

June 21, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Unlawful Posting of Private Information

Dear Mr. Gottstein:

We are counsel for Mayo Clinic and its employees Dr. Kate Schak and Christina Zorn. We have reviewed the posting on the Mindfreedom International website regarding David Russell and write to demand the immediate removal of the personal cellphone numbers for Dr. Schak and Ms. Zorn. We also demand that you remove language on the website that encourages readers to contact Dr. Schak, Ms. Zorn or any Mayo Clinic employee at their personal phone number.

Mayo Clinic acknowledges the mission of your organization and your interest in psychiatric care. This mission does not authorize you, however, to unlawfully harass individuals by posting their personal cellphone numbers. Dr. Schak and Ms. Zorn's cellphone numbers are private and are not available to the public. As a result of your posting, they have received multiple harassing calls, including calls in the middle of the night. These calls are deeply distressing to Dr. Schak and Ms. Zorn, have caused and will continue to cause emotional harm, unlawfully invade their privacy, and place their personal security at risk.

It is unlawful under both Oregon and Minnesota law to disclose private information with the intent to harass. Specifically, your posting of Dr. Schak and Ms. Zorn's private cellphone numbers violates Oregon Statute 30.835 and Oregon and Minnesota law for tortious invasion of privacy.

If these demands are not met by 4:00 p.m. CST today, Friday, June 21, 2024, Mayo Clinic will take immediate, formal legal action (including seeking injunctive relief) to protect the privacy of its employees and to prevent further harm and harassment.

We are sending this letter to you based on the information on Mindfreedom's website. If this letter should be directed to someone else with Mindfreedom, please provide it to them and direct them to contact us.

Mayo Clinic, Dr. Schak, and Ms. Zorn reserve all legal rights and remedies.

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