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### Update: Re: John Carpenter - Apathy And The Damage Done - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
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>Date: Thu, 10 Aug 2000 16:22:31 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Will Bueche <[willbld@hotmail.com](mailto:willbld@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: Re: John Carpenter - Apathy And The Damage Done  
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>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Aug 2000 04:12:12 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 10 Aug 2000 11:35:13 -0400  
>>Subject: John Carpenter - Apathy And The Damage Done

>>The apathy and silence on this issue is profound. Not just on  
>>the part of Hopkins, Jacobs, Mack and the others but on the part  
>>of the UFO "community" in general.

Hi Will,

You write:

>John, you seem to be assuming that everyone is aware of your  
>discussion. Chances are slim that all the researchers you  
>mentioned even surf the net.

Chances are not as "slim" as you think. More people 'read' this  
List than actively participate on it. ;)

>If the latter: If a conflict still exists between your point of  
>view and Carpenter's point of view (perhaps there is no conflict  
>anymore, if he has agreed he was wrong and is going to track  
>down everyone and inform them?), a good magazine would give him  
>a chance to respond to your article in the same issue, which  
>would make the issue clear.

Yes that's right Will; there "is no conflict anymore!" JC has  
agreed that it was wrong and that the abductees should be  
informed. Now, if he'd actually 'do it' and provide them with  
written assurances that their files were properly sanitized he  
will have gone a long way to putting things right. I'm fighting  
to get respect for witness/abductee rights from all self  
proclaimed abduction researchers. I also wanted to put abductees  
wise to the fact that they better take precautions to protect  
themselves and their privacy before entering into a  
relationship with any of these "researchers."

Carpenter, Mack, Hopkins, Smith, Jacobs, et al do not have any  
'review board' or regulatory agency that they are accountable  
to. If we don't speak out on our own behalf (abductees) then  
these kind of (admitted) abuses will not only continue unabated,  
but they will worsen in nature as time goes by. More people will  
be violated in this way and a few we haven't even thought of.

>You can do a lot to lay out the situation clearly. This mailing  
>list is anything but clear, so I do not see how you can even ask  
>for third-parties to comment at this point. It certainly seems  
>unfair to complain that they have not commented on their own.

I can't be any more clear than I have been.

1. I asked JC to inform his clients.
2. He agrees that this is necessary.
3. I have asked JC to provide his clients with something more substantial than his 'word' that he properly redacted all of their files. (Something he has yet to address)
4. I have not asked for anything else, or raised any other questions. I have stuck to my original purpose which was to get some proper respect shown to these witnesses/abductees whose files he sold without their knowledge or consent. Without providing them with guarantees (written or otherwise) that their identities have been protected. Simple, reasonable, and not as "out of line" as the ranters and ravers paint it to be.

I have not once gone after JC personally, or called for it. In fact, the exact opposite is true. No one on this list has posted more than me about not allowing this to turn into a kangaroo court. It has been a titanic struggle to keep this whole thing focused on the issue of client rights and client protection.

All of the other indictments, and confusion has come from 'others' interjecting their own (at times opportunistic) 'take' on it.

I have very clearly stated my questions, concerns, and purposes. What folks do with it in their own heads after that is beyond my ability to control.

Regards,

John Velez

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