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Homicide detective probing veteran's death following altercation with VA medical center police

A Kansas City homicide detective is examining the 2018 death of a veteran at a VA facility headed by Kathleen Fogarty, who was **labeled** the “the VA queen of cover-ups” by a patient’s daughter when she led the VA hospital in Tampa, Florida.

According to [The Kansas City Star](#), homicide detective Richard Sharp of the Kansas City Police Department is investigating the death of Dale Farhner, 66. The veteran, who was headed to the Kansas City VA Medical Center after contracting an infection following hernia surgery, died in May 2018 after an altercation with VA police, who told him he was headed the wrong way in the parking lot.

The exchange escalated and at least one police officer engaged in a physical fracas that “directly resulted in physical injuries to Dale, including, but not limited to, cuts, scrapes, bruises and traumatic brain injury,” according to the Farhner family’s wrongful death suit filed in May 2019.

“The results of our investigation will ultimately be compiled and forwarded on to the prosecutor’s office for their decision as to what, if any, applicable charges may apply,” Sgt. Jacob Becchina, police spokesman, told the Kansas City Star. “There is little info that can be released at this point, as it is now an open death investigation on our end.”

Although the VA claimed that federal law enforcement already conducted an investigation into the matter that absolved its officers, Becchina said that the Jackson County medical examiner recently shared the results of Farhner’s autopsy with the Kansas City police so they could probe the matter further.

Fogarty has been a controversial figure over the years. In 2014, she was tagged with the moniker “queen of cover-ups” after signing off on placing a hidden camera in a patient’s room. Similarly, she was blamed for slashing veterans’ access to health care outside the VA system. She denied the accusations.

Farhner's death has prompted veterans groups to suggest that, under her leadership, the VA in Kansas City has engaged in a cover-up. [Randall Barnett](#), president of the Kansas City branch of Vietnam Veterans of America, said the VA is withholding information about the case until "it all blows over."

"If they weren't at fault, or didn't feel through their investigation they were somewhat at fault, why would they cover everything up?" Barnett said in May, according to The Kansas City Star

The VA has rejected the accusation that it distorted information related to the incident. Medical center spokesman Vernon Stewart said in June that federal law enforcement probed the matter and that the VA behaved appropriately.

"VA will cooperate fully with any additional official investigations," Stewart said, according to The Kansas City Star. **By: [Diana Stancy Correll](#)**

Off-duty Air National Guard member kills armed man at Maryland restaurant

MILLFORD MILL, Md. — Authorities in Baltimore County say an off-duty member of the Maryland Air National Guard shot and killed an armed man while reportedly breaking up a fight outside a restaurant.

Baltimore County Police say the shooting happened early Friday after the airman saw people arguing outside the restaurant in Windsor Mill.

Authorities initially identified the airman as an off-duty officer. They say he has a gun permit.

Authorities say the unidentified airman left the restaurant after seeing 36-year-old Jerome Dewitt Garrison with a gun. They say the airman ordered Garrison to drop his weapon, and they then exchanged gunfire. Garrison was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Another man hit by gunfire was taken to a hospital and later released.

The airman called 911. He was not injured.

Investigators have not said whether charges will be filed.

Susan M. Edmonds, Commissary Officer, Robins Commissary, 478-926-3714

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If you qualify for VA health care, you'll receive coverage for the services you need to help you get—and stay—healthy. Learn more about your health care benefits.

What care and services does VA health care cover?

Each Veteran's medical benefits package is unique. Yours will include care and services to help:

- Treat illnesses and injuries
- Prevent future health problems
- Improve your ability to function
- Enhance your quality of life

All Veterans receive coverage for most care and services, but only some will qualify for added benefits like dental care. The full list of your covered benefits depends on:

- Your priority group, **and**
- The advice of your VA primary care provider (your main doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant), **and**
- The medical standards for treating any health conditions you may have

[Learn more about priority groups](#)

You should also know that being signed up for VA health care meets your Affordable Care Act (ACA) health coverage requirement of having "minimum essential health coverage." We'll update this site if the ACA changes with new laws.

[Learn more about the ACA, VA, and you](#)

What if I'm just separating from active duty and don't know where to start?

We can help you learn about and apply for VA health care benefits. A member of our Concierge for Care (C4C) team will call you soon after your separation from military service. We can answer any questions you may have, process your application over the phone, and help you schedule your first VA medical appointment.

[Learn about transitioning from TRICARE to VA health care](#)

VA Center for Women Veterans

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In Case You Missed It: The Center for Women Veterans is sharing recent news stories that may be of interest to women Veterans, military women, and their supporters on a weekly basis. Share your thoughts about them on social media @ VAWomenVets

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Sign up online to become an associate member. The annual associate membership of \$120.00 which can be used as a tax deduction for supporters. You will get a free VFC T-shirt with your associate membership. Your tax deductible membership fee will support the VFC mission.

All Honorably Discharged Veterans are welcome to come and observe the VFC, feel free to ask questions and learn more. If we don't know the answer we know someone who does. Please browse our web site www.veteransforchristinc.org. There you'll find information on many subjects of interest to veterans. You'll also find a Newsletter for your branch of service and links to Social Security and many other links with an abundance of information.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Wesley Chapel Library at 2861 Wesley Chapel Rd., Decatur, Ga. Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every month and start at 6:30 (PM) for approximately one hour and a half, unless otherwise advertised. We will be respectful of your time.

Thank you for your interest in the VFC. We look forward to communicating and fellowshiping with you soon. We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our VFC Gerald Prince College Scholarship which is donated each September at our Anniversary Luncheon. Please email me if you would like to be a sponsor of our Scholarship.

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong." 1Cor 16:13

Sincerely,

William A. Harris, Jr.

William A. Harris, Jr., USAF Retired
President, Veterans for Christ, Inc.

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Verse of the Day

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1 KJV