

United States Senate

September 22, 2015

Acting Director Diana Carranza
VA Illiana Health Care Center
Danville Medical Center
1900 East Main St.
Danville, IL 61832

Dear Acting Director Carranza,

On August 5, 2015, Dr. John K. Sturman, a neurologist at the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care Center (Danville VA), was arrested for three counts of reckless homicide and sixteen counts of issuing invalid prescription drugs. Dr. Sturman was hired at the Danville VA in April 2015, despite his record of veteran mistreatment.

It has now been over 6 weeks since Dr. Sturman was arrested and answers to the following questions remain unanswered:

- Who was responsible at Danville VA for hiring Dr. Sturman?
- What process was used to hire Dr. Sturman?
- When Dr. Sturman was hired, did Danville VA know that Dr. Sturman was under federal investigation?
- How many patients were under Dr. Sturman's care and have they been notified of his arrest?
- What actions have you have taken to ensure the accuracy of prescriptions written by Dr. Sturman for Danville VA veterans?
- Did the Danville VA receive any complaints from patients, families, or staff about Dr. Sturman?
- Has Dr. Sturman been under investigation at the Danville VA?

I look forward to your response to my inquiries on behalf of Illinois veterans.

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk
United States Senate, Illinois

CC: The Honorable Robert McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs