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01-16-2018, 10:50 AM

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In this instance, a judge ordered the release of the audio of the polygraph exam in question which the USSS vigorously fought to suppress under "law enforcement investigatory privilege." After the USSS objection to providing the recording was overruled, the USSS provided the audio files that supposedly contained the sought after recording. However, the audio files provided by the USSS were virtually blank and contained nothing of any use or significance. Only a few minutes of the approximately five-hour-and-thirty-five-minute polygraph examination were audible.

The polygraph examinee was contacted by two individuals who identified themselves as USSS Special Agents. The agents made clear they knew intimate details of the applicant's exam. One Special Agent told the applicant the audio file of his exam had been destroyed when he filed a complaint. Another Special Agent told the applicant he had ethical issues with how his exam was conducted.

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A complaint was sent to the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) John Roth (attached) requesting they investigate the Possible Destruction or Tampering of Evidence Utilizing of Government Information Technology Systems by the United States Secret Service. Multiple inquiries by Senator Chris Van Hollen finally revealed that DHS OIG chose not to investigate this matter, but instead referred the matter back to the United States Secret Service Office of Professional Responsibility. Despite significant evidence submitted to DHS OIG that either the crime of perjury by a USSS Special Agent, or the destruction of evidence by USSS had more likely than not been committed by the USSS, DHS OIG chose not to investigate the matter.

Since DHS OIG has refused to investigate this matter, follow up requests for investigation of this matter have been sent to the Department of Justice, the Office of Government Ethics, and a second request to the new acting DHS OIG Inspector General John Kelly articulating concerns about how the former Inspector General John Roth of DHS OIG chose to handle this matter.

Updates with information pertaining to this case will continue to be posted to this thread so that others may have the ability to make an informed decisions about submitting to a process which carries the risk of long term negative career implications even when the applicant is innocent of any wrong doing. There is a witch hunt within the USSS regarding this matter, which may hinder the ability to post new information in a timely manner.

Attached Files

- 1 DHS OIG Initial Complaint 20170317.pdf (85.3 KB, 2 views)
- 2 DHS OIG USSS Letter 20171204.pdf (49.2 KB, 2 views)

Tags: ellen ripperger, polygraph, ripperger, secret service, usss

01-16-2018, 05:01 PM #2

And the point is..?

Now go home and get your shine box!

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1 comment

**OrtezK** commented  
01-19-2018, 04:56 AM #2.1

That's what I was thinking the whole time. What did Special Agent Ellen Ripperger do? what is the "injustice?" here? Why should DHS spend time and resources investigating this?

01-16-2018, 05:10 PM #3

Originally posted by **CCCSD**  
And the point is..?

Jilted lover seeking revenge?

Getting shot hurts! Don't underestimate the power of live ammo. A .22LR can kill you! I personally feel that it's best to avoid being shot by any caliber. Your vest may stop the bullet, but you'll still get a nice bruise or other injury to remember the experience.

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01-16-2018, 05:11 PM #4

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01-16-2018, 05:16 PM #5

Sounds like a crazy scandal at all levels of government...I smell a Best Seller in the making!

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01-16-2018, 09:30 PM #6

Funny enough, I got an email exactly like this! Something to do with "I want you biG XXX inne 2nite!!"

If only I had been paying attention...

On a serious note, I thought the USSS Poly Examiner I dealt with was professional and great. I told him the room was too warm, and he lowered it to make me feel more at ease. The BP Examiner tho... dick. Had my arm raised on office supply boxes to "get a better pulse", ignored my "relax" and "relax" posture would throw off his reading of my results (which happened to be my only fail). Anyone else irritated by the complete lack of standards for the voodoo box test?

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01-16-2018, 09:44 PM #7

Cool, so the nuts are out today, huh?

Everyone entering this thread, grab that tinfoil hat and prepare for the ride!

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