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Re: A New Question about Witness Anonymity

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>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: A New Question about Witness Anonymity

>Greetings List Members and Our Esteemed Moderator/Owner:

<snip>

>The subject of abductee anonymity is an important one and I
>agree that abductee's should have anonymity, if they so
>choose. I don't want to debate when they give up their
>anonymity, as we have been there, done that.

<snip>

>John Velez, from time to time, signs his posts "Union Rep." I'm
>not a big fan of unions, but I do believe it is time for some
>of the myths and fallacies of abduction research to be put to
>bed. Maybe it's time for an abductee's union. A place where
>abductees could get responsible information on their rights.

>I think a clearing house should be established where complaints
>about abuses could be filed and investigated. Maybe that's a witch
>hunt, I don't know.

>Rebecca

Hi Rebecca,

You make some very good points and I for one think it is a good idea. Implementation of course would be very difficult. Something certainly needs to be put in place to protect abductee's/contactee's from the ravages of savages in this business.

I'm sure Johnny V. has lot's of spare time <heehaw> to handle 328 new email messages a day. I nominate him. (See what trouble you can get yourself into signing such names to your messages John?) You have no idea the questions/suggestions I get about 'twigman'.

With all due seriousness and respect to the suggestion at hand, we have clearly seen how easily people can affect the lives of those that have been exposed to such incredible events, and also seen a lack of respect for their statements afterwards. Putting some type of mechanism in place to protect such witnesses seems like not just a good idea, but does it not surprise us that it doesn't exist already?

By no means to put down researchers whom I have consistently seen respect the privacy of witnesses, but there are always bad apples in a barrel. Perhaps researchers themselves could put such a mechanism in place to reassure witnesses of their safety.

I am not sure that people understand what ferocity they may be facing if they were to violate the life of an experiencer who might then loose their job, yet more friends, finding themselves backed into a corner with nothing left to live for. Some witnesses have very good jobs, make a lot of money and would have the resources to be paying their offenders a personal visit. Not a pleasant thought for a researcher getting a visit from a person on the verge of a breakdown who feel's violated by them.

Should we ask abductee's/contactee's to add to their responsibilities the instigation of a standards organization to monitor those people who have taken it upon themselves to investigate the phenomenon? Or should those investigators take it upon themselves to address this issue and provide a comfort level to encourage witnesses to come forward to them? -- I ask this sincerely and without bias either way. Certainly work from both sides seems appropriate.

Let's not forget that people who have been exposed to this phenomenon spend a good deal of initial time just trying to get their lives in order while they reassess their view of the universe. Afterwards it can be a struggle for many of them just to get through a days work. Perhaps not so much from interaction with a non-human intelligence, but from the fear of exposure and ridicule from their fellow mortal's that they may slowly silently go mad while they seek out querilous help from sometimes dubious sources.

I hope I havent' drifted here. You make a good point Rebecca. A standards or monitoring organization of some kind that *had* legal recourse (sic.) may be where we are ultimately headed.

regards,
Paul.

(Twigman) !:-:-)

Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not watching you <G>.

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