to me, and I am proud of my representation of this Nation through gymnastics.

**I am also a survivor of sexual abuse. I believe without a doubt that the circumstances that led to my abuse and allowed it to continue are directly the result of the fact that the organizations created by Congress to oversee and protect me as an athlete, USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, failed to do their jobs.**

**Nelson Mandela once said, "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." It is the power of that statement that compels and empowers me to be here in front of you today. I don't want another young gymnast, Olympic athlete, or any individual to experience the horror that I and hundreds of others have endured before, during, and continuing to this day in the wake of the Larry Nassar abuse. [...]**

**To be clear, I blame Larry Nassar, and I also blame an entire system that enabled and**

**perpetuated his abuse. USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee knew that I was abused by their official team doctor long before I was ever made aware of their knowledge. In May 2015, Rhonda Faehn, the former head of USA Gymnastics women's program was told by my friend and teammate, Maggie Nichols, that she suspected I too was a victim. I didn't understand the magnitude of what all was happening until the Indianapolis Star published its article in the fall of 2016 entitled, Former USA Gymnastics Doctor Accused of Abuse. Yet while I was a member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic team, neither USAG, USOPC, nor the FBI ever contacted me or my parents. While others had been informed and investigations were ongoing, I had been left to wonder why I was not told until after the Rio Games.**

**This is the largest case of sexual abuse in the history of American sport. Although there have been a fully independent investigation of the FBI's handling of the case, neither USAG nor USOPC have ever been made the subject of the same level of scrutiny. These are the entities entrusted with the protection of our sport and our athletes, and yet it feels like questions of responsibility and organizational failures remain unanswered. As you pursue the answers to those questions, I ask that your work be guided by the same question that Rachael Denhollander and many others have asked: "How much is a little girl worth?"**

**I sit before you today to raise my voice so that no little girl must endure what I, the athletes at this table, and the countless others who needlessly suffered under Nassar's guise of medical treatment, which we continue to endure today. We suffered and continue to suffer because no one at FBI, USAG, or the USOPC did what was necessary to protect us. We have been failed, and we deserve answers. Nassar is where he belongs, but those who enabled him deserve to be held accountable. If they are not, I am convinced that this will continue to happen to others across Olympic sports.**

**In reviewing the OIG's report, it truly feels like the FBI turned a blind eye to us and went out of its way to help protect USAG and USOPC. A message needs to be sent. If you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough. [...]**

**I am a strong individual, and I will persevere. I never should have been left alone to suffer the abuse of Larry Nassar. The only reason I did was because of the failures that lie at the heart of the abuse that you are now asked to investigate.**

**Again, I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with this Committee today. I want to sincerely thank each of you for joining the survivors of this abuse to do what we all can to prevent anything like this from ever happening again. Thank you.** Simone Biles September 15, 2021 testimony to Congress. ABC News. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUYA00klRhI

Good morning. Thank you, Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, for inviting me to speak today.

**As most of you are probably aware, I was molested by the USA Gymnastics National Team, and Olympic Team doctor, Larry Nassar. In actuality, he turned out to be more of a pedophile than he was a doctor as I was molested hundreds of times in my bed, including the night before competing in the Olympic Games in London. Recently I found out that when I reported the abuse that I had endured to the FBI, that there were certain FBI agents who chose to falsify what I said and conceal Nassar's crimes from the public, the media, other law enforcement agencies, and most importantly, other victims. After reading the Office of the Inspector General's ("OIG") report, I felt completely betrayed because when I disclosed my abuse to those whom I believed were trusted to protect the public, they chose to lie about what I said, they chose to silence me and attempted to discredit me. They chose to protect a serial child molester, rather than protect not only me but countless others. What I'm trying to bring to your attention today is that sworn law enforcement agents' multiple times made "materially false statements", in the OIG report and it was directly attributed to me.**

My story is one in which Special Agent In-Charge, Jay Abbott, and his subordinates, did not want you to hear. From my earliest memories, I always wanted to be a gymnast. More than anything, I wanted to one day win medals for Team USA. In 2012, I achieved my dream and I won a Gold and Silver Medal in

London not only for myself but for my country. The sad truth is that during the pinnacle of my success as a gymnast, I was being molested by my team doctor, Larry Nassar. The abuse occurred daily at the Karolyi Ranch, as well as at international competitions, including World Championships and Olympic Games. In the summer of 2015, I was asked to speak with the FBI about Nassar's abuse. I remember sitting on my bedroom floor for nearly three hours, as I told them what had happened to me over the phone. I hadn't even told my own mother about these facts, and it was the most uncomfortable conversation I had ever had in my life, but I thought as uncomfortable as it was, I was making a difference, and hopefully protecting others from the same abuse. I answered all of their questions honestly, and I disclosed all of the molestations I had endured by Nassar to them, in detail. I thought and trusted that they would act quickly for the sake of other girls. I waited, and I waited and heard nothing. They betrayed me, they betrayed my trust, and they sat idly by, as dozens of girls and women continued to be molested by Larry Nassar. According to the OIG Report, about 17 months after I disclosed my abuse to FBI agents (nearly a year and a half later), the FBI agent who interviewed me in 2015, decided to write down my "statement"; a statement that the OIG Report determined to be "materially false.

**Years after waiting for this report, and waiting to see Nassar's mug shot in the news, these sworn-in law enforcement officers lied about what I said, and they fabricated a statement that wasn't even the truth. I ask what is the point of me telling the truth about what happened when they lie about what I said? I spent three hours telling them my story, and they didn't even have the integrity or moral character to make a statement, and when they finally get around to writing a report, over a year and a half later, they wrote up a statement that was completely inaccurate, and misleading. It wasn't even close to the truth! Let's be honest, by not taking immediate action from my report, they allowed a child molester to go free for more than a year, and this inaction directly allowed Nassar's abuse to continue. This all doesn't even make sense. What is the point of reporting abuse if our own FBI agents are going to take it upon themselves to bury that report in a drawer? They had legal legitimate evidence of child abuse, and did nothing. Who are they trying to protect? What's even more upsetting to me, is that we know that these FBI agents have committed an obvious crime, they falsified MY statement and that in itself is illegal, yet no recourse is being taken against them. Nothing! These individuals clearly violated policies and were negligent in executing their duties, and in doing so more girls were abused by Larry Nassar for over a year! The Department of Justice refused to prosecute these individuals. Why? They haven't even had any discipline imposed, and in my opinion, this is not ok! Why did I bother speaking up when I did, when no one with any authority was going to do anything about it for over a year? Why are they not being investigated? It's wrong, and it's a slap in MY face! To not indict these agents, is a disservice to me and my teammates. It is a disservice to the system which was built to protect all of us from abuse. It is a disservice to every victim who suffered needlessly at the hands of Larry Nassar after I spoke up! Why are public servants whose job is to protect, getting away with this? This is not justice. This is more injustice! Enough is enough! I want justice!**

**Today I ask you all to hear my voice. I ask that you please do all that is in your power to ensure that these individuals are held responsible, and accountable for ignoring my initial report, for lying about my initial report, and for covering up for a child molester, and for endangering others.** In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the United States Senate, the only powerful institution that from the very beginning, has fought for us, rather than against us. **Thank you and I welcome any questions.** McKayla Maroney September 15, 2021 statement. ABC News and United States Senate Judiciary Committee. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmKiHZpaRGA , https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/899224F5-5056-A066-60B7-359C3B49C029/Maroney%20Testimony.pdf .

I want to begin by thanking the Judiciary Committee, including Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley, for their commitment to seeking the truth for the hundreds, if not thousands, who were systematically abused by Larry Nassar and for this Committee's diligence to demand accountability regarding Federal law enforcement's misconduct. I also want to express my gratitude to the other brave survivors here today, my friends and my teammates, for sharing their stories and continuing to press for justice and reform.

**Over the past few years, it has become painfully clear how a survivor's healing is affected by the handling of their abuse.  It disgusts me that we are still fighting for the most basic answers**

**and accountability over six years later. In 2015, it was known that at least six national team athletes had been abused by Nassar. There was even one of the athletes that was abused on film. Given our abuser's unfettered access to children, stopping him should have been a priority. Instead, the following occurred: The FBI failed to interview pertinent parties in a timely manner. It took over 14 months for the FBI to contact me, despite my many requests to be interviewed by them. Their records established that Steve Penny, FBI agent Jay Abbott, and their subordinates worked to conceal Nassar's crimes. Steve Penny arranged with the FBI to conduct my interview at the Olympic Training Center, where I was under the control and observation of USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The day of my interview, Steve Penny flew to the Olympic Training Center, and he made sure I was aware he was there. I felt pressured by the FBI to consent to Nassar's plea deal. The agent diminished the significance of my abuse and made me feel my criminal case wasn't worth pursuing. Special agent in charge of investigating Nassar met Steve Penny for beers to discuss job opportunities in the Olympic movement. Another FBI agent worked with Steve Penny to determine jurisdiction without interviewing the survivors.**

**I watched multiple high-ranking officials at USAG, USOPC, and FBI resign or retire without explanation of how they may have contributed to the problem, some of whom were publicly thanked for their serviced and rewarded with severance or bonus money.**

**My reports of abuse were not only buried by USAG, USOPC, but they were also mishandled by Federal law enforcement officers who failed to follow their most basic duties. The FBI and others within both USAG and USOPC knew that Nassar molested children and did nothing to restrict his access. Steve Penny and any USAG employee could have walked a few steps to file a report with the Indiana Child Protective Services since they shared the same building.**

**Instead, they quietly allowed Nassar to slip out the side door, knowingly allowing him to continue his work at MSU, Sparrow Hospital, a USAG club, and even run for school board. Nassar found more than 100 new victims to molest. It was like serving innocent children up to a pedophile on a silver platter.**

**Why did none of these organizations warn anyone? USAG and USOPC have a long history of enabling abuse by turning a blind eye. Both organizations knew of Nassar's abuse long before it became public, although you wouldn't know that by reading their press releases, which would have you and their corporate sponsors believe that athlete safety comes first.**

**We have called for a fully independent factual investigation for years now because I and these women who sit before you know firsthand these organizations and their public statements are not to be trusted. They claim they want accountability but then seek to restrict which staff can be interviewed, which documents can be examined, and claim attorney-client privilege over and over again. The so-called investigations these organizations orchestrated were not designed to provide the answers we so critically need.**

**Why are we left to guess why USAG and USOPC deliberately ignored reported abuse? Was it to protect the value of the sponsorships? The LA28 bid? Their own jobs? To avoid criminal liability? [...] Why must we speculate when the facts are obtainable and the stakes are so high? Why would duly sworn Federal law enforcement officers ignore reports of abuse by a doctor across State lines and country borders? For a future job opportunity? Or were there additional incentives and pressures? Why must we speculate when the facts are obtainable and the stakes are so high?**

**Just as it is naive to assume the problem only rests with Nassar, it is unrealistic to think we can grasp the full extent of culpability without understanding how and why USAG and USOPC chose to ignore abuse for decades and why the interplay among these three organizations led the FBI to willingly disregard our reports of abuse. Without knowing who knew what when, we cannot identify all enablers or determine whether they are still in positions of power. We just can't fix a problem we don't understand, and we can't understand the problem unless, and until, we have all of the facts.**

**If we don't do all we can to get these facts, the problems we are here to address will persist, and we are deluding ourselves if we think other children can be spared the institutionalized**

**tolerance and normalization of abuse that I and so many others had to endure.**

**I thank you for your time, your commitment, and your genuine concern for those survivors who relied on the FBI to do the right thing. I welcome any questions and comments, and I will answer them to the best of my ability. Thank you.** Aly Raisman September 15, 2021 testimony to Congress. ABC News. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJQUQHCs4mM

[ii] American Psychological Association (APA) Resolution on Harnessing Psychology to Combat Racism: Adopting a Uniform Definition and Understanding. February 2021. https://www.apa.org/about/policy/resolution-combat-racism.pdf

[iii] APA Apologizes for Longstanding Contributions to Systemic Racism.: https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2021/10/apology-systemic-racism

[iv] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W Listing on Missouri's Accountability Portal (MAP).: https://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Employees/Employee/SearchResults.aspx?last=Ayele&first=Michael&year=0&agency=0

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[v] Missouri's state-operated Sex Offender Rehabilitation and Treatment Services (SORTS) provides appropriate treatment and housing for individuals adjudicated by the courts as sexually violent predators. With passage of the Sexually Violent Predator law, which was effective January 1, 1999, the Missouri General Assembly mandated that individuals adjudicated by the court as sexually violent predators be committed indefinitely to the custody of the Director of the Department of Mental Health for "control, care and treatment until such time…that the person is safe to be at large". In order for such commitments to pass constitutional scrutiny, the Department must provide care and treatment that is consistent with existing professional standards and practice, and federal case law. The law also requires that individuals committed for treatment as sexually violent predators be kept in a secure facility and housed separately from Department of Corrections inmates and from other mental health clients who have not been found to be sexually violent predators.

The current SORTS programs are operated at two Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) facilities, Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center (SEMO) and Fulton State Hospital (FSH). The SORTS program is responsible for preparing clients for community reintegration. If clients are provided a conditional release by the probate court, the program is also responsible for facilitating the transition into the community and for communication with community providers, Probation and Parole, and DBH Forensic Case Monitors who provide community supervision. In addition to the housing and treatment of individuals committed under this statute, the Department provides a psychiatrist and/or a psychologist to participate in the Multidisciplinary Team to assist the Prosecutor's Review Committee in determining whether an individual may meet the definition of a sexually violent predator. Furthermore, the Department is required to provide a psychiatrist or psychologist to evaluate each individual for whom the court finds probable cause to

believe the person is a sexually violent predator. Finally, the Department must provide the committing court an annual report regarding the committed person's mental condition. Total program capacity is 300. Missouri's Office of Administration. October 1, 2025. Page 66. https://budplan.oa.mo.gov/themes/common-assets/pdf-viewer/viewer.html?file=https%3A%2F%2Fbudplan.oa.mo.gov%2Fsites%2Fg%2Ffiles%2Fzuston231%2Ffiles%2Fmedia%2Fpdf%2F2025%2F10%2FFY27%2520DMH%2520Program%2520Descriptions%2520Book.pdf

[vi] *The National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency mandated to make recommendations to the President and Congress on disability issues. NCD generally does its work in a cross-disability manner, emphasizing that people with disabilities should be the ones who make the major decisions about their lives. NCD endorses and supports the principles of independent living, which has achieved the success it has because it is rooted in two unwavering principles: self-determination and consumer direction.*

***People with psychiatric disabilities are routinely deprived of their rights in a way no other disability group has been**. **In order to learn more about the problems of psychiatric disability, NCD conducted a hearing specifically on this topic. At the hearing, held in Albany, New York, in November 1998, NCD heard testimony from mental health professionals, lawyers, advocates, and relatives of people with psychiatric disabilities. However, unlike most investigations on the topic of psychiatric disability, the primary participants in this hearing were people with psychiatric disabilities themselves, who testified passionately and eloquently both about the mistreatment they had experienced or witnessed, and their proposals for real and viable change. NCD heard testimony graphically describing how people with psychiatric disabilities have been beaten, shocked, isolated, incarcerated, restricted, raped, deprived of food and bathroom privileges, and physically and psychologically abused in institutions and in their communities. The testimony pointed to the inescapable fact that people with psychiatric disabilities are systematically and routinely deprived of their rights, and treated as less than full citizens or full human beings.** (…)*

***Based on the testimony it received, NCD has concluded that the manner in which American society treats people with psychiatric disabilities constitutes a national emergency and a national disgrace. Because people with psychiatric disabilities are routinely deprived of their most fundamental rights, NCD believes that drastic change is necessary in a number of systems that deal with this population. Changes must be made not only in the mental health system, but in the criminal and civil justice systems, housing, income supports, education, job training, and many others, so that people with psychiatric disabilities are guaranteed their fundamental rights as American citizens.** (…)*

*NCD has also concluded that one of the reasons public policy concerning psychiatric disability is so different from that concerning other disabilities is the systematic exclusion of people with psychiatric disabilities from policymaking. It is rare that people with psychiatric disabilities are heard in public-policy forums, and when they are, it is usually in token numbers. NCD's hearing was unique because it focused its attention on the direct experiences of people with psychiatric disabilities themselves, and their calls for fundamental change.*

***The foremost change that is needed, as referred to by speaker after speaker, is the elimination of coercion from the provision of mental health services. Involuntary commitment and forced treatment, which often go unquestioned in discussions of mental health policy, were described again and again as being among the most painful and difficult experiences of people's lives. In addition, coercion was repeatedly noted as being a barrier to seeking out voluntary treatment, since people knew that once they entered the treatment system they could be coerced or involuntarily committed at any point. At a time when American citizens are being urged to do away with the stigma of mental illness and to voluntarily seek treatment for emotional difficulties, it becomes particularly important to ensure that people are able to do so without surrendering their fundamental rights.***

***Therefore, NCD recommends that the use of involuntary treatments, such as forced drugging***

***and inpatient and outpatient commitment laws, should be viewed as inherently suspect and as incompatible with the principles of self-determination. Public policy should be directed toward establishing a totally voluntary mental health system.***

***NCD also recommends that aversive treatments, which involve the infliction of pain or the restriction of movement for purposes of changing behavior, should be banned, since they are also incompatible with self-determination principles. Practices that would often be illegal if administered to people without disabilities are routinely used on people with psychiatric disabilities in the name of "treatment." Such practices should shock the consciences of all Americans.*** *(…)*

***The recommendations that follow center on the importance of self-determination, dignity, and choice as the cornerstone of public policy for people in this highly disempowered population. As Congress stated when it passed ADA, disability is a natural part of the human experience that in no way should limit the ability of people to make choices, pursue meaningful careers, live independently, and participate fully in all aspects of American society.*** *NCD believes that these recommendations, if implemented, would help to ensure that the public policy goals articulated in ADA become a reality for people labeled with psychiatric disabilities in the United States.*

***Therefore, NCD has developed 10 core recommendations in this report.*** *These policy recommendations should be viewed from the context of the larger report, which follows. These deeply held core beliefs form, however, a dynamic backdrop to highlight the human and civil rights of people who have experienced the mental health system, people who should be viewed as the true experts on their experiences, beliefs, and values, which should be used as a guiding force for changing public policy related to these issues in America.*

***1) Laws that allow the use of involuntary treatments such as forced drugging and inpatient and outpatient commitment should be viewed as inherently suspect, because they are incompatible with the principle of self-determination. Public policy needs to move in the direction of a totally voluntary community-based mental health system that safeguards human dignity and respects individual autonomy.***

***2) People labeled with psychiatric disabilities should have a major role in the direction and control of programs and services designed for their benefit. This central role must be played by people labeled with psychiatric disabilities themselves, and should not be confused with the roles that family members, professional advocates, and others often play when "consumer" input is sought.***

***3) Mental health treatment should be about healing, not punishment. Accordingly, the use of aversive treatments, including physical and chemical restraints, seclusion, and similar techniques that restrict freedom of movement, should be banned. Also, public policy should move toward the elimination of electro-convulsive therapy and psycho surgery as unproven and inherently inhumane procedures. Effective humane alternatives to these techniques exist now and should be promoted.***

***4) Federal research and demonstration resources should place a higher priority on the development of culturally appropriate alternatives to the medical and biochemical approaches to treatment of people labeled with psychiatric disabilities, including self-help, peer support, and other consumer/survivor-driven alternatives to the traditional mental health system.***

***5) Eligibility for services in the community should never be contingent on participation in treatment programs. People labeled with psychiatric disabilities should be able to select from a menu of independently available services and programs, including mental health services, housing, vocational training, and job placement, and should be free to reject any service or program. Moreover, in part in response to the Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L C., State and federal governments should work with people labeled with psychiatric disabilities and others receiving publicly-funded care in institutions to expand culturally appropriate home- and community-based supports so that people are able to leave institutional care and, if they choose, access an effective, flexible, consumer/survivor-driven system of supports and services in the community.***

***6) Employment and training and vocational rehabilitation programs must account for the wide range of abilities, skills, knowledge, and experience of people labeled with***

***psychiatric disabilities by administering programs that are highly individualized and responsive to the abilities, preferences, and personal goals of program participants.***
***7) Federal income support programs like Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance should provide flexible and work-friendly support options so that people with episodic or unpredictable disabilities are not required to participate in the current "all or nothing" federal disability benefit system, often at the expense of pursuing their employment goals.***
***8) To assure that parity laws do not make it easier to force people into accepting "treatments" they do not want, it is critical that these laws define parity only in terms of voluntary treatments and services.***
***9) Government civil rights enforcement agencies and publicly-funded advocacy organizations should work more closely together and with adequate funding to implement effectively critical existing laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing Act, Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, giving people labeled with psychiatric disabilities a central role in setting the priorities for enforcement and implementation of these laws.***
***10) Federal, state, and local governments, including education, health care, social services, juvenile justice, and civil rights enforcement agencies, must work together to reduce the placement of children and young adults with disabilities, particularly those labeled seriously emotionally disturbed, in correctional facilities and other segregated settings. These placements are often harmful, inconsistent with the federally-protected right to a free and appropriate public education, and unnecessary if timely, coordinated, family-centered supports and services are made available in mainstream settings.***

National Council on Disability (NCD). January 20, 2000. From Privileges to Rights: People Labeled With Psychiatric Disabilities Speak for Themselves. Pages 1 – 6. https://www.ncd.gov/report/from-privileges-to-rights-people-labeled-with-psychiatric-disabilities-speak-for-themselves/

[vii] Excerpt of the March 30, 2023 Email Sent by Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a.) W to Michigan State University (MSU) President Emerita Teresa Woodruff and Rebecca Nelson: Director and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer at MSU

Hello, (…)

I am writing this letter in response to your correspondence from March 27, 2023. Please be advised that I have several concerns with the way that you have gone on to process my FOIA request submitted about the July 2021 report published by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Inspector General (OIG) with regards to sex-offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar.

One of my major concerns with your processing of my records request is your failure to make clear the exact nature of Michigan State University (MSU) relationship with the Department of Education (DoED) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). As you are likely aware, the July 2021 report published by the DOJ (OIG) recommended for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to "reassess its policies to [1] more precisely describe for FBI employees when they are required to promptly contact and coordinate with applicable state and local law enforcement and social service agencies after receiving allegations of crimes against children that potentially fall under state jurisdiction, even when the allegations also potentially fall within the FBI's jurisdiction; [2] require FBI employees to confirm receipt of transfers between field offices of certain categories of complaints, such as complaints of serious or multi-victim sexual abuse; [3] clarify when interviews by Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewers (CAFI) should be conducted of children and adults reporting allegations of abuse they experienced as children; [4] describe the circumstances under which victim services should be offered during Pre-Assessment of Assessment activities, such as when these phases take longer than expected when a victim is interviewed as part of these phases, or when an initial complaint is transferred field offices."

In your correspondence from March 27, 2023, you have failed to make clear whether MSU (staff and legal representatives) engaged in discussions with the DOJ (OIG) and the DOJ (FBI) about the sexual abuse perpetrated by Lawrence Gerard Nassar (on the campus of MSU). You have also failed to make clear

whether your FOIA Office searched for responsive records detailing the discussions that were had between MSU (staff and legal representatives) and the DOJ (OIG) as well as the DOJ (FBI). Please be advised that if ever in the future, I decide to file a complaint against MSU for your processing of my FOIA request, I will stress to the judicial branch of the U.S government (the court of my choosing) that your processing of my FOIA request failed to [1] take into account the DOJ (OIG) recommendation to the DOJ (FBI); [2] make clear the exact nature of MSU relationship with the DOJ (FBI) as well as the DOJ (OIG); [3] make clear what search MSU performed for my FOIA request before extending the deadline for my FOIA request and then issuing what very much looked like a copy paste response that is provided to any member of the general public and representative of the media who may incidentally mention the name of sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar to the FOIA Office at MSU (when for example inquiring about your obligations to prevent in the future similar type of sexual violence committed against women); [4] make clear the FOIA request(s), which were submitted to MSU about sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [5] make clear the responses provided by MSU to the FOIA request(s) submitted about sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [6] make clear whether discussions were had between MSU and the DOJ (FBI) as well as the DOJ (OIG) about sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar.

In addition to the specific concerns I have listed above, please be advised that I have other concerns with the way that you have gone on to process my FOIA request because of the search that was executed at sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar place of residence on September 20, 2016 by the Michigan State University Police Department (MSUPD). In your correspondence from March 27. 2023, I noticed that you have disclosed some responsive records of the search, which was executed on September 20, 2016 at the place of residence of sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar. However, your disclosures failed to make clear if discussions were had at MSU either internally or with the DOJ (OIG) and/or the DOJ (FBI) and/or the Department of Education (DoED) about the child pornography found at sexual offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar's place of residence. Specifically, your disclosure from March 27, 2023 fails to make clear if MSU has engaged in earnest discussions with the DOJ (OIG), the DOJ (FBI) and the Department of Education (DoED) about the real possibility of Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloading child pornography using the Wi-Fi network of MSU. If ever in the future, I decide to file a complaint against MSU with the judicial branch of the U.S government (the court of my choosing), I will stress to them that [1] MSU disclosed on March 27, 2023 redacted records detailing the sexual abuse perpetrated by sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar on the campus of MSU; [2] MSU disclosed limited records of the September 20, 2016 search effectuated by the MSUPD at Lawrence Gerard Nassar place of residence; [3] MSU failed to make clear whether discussions were had between themselves, the DOJ and the DoED about the real possibility that sex offender Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography using the Wi-Fi network of MSU; [4] MSU failed to disclose the conversations they have had with the DoED before the DoED decision to fine MSU $4.5 million (four and a half million U.S dollars) on (or around) September 6, 2019; [5] MSU failed to disclose the conversations they have had with the DoED since that unprecedented fine was imposed upon MSU by the DoED.

For the purpose of avoiding unpleasant litigation (in court) about very unpleasant matters, I would ask that you perform a more thorough search for responsive records detailing [1] the formal/informal ties that exist between MSU, the DOJ and the DoED since the Lawrence Gerard Nassar case came to national and international prominence; [2] the discussions that were had between MSU, the DOJ and the DoED about sexual predator Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [3] the discussions that were had between MSU, the DOJ and the DoED about the real possibility that (sexual predator) Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography images and videos from the Internet using the Wi-Fi network of MSU; [4] the discussions that were had between MSU, the DOJ and the DoED about cybersecurity given the real possibility that (sexual predator) Lawrence Gerard Nassar downloaded child pornography using the Wi-Fi network of MSU; [5] the discussions that were had at MSU before terminating the employment of (sexual predator) Lawrence Gerard Nassar at MSU; [6] the termination of employment letter (including any compensation package) sent by MSU to (sexual predator) Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [7] the discussions that were had between MSU and the DoED before the decision of the DoED to issue a $4.5 million fine against MSU; [8] the discussion that were had between MSU and the DoED after the decision of the DoED to fine MSU $4.5 million; [9] the FOIA request(s) submitted by members of the general public/representatives of the media to MSU about (sexual predator) Lawrence Gerard Nassar; [10] the response(s) issued by MSU to members of the general public/representatives of the media, who have filed (a) FOIA request(s) with MSU.

In short, I hope you will reconsider your response. Be well. Take care. Keep yourselves at arms distance.

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[viii] The U.S. Department of Justice (Department, DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation based on allegations that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employees in the FBI's Indianapolis Field Office mishandled allegations of sexual abuse of athletes by former USA Gymnastics physician Lawrence Gerard Nassar. Nassar was employed as an Osteopathic Physician and Associate Professor at Michigan State University's (MSU) Department of Family and Community Medicine, where he treated patients from 1996 through 2016. For most of that time, Nassar also was employed as the USA Gymnastics National Medical Coordinator and a treating physician for gymnasts. Among the places where Nassar treated athletes was at the USA Gymnastics National Team Training Center in Texas. In addition, Nassar worked in Michigan as the team physician for the Twistars USA Gymnastics Club and at Holt High School.

In July 2015, following a USA Gymnastics internal investigation into allegations of sexual assault by Nassar against multiple gymnasts, USA Gymnastics President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen D. Penny, Jr., reported the allegations to the FBI's Indianapolis Field Office. During the meeting, among other things, Penny described graphic information that three gymnasts (Gymnasts 1, 2, and 3), all of whom were minors at the time of the alleged sexual assaults, had provided to USA Gymnastics. Penny further informed the FBI that the three athletes were available to be interviewed. Penny noted during the meeting that Nassar told USA Gymnastics that he was performing a legitimate medical procedure during his treatments of the gymnasts and denied sexually assaulting them. Further, Penny provided the FBI with a thumb drive containing PowerPoint slides and videos that Nassar had provided to USA Gymnastics of Nassar performing his purported medical technique on athletes.

Shortly after the meeting, USA Gymnastics advised Nassar that he should no longer attend USA Gymnastics events, and Nassar retired from his USA Gymnastics position in September 2015. However, Nassar continued to maintain his positions at MSU, Twistars USA Gymnastics Club, and Holt High School.

Over the next 6 weeks, the Indianapolis Field Office conducted limited follow-up, which involved conducting a telephonic interview on September 2 of one of the three athletes, reviewing the thumb drive provided by Penny, and discussing the allegations with the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) in the Southern District of Indiana and the FBI's Detroit Field Office. The Indianapolis office did not formally document any of its investigative activity, including its July meeting with USA Gymnastics and its September 2 telephonic interview of one of the victim gymnasts. The office also did not formally open an investigation or assessment of the matter. The only 2015 Indianapolis Field Office documentation located by the OIG consisted of five pages of handwritten notes taken by two of the FBI attendees at the July 2015 meeting with USA Gymnastics, three pages of notes taken by the two agents at the September 2 interview of the one athlete, a handful of email exchanges between Penny and the FBI Indianapolis Field Office, and approximately 45 emails and text messages among agents and prosecutors.

In September 2015, following the September 2 interview of the victim gymnast, the Indianapolis Field Office, as well as the USAO for the Southern District of Indiana, concluded that there was no venue in Indianapolis since Indianapolis had no connection to any of the alleged illegal activity. Further, both offices had serious questions as to whether the allegations against Nassar were sufficient to support federal jurisdiction. Yet, the Indianapolis Field Office did not advise state or local authorities about the allegations and did not take any action to mitigate the risk to gymnasts that Nassar continued to treat. Instead, the Indianapolis agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) determined that, if the FBI had jurisdiction, venue would likely be most appropriate in the Western District of Michigan and the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency, where MSU is located and where Nassar treated patients. Accordingly, the AUSA advised the Indianapolis Field Office on September 2 to transfer the case to the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency. However, the Indianapolis Field Office failed to do so, despite informing USA Gymnastics on September 4 that it had transferred the matter to the FBI's Detroit Field Office (of which the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency is a part). […]

**After 8 months of FBI inactivity, USA Gymnastics officials contacted the FBI's Los Angeles Field**

**Office and met with that office in May 2016 to report the same allegations concerning Nassar that it had provided to the Indianapolis Field Office in July 2015. The Los Angeles Field Office then contacted a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) in the Indianapolis Field Office (Indianapolis SSA) to learn what the Indianapolis office had done in response to the USA Gymnastics complaint. The Indianapolis SSA told the Los Angeles SSA that he had created a formal FBI complaint form (FD-71) in 2015 to transfer the Nassar allegations from the Indianapolis office to the Lansing Resident Agency; however, the Los Angeles Field Office, the Indianapolis SSA, and other FBI employees stated that they searched for the FD-71 in the FBI's computer system but could not find it. The OIG also found no evidence that such a document had been sent to the Lansing Resident Agency in 2015.**

**Following its May 2016 meeting with USA Gymnastics, the Los Angeles Field Office, in contrast to the Indianapolis Field Office, opened a federal sexual tourism investigation against Nassar and undertook numerous investigative steps, including interviewing several of Nassar's alleged victims. However, like the Indianapolis Field Office, the Los Angeles Field Office did not reach out to any state or local authorities, even though it was aware of allegations that Nassar may have violated state laws and was unsure whether the evidence would support any federal criminal charges, and did not take any action to mitigate the risk to gymnasts that Nassar continued to treat.** […]

**In August 2016, the Michigan State University Police Department (MSUPD) received a separate complaint from a gymnast who stated that she was sexually assaulted by Nassar when she was 16 years old. Two weeks later, The Indianapolis Star ran a news story describing sexual assault allegations against Nassar by former gymnasts. The MSUPD then received similar sexual abuse complaints against Nassar from dozens of additional young females, and, on September 20, 2016, the MSUPD executed a search warrant at Nassar's residence and discovered child pornography.**

**As a result of the news stories and MSUPD investigative activity, the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency first learned of the Nassar allegations and opened its Nassar investigation on October 5, 2016 (neither the FBI's Indianapolis Field Office nor the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office had previously informed the Lansing Resident Agency of the Nassar allegations). The Lansing Resident Agency ultimately discovered over 30,000 images of child pornography on the devices seized by the MSUPD during its search of Nassar's residence.**

**The September 2016 news reports and MSUPD investigative activity also resulted in Nassar being removed from his positions at MSU, Twistars USA Gymnastics Club, and Holt High School. According to civil court documents, approximately 70 or more young athletes were allegedly sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of medical treatment between July 2015, when USA Gymnastics first reported allegations about Nassar to the Indianapolis Field Office, and September 2016. For many of the approximately 70 or more athletes, the abuse by Nassar began before the FBI first became aware of allegations against Nassar and continued into 2016. For others, the alleged abuse began after USA Gymnastics reported the Nassar allegations to the Indianapolis Field Office in July 2015.** […]

Nassar was arrested and charged by the Michigan Attorney General in November 2016 with multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct related to his sexual assault of gymnasts. In December 2016, the FBI arrested Nassar on federal possession of child pornography charges related to the images seized during the search of his residence. Nassar was not charged with child sexual tourism, the federal offense that the Indianapolis Field Office had considered and the Los Angeles Field Office had investigated.

In July 2017, Nassar pleaded guilty to Receipt and Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography, Possession of Child Pornography, and Destruction and Concealment of Records and Tangible Objects, and he was sentenced to 60 years in federal prison in December 2017. In November 2017, Nassar pleaded guilty in Michigan state court to seven counts of First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, and an addendum to the plea agreement indicated that there were 115 alleged victims. In January 2018, Nassar was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in Michigan state prison. In February 2018, after pleading guilty to 3 additional counts of criminal sexual conduct, Nassar was sentenced in Michigan state court to an additional 40 to 125 years in prison. […]

**In early 2017, reporters questioned FBI and USA Gymnastics officials about the time that**

**elapsed between when USA Gymnastics first reported the sexual assault allegations to the FBI in July 2015 and the MSUPD search of his residence in September 2016. These inquiries prompted Indianapolis Field Office Special Agent in Charge (SAC) W. Jay Abbott to propose that the FBI release a statement indicating that the FBI had expeditiously responded to the Nassar allegations (the FBI did not issue the statement) and resulted in FBI headquarters drafting a white paper (relying on Indianapolis Field Office information) that was intended to summarize the FBI's handling of the Nassar allegations but omitted information about the FBI's failure to timely interview the victim gymnasts.**

**These 2017 press questions also resulted in FBI officials discussing the Indianapolis Field Office's receipt of the Nassar allegations and investigative steps taken in 2015, which the Indianapolis SSA described in an electronic communication (EC) that he drafted and is dated February 1, 2017. The EC includes a claim that the Indianapolis SSA had drafted an FD-71 report and sent it to the Lansing Resident Agency in 2015, "but to date [it] cannot be located." Additionally, on February 2, the Indianapolis SSA drafted an interview summary (FD-302) of the one gymnast interview he had conducted 17 months earlier in September 2015. In drafting the FD-302, the Indianapolis SSA used only his one page of limited notes and memory and did not consult with his FBI co-interviewer or review her notes. The FD-302 includes statements purportedly made by the gymnast during her Indianapolis interview that she later told the OIG she did not make, that are not contained in the Indianapolis SSA's notes, that the co-interviewer did not recall the gymnast making, and that conflict with statements the gymnast made during her Los Angeles Field Office interview in 2016 and USA Gymnastics interview in 2015.**

**Similar questions in early 2018 about the timeliness of the FBI's handling of the Nassar allegations resulted in Abbott (who had recently retired from the FBI) providing a reporter with an inaccurate statement that claimed, among other things, that "there was no delay by the FBI on this matter" and that the Indianapolis Field Office had provided a "detailed report" to both the FBI Detroit and Los Angeles Field Offices. Further, these inquiries resulted in an official with the Indianapolis Field Office proposing factually inaccurate changes to the white paper created in 2017 that sought to place blame on others for the Indianapolis Field Office's failures.** […]

**During the course of the OIG investigation, we learned that in the fall of 2015, after the Indianapolis Field Office decided to refer the Nassar allegations to the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency but while the matter was still pending at the FBI, Abbott met with Penny at a bar and discussed a potential job opportunity with the U.S. Olympic Committee. Thereafter, Abbott engaged with Penny about both his interest in the U.S. Olympic Committee position and the Nassar investigation, while at the same time participating in discussions at the FBI related to the Nassar investigation. These discussions included Penny expressing concern to Abbott about how USA Gymnastics was being portrayed in the media and whether Penny might be "in trouble" and Abbott proposing to his colleagues an FBI public statement that would place USA Gymnastics in a positive light. At the same time, Abbott was aware that Penny appeared willing to put in a good word on Abbott's behalf. Abbott applied for the U.S. Olympic Committee position in 2017 but was not selected. Despite evidence confirming that Abbott had applied for the job, Abbott denied to the OIG during two interviews that he had applied for the position and told the OIG that applying for the job would have presented a conflict of interest.** […]

**The OIG found that, despite the extraordinarily serious nature of the allegations and the possibility that Nassar's conduct could be continuing, senior officials in the FBI Indianapolis Field Office failed to respond to the Nassar allegations with the utmost seriousness and urgency that they deserved and required, made numerous and fundamental errors when they did respond to them, and violated multiple FBI policies. The Indianapolis Field Office did not undertake any investigative activity until September 2—5 weeks after the meeting with USA Gymnastics—when they telephonically interviewed one of the three athletes. Further, FBI Indianapolis never interviewed the other two gymnasts who they were told were available to meet with FBI investigators.**

**This absence of any serious investigative activity was compounded when the Indianapolis Field Office did not transfer the matter to the FBI office (the Lansing Resident Agency), where venue most likely would have existed had evidence been developed to support the potential federal**

**crimes being considered, even though the Indianapolis office had been advised to do so by the USAO and had told USA Gymnastics that the transfer had occurred. Additionally, the Indianapolis office did not notify state or local authorities of the sexual assault allegations even though it questioned whether there was federal jurisdiction to pursue them. As a result, the Lansing Resident Agency did not learn of the Nassar allegations until over a year after they were first reported to the FBI and then learned of them only from the MSUPD. Moreover, the FBI conducted no investigative activity in the matter for more than 8 months following the September 2015 interview. During that period of time, as alleged and detailed in numerous civil complaints, Nassar's sexual assaults continued.**

**Further, when the FBI's handling of the Nassar matter came under scrutiny from the public, Congress, the media, and FBI headquarters in 2017 and 2018, Indianapolis officials did not take responsibility for their failures. Instead, they provided incomplete and inaccurate information in response to FBI internal inquiries (and Abbott, after he retired, provided inaccurate information to the media) to make it appear that the Indianapolis office had been diligent in its follow-up efforts and they did so, in part, by blaming others for their own failures.**

**The OIG identified multiple failures and policy violations by the Indianapolis Field Office in connection with its handling of the Nassar allegations. Among other things, the OIG found that the Indianapolis Field Office did not properly document the July 2015 meeting with USA Gymnastics, the Indianapolis SSA failed to properly handle and document receipt and review of the thumb drive provided by USA Gymnastics during the July 2015 meeting, the Indianapolis SSA did not document the September 2015 victim interview alleging criminal sexual assault by Nassar in an FD-302 report until 17 months after the interview occurred, the FD-302 of the September 2015 victim interview that was drafted by the Indianapolis SSA in February 2017 included materially false information and omitted material information, and the FBI Indianapolis Field Office did not coordinate with state or local authorities although it believed that the allegations it received likely did not fall within federal jurisdiction. In addition, although the Indianapolis SSA told the OIG that he completed and forwarded an FD-71 complaint form in the FBI's electronic case management system to the FBI's Lansing Resident Agency, we determined that an FD-71 form never reached the Lansing Resident Agency and the Indianapolis SSA, the FBI Inspection Division, and other FBI employees stated they could not find an FD-71 in the FBI's case management system or elsewhere.**

**The OIG also found that, while the FBI Los Angeles Field Office appreciated the utmost seriousness of the Nassar allegations and took numerous investigative steps upon learning of them in May 2016, the office did not expeditiously notify local law enforcement or the FBI Lansing Resident Agency of the information that it had learned or take other action to mitigate the ongoing danger that Nassar posed. Indeed, precisely because of its investigative activity, the Los Angeles Field Office was aware from interviewing multiple witnesses that Nassar's abuse was potentially widespread and that there were specific allegations of sexual assault against him for his actions while at the Karolyi Training Camp (also known as the Karolyi Ranch) in Huntsville, Texas. Yet, the Los Angeles Field Office did not contact the Sheriff's Office in Walker County, Texas, to provide it with the information that it had developed until after the MSUPD had taken action against Nassar in September 2016. Nor did it have any contact with the FBI Lansing Resident Agency until after the Lansing Resident Agency first learned about the Nassar allegations from the MSUPD and public news reporting. Given the continuing threat posed by Nassar, the uncertainty over whether the Los Angeles Field Office had venue over the allegations, and the doubt that there was even federal jurisdiction to charge the sexual tourism crime that the Los Angeles Field Office was seeking to pursue, we found that prudence and sound judgment dictated that the Los Angeles Field Office should have notified local authorities upon developing the serious evidence of sexual assault against Nassar that its investigative actions were uncovering.**

**In addition, we concluded that the Indianapolis SSA, in an effort to minimize or excuse his errors, made false statements during two OIG-compelled interviews regarding his interview of one of Nassar's victims. Similarly, we found that Abbott, in an effort to minimize or excuse his own and his office's actions, falsely asserted in two separate OIG interviews that he communicated with both the Detroit SAC and the Los Angeles SAC about the Nassar allegations and sent ECs to both field offices in the fall of 2015. We found no evidence to support these**

**claims.**

**Separately, the OIG found that Abbott violated the FBI's conflicts of interest policy by meeting with Penny to discuss the U.S. Olympic Committee job and later communicating with Penny about the job opportunity in the midst of the other communications and the proposed FBI public statement described above. We further found that, under federal ethics regulations, Abbott exercised extremely poor judgment by failing to consult with a designated agency ethics official regarding his ongoing involvement in Nassar investigation discussions at the same time he was seeking Penny's help and guidance about a U.S. Olympic Committee job opportunity. Abbott should have known—and in fact did know according to the evidence we found—that his actions would raise a question regarding his impartiality. We further concluded that Abbott made false statements to the OIG about the job discussion, his application for the position, and his handling of the Nassar allegations.**

**The Department declined prosecution of Abbott and the Indianapolis SSA in September 2020. Just prior to and following these declinations, the OIG was able to compel interviews of the Indianapolis SSA and several other FBI witnesses who had declined voluntary interviews and whom we were previously unable to compel to participate in interviews due to the ongoing criminal investigation and their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Following these interviews, we were able to complete our administrative investigation. In addition, on May 14, 2021, the Department notified the OIG that it was not opening a new matter to investigate whether the Indianapolis SSA made false statements during his compelled OIG interviews.**

**During our investigation, the OIG reviewed thousands of documents and interviewed more than 60 witnesses, several on more than one occasion. These included Penny, several victims of Nassar's abuse and their parents, employees of three USAOs, and numerous current and former FBI employees. A Special Agent from the Lansing Resident Agency (the Lansing SA) retired from the FBI in December 2018 and declined to be interviewed. In addition, Penny declined to participate in a second voluntary OIG interview and instead had his attorneys provide a proffer to the OIG. The OIG lacks testimonial subpoena authority over non-DOJ employees and therefore was unable to compel interviews of the Lansing SA and Penny. Abbott retired from the FBI in January 2018. The OIG has completed its investigation and is providing this report to the FBI for appropriate action.** Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Inspector General (OIG) July 2021 report. Investigation and Review of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Handling of Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Former USA Gymnastics Physician Lawrence Gerard Nassar.
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[x] The numbers involved in France's largest child abuse trial are staggering: 299 alleged victims, sexually abused in 10 hospitals and clinics over 25 years – all by one doctor, prosecutors say. Joel Le Scouarnec, a retired gastrointestinal surgeon accused of decades of abuse, told the opening of his trial in Morbihan, Brittany, that the harm he has caused is "beyond repair." "I have committed despicable acts," Le Scouarnec told the court Monday, Reuters reported, in a trial many hoped would mark a turning point in France's reckoning with child abuse. […]

From 1986 to 2014, the former surgeon, now 74 and serving a 15-year prison sentence for a prior conviction for the rape and abuse of children, subjected hospital patients as young as two to early adulthood to sexual abuse including rape across the Brittany region of France, court documents allege. Le Scouarnec was employed in private and public institutions despite being convicted of possession of child abuse imagery in 2005. The documents alleged that Le Scouarnec told investigators that "he did not

remember (the alleged assaults) individually," but "he had been able to commit sexual touching as well as penetrations on some of his patients, and in particular children." Beyond the trial, he was convicted in 2020 of abusing his nieces and a neighbor outside a hospital. More than a dozen of his patients sought to join the current case against him, but were barred by French law as their claims exceeded the 30-year statute of limitations. […]

Many hope that this child abuse trial will serve a similar purpose, helping to bring about a painful reckoning with the issue in France and the institutions and culture that may have helped such crimes go unchecked for so long. "Why are some of my victims speaking out in the press?" lawyer Francesca Satta, who is representing several of the alleged victims, told CNN, "It's because they're part of this movement that silence is no longer an option." The oldest alleged victims are now nearly 50 while the youngest is 17. Such is the scale of the trial, a university lecture hall near the courthouse has been requisitioned to accommodate 400 people, including alleged victims, their families, lawyers and media.

**It's not the first time Le Scouarnec has been before a court on child abuse-related charges. In 2005, he was convicted of possession of child abuse imagery, following a tip off from the FBI when he signed up to a pedophilia-sharing website.** His four-month prison sentence was suspended. Le Scouarnec was convicted in 2020 in west France of rape of a minor and possession of child abuse imagery, receiving a 15-year sentence, after sexually abusing his neighbors' daughter through their backyard fence. He has been imprisoned since that trial. Searches of his property and hospital office turned up his diaries and some 70 child-sized dolls, with which investigators believe he "shared his daily life" before his arrest, naming, dressing and using them for his sexual pleasure. (…) Following Le Scouarnec's 2005 conviction, Thierry Bonvalot, a psychiatrist also working at Quimperlé hospital in Brittany with Le Scouarnec, said he confronted him. "I told him that he was dangerous and that his place wasn't at the hospital. I asked him to resign," he told CNN. After a long silence, his head in his hands, Le Scouarnec responded, "You can't make me."

The evidence at the center of the latest case will be Le Scouarnec's own diaries, prosecutors say depict actual events in which children were abused. (…) So comprehensive are they, that a journal discovered during the 2020 trial – often noting the time and place of the rapes, the victim's identity and even their address – helped investigators to identify the dizzying number of his alleged rapes. Court documents submitted by the prosecution note that he admitted he started the journal in 1990, writing regularly right up until 2016, a year before his retirement, with 40 to more than 100 pages of entries per year. The entries describe abuse, typically during a supposed medical exam, playing on false medical pretexts to not alarm his patients, the documents show. The intimate tone of his writings is especially chilling, addressing entries to the children by name, "Little Marie, you were once again alone in your room" begins one account, speaking directly to them and ending many entries – descriptions of sexual acts on a child - with, "I love you." (…) In multiple diary entries included in the court documents, Le Scouarnec admits to being a pedophile. For the survivors of Le Scouarnec's alleged abuse, the years since have been traumatic. Although many of the children were under sedation during the alleged abuse, the effect on their lives has been all too tangible, per court documents. The documents describe psychological analyses of the alleged victims often showing persistent troubles, notably in their later sexual relations and on their self-confidence, following their hospitalizations under Le Scouarnec. (…) As justice runs its course, one question swirls around the case: How was this man allegedly able to prey on so many young people for so long? Retired surgeon admits 'despicable acts' in France' largest child abuse trial. Cable News Network (CNN).: https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/24/europe/france-scouarnec-child-abuse-trial-intl

A retired surgeon accused of raping and sexually assaulting 299 people admitted in court that he committed "hideous" acts, as France's largest ever child sexual abuse case got underway on Monday, February 24, 2025. "If I am appearing before it's because one day, when most of these people were just children, I committed hideous acts," Joel Le Scouarnec said in a sober voice after Judge Aude Buresi, the president of a five-judge panel hearing the case, asked if he had a statement to make. Le Scouarnec, who was wearing a black coat and glasses added that he was prepared to take responsibility for his actions "and the consequences they may have had and may have for the rest of their lives." (…) The trial, expected to last four months, will put a spotlight on the French medical system, which allowed him to continue working despite many warning signs, including a 2005 conviction for possessing images depicting child abuse that he downloaded from an internet site monitored by the FBI. Some of the victims' lawyers have said the once-respected local doctor should have been stripped of his medical privileges. Instead, Le Scouarnec, a father of three, moved on to other public hospitals and private clinics in five regions of France, where he specialized in appendectomies, abdominal and gynecological surgery. **"If it wasn't for the FBI, we wouldn't have traced this back to Joel Le Scouarnec," said Francesca Satta, a**

**lawyer for several of the victims."** Retired surgeon admits to 'hideous acts' as France's largest child sexual abuse trial gets underway. National Broadcasting Company (NBC).: https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/france-child-sexual-abuse-case-retired-surgeon-joel-le-scouarnec-rcna193403