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FOX Special Report: Drugging the American Soldier—Military Prescribing Powerful Anti-psychotics (video)



Part 2 of Fox News' Military Drugging Series

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New Anchor: The concept of first do no harm has been a foundation of medicine for ages. But now we're learning doctors and others caring for the nation's war heroes may actually be doing more harm than good. Correspondent Douglas Kennedy continues our look at the toxic combination of veterans and too many drugs.

Douglas Kennedy: It was in 2009 when former Navy Corpsman, Kelly Greece, first overdosed on the medication prescribed to her by a doctor from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her sister, Darla, says the problem seemed obvious. In your opinion, VA doctors were writing too many prescriptions for too many drugs.

Darla: Absolutely. They are dispensing pills by the hundreds.

Douglas Kennedy: Kelly's cocktail included Adderall, Klonopin and Seroquel and at least 15 other powerful psychiatric drugs. Darla says her sister was hooked and her mental state was clearly deteriorating. You went to her VA doctors...

Darla: I did.

Douglas Kennedy: And told them to stop prescribing her all these drugs.

Darla: I did, and actually at one point in 2000, I actually, uninvitingly busted into the Chief of Staff's office and begged him to stop his physicians from prescribing pills.

Douglas Kennedy: But the doctors wouldn't listen to Darla and in 2010 Kelly died of an overdose. Her stomach full of drugs now increasingly used by the VA and military for uses not approved by the Food and Drug Administration. VA doctors for instance, gave her the Seroquel for the unapproved symptom of insomnia and Adderall is only approved to treat attention deficit disorder, a condition which Kelly did not have.

Robert Haddad: The side effects, especially in Kelly's instance were devastating...



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Douglas Kennedy: Robert Haddad is Darla's attorney who successfully sued the VA in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Robert Haddad: Thousands of drugs being dispensed everyday for purposes that they were never intended to be used and having a devastating effects on the vets.

Douglas Kennedy: The VA refused to comment on Kelly's case directly, but in court papers maintain the monetary settlement with Darla was not, quote, "an admission of liability or fault on the part of the United States." The VA says your sister's death was not the fault of VA doctors.

Darla: Yes...they do.

Douglas Kennedy: What do you say?

Darla: I say, it infuriates me. I think her death was inevitable and any human brain could not sustain the chemicals that they were giving her.

Douglas Kennedy: She says the VA is using drugs off label to mask the problems that soldiers face when they complete their duty. In Virginia Beach, Virginia, Douglas Kennedy, Fox News.

Douglas Kennedy was the first national reporter to link antidepressant medications to adolescent suicide and violence, prompting government hearings that eventually resulted in the black box warnings from the Food and Drug Administration. Most recently he exposed an Internet fraud selling phony cancer drugs to the terminally ill, in which the owner of the Web site was later indicted. Previously he worked at the New York Post as a crime reporter and solved a double homicide in Queens by finding a dead body before the cops. Read more about Douglas Kennedy [here](#).

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