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

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>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.

I'm as certain as I can be without digging thru the archives that in a recent Updates post it was noted that Hopkins had an oversight committee (self-imposed perhaps?) that included psychotherapists. And that committee had in fact commended him on his professional approach to his work with abductees. While that isn't a formal regulatory board, it sure sounds like the man at least tries to offer accountability to somebody.

Also, Drs. Mack and Jacobs are affiliated with universities, to which I'm sure they could find themselves severely accountable if serious complaints arose about unethical behavior.

When it comes to professional reputations, I suspect peer cognizance and pressure are nearly as effective as overt regulation.

My 2 cents,

-Brian Cuthbertson

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