# Nicole Prause's Malicious Reporting and Malicious Use of Process

<u>Nicole Prause</u> has shown a consistent and troubling pattern of (1) filing groundless, malicious complaints and lawsuits, and (2) threatening or publicly claiming she has filed such actions when she has not done so. (Three main pages documenting Prause's behaviors: 1, 2, 3.)

Below is a partial list of such complaints and false claims. (Out of fear of reprisal we have been asked to omit additional individuals and organizations.) Also, Prause regularly claims "whistleblower status" to keep her activities under the radar. So, there are likely other, non-public complaints in addition to those listed here.

The baseless administrative complaints Prause actually lodged were generally dismissed as nuisance filings. However, a few led to time-consuming investigations that were ultimately dismissed or produced little in the way of substantive results.

# **Malicious Reporting**

**Staci Sprout LICSW** - (see this page by Staci Sprout: <u>Bullying, harassment and defamation</u> from unexpected sources as a sex addiction recovery activist)

- Reported to Washington State's Department of Health, twice.
- Reported to National Association of Social Workers.
- In 2020, Prause also filed a groundless small claims suit in California against Staci Sprout. Dismissed by judge due to lack of jurisdiction.
- PDF of Staci Sprout's affidavit filed in Rhodes v Prause recounting events.

**Fight the New Drug** – Reported to Utah's Division of Child and Family Services on the theory that sharing first-hand stories of porn recovery constituted the abuse of minors. DCFC took no action.

- December, 2016: Prause reports Fight the New Drug to the State of Utah (tweets over 50 times about FTND)
- Prause claims that Fight The New Drug told its followers that Dr. Prause should be raped (section contains numerous additional Prause/RealYBOP tweets defaming FTND

<u>Rory Reid PhD</u> – Prause's former colleague at UCLA. Appears to have been reported to UCLA (and perhaps to the California Psychology Board). Prause's attacks on him began concurrently with UCLA's decision not to renew her contract, bringing her academic career to an end.

- Five documents currently on Prause's AmazonAWS website urging readers to report Rory Reid to the state of California: <u>page1</u>, <u>page2</u>, <u>page3</u>, <u>page4</u>, <u>page5</u>.
- December, 2014: Prause employs an alias to attack & defame UCLA colleague Rory Reid, PhD (on a porn-recovery forum).
- September 2016: Prause attacks and libels former UCLA colleague Rory C. Reid PhD. 2 years earlier "TellTheTruth" posted the exact same claims & documents on a porn recovery site frequented by Prause's many sock puppets

Linda Hatch PhD - (July, 2019: Linda Hatch, PhD affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.)

- Reported to CA Psych Board (no action)
- Reported to the APA (no action)
- Prause also sent Hatch a groundless cease & desist letter: <u>Prause silencing people with</u> <u>fake "no contact" demands and spurious cease & desist letters (Linda Hatch, Rob Weiss,</u> <u>Gabe Deem, Gary Wilson, Marnia Robinson, Alex Rhodes, etc.)</u>

Bradley Green PhD – (July, 2019: Bradley Green, PhD affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.)

- Reported to University of Southern Mississippi (No action)
- Reported to journal where one of his papers appeared (*Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity*) Journal publisher investigated and took no further action

**Jason Carroll PhD** – Reported to Brigham Young University because Prause didn't like research results (No action)

Geoff Goodman PhD – Reported to Long Island University for "harassment" (No action)

- July, 2019: Geoff Goodman, PhD affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.
- Geoff Goodman, PhD affidavit: Rhodes v Prause

# The Reward Foundation

- Reported to Scottish Charity Regulator for alleged misdeeds (No action) <u>2015 & 2016:</u> <u>Prause violates COPE's code of conduct to harass Gary Wilson and a Scottish charity</u>
- Reported to collective where the charity is domiciled (The Melting Pot) <u>The exploits of</u> <u>"Janey Wilson" (a Prause alias)</u> (No action)
- July, 2018: In emails, in the ICD-11 comments section, and on Wikipedia, Prause and her sockpuppets falsely claim that Wilson received 9,000 pounds from The Reward Foundation (Disproved, publicly)

### Alexander Rhodes of Nofap

- <u>Prause claimed publicly to have reported Rhodes to the FB</u>I. An FOIA request <u>shows the FBI had no such report</u>.
- Prause falsely claimed to a mainstream TV producer to have a restraining order against Alex Rhodes: <u>Rhodes files a defamation lawsuit against Nicole Prause / Liberos LLC.</u>
- Prause reported Rhodes to the Pennsylvania Board of Psychology for practicing psychology without a license because CNN filmed him in a group with other young men, all talking about porn's effects. No therapy was offered or provided. (Investigation in progress). <u>RealYBOP tweet</u> asking followers to report Rhodes to psych Board.

### Gabe Deem, founder of **<u>RebootNation</u>**:

• Prause (falsely) reported to *TIME* Magazine that Gabe Deem impersonated a doctor to write a formal critique of her study (letter to the editor) in an academic journal (and the letter was traced to Gabe's computer)

**Exodus Cry -** (July, 2019: Laila Haddad affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.)

- Prause reported Exodus Cry to the Missouri Attorney General for having a fraudulent mission statement for their 501c3 <u>February, 2019: Prause falsely accuses Exodus Cry of fraud. Asks Twitter followers to report the non-profit to the Missouri attorney general (for spurious reasons), Appears to have edited the CEO's Wikipedia page (No action)
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**John Adler MD** – Prause reported Professor Adler to Stanford University for "harassment" (No action)

- November, 2015: Cureus Journal founder John Adler MD blogs about Prause & David Ley harassment
- July, 2019: John Adler, MD affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.
- John Adler, MD affidavit: Rhodes v Prause

**CUREUS journal** – Prause reported the journal to PubMed Central, trying to have it delisted and thus discredited (No action)

- <u>April 11, 2018: Prause falsely claims medical journal *Cureus* engages in fraud and is predatory (John Adler is editor of *Cureus*)</u>
- July, 2019: John Adler, MD affidavit: Donald Hilton defamation lawsuit against Nicole R Prause & Liberos LLC.

**Don Hilton, MD** - Reported to the university where he mentors neurosurgery students, the Texas Medical Board, and academic journals with unfounded claims that he faked his credentials (No action)

July, 2019: Donald Hilton amends defamation lawsuit to include affidavits from 9 other victims of Prause, Texas Board of Medical Examiners complaint, incorrectly accusing Dr. Hilton of falsifying his credentials.

**Keren Landman, MD** - Prause asked *VICE* magazine to terminate expert Dr. Landman for <u>writing an article</u> recommending use of condoms in porn in support of Proposition 60. Unbelievable.

- November, 2016: Prause asks VICE magazine to fire infectious disease specialist Keren Landman, MD for supporting Prop 60 (condoms in porn).
- Much more to this story here: In 2015 the Free Speech Coalition offers Prause assistance: she accepts and immediately attacks Prop 60 (condoms in porn).

**Most of the 7 physicians who co-authored** <u>*Park et al.*, 2016</u> – Prause reported them to their state medical boards for simply being on the paper (more about Prause's unrelenting malice related to the paper, which disagreed with her views: <u>Prause's (failed) efforts to have Behavioral</u> <u>Sciences review paper (Park et al., 2016) retracted</u>) (No action)

### Gary Wilson, who co-authored that same paper

- Background <u>Prause's efforts to have Behavioral Sciences review paper (*Park et al.*, 2016) retracted)</u>
- Prause claimed <u>publicly and repeatedly</u> to have reported Wilson to the FBI twice (<u>FOIA</u> request shows FBI had no such report)
- <u>Reported to the Oregon Psychology Board</u> by an "anonymous" party, for practicing psychology without a license. (Dismissed without further action.)
- Claimed publicly Wilson was reported to the police (LAPD and UCLA PD) since 2013 (No evidence of such reports for years. Eventually Prause filed an LAPD report in 2018, which Wilson wasn't even informed of...until Prause persuaded a gullible school newspaper editor to publish it in 2019 [swiftly removed by university officials] See March 17, 2019: Article by University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse student newspaper (The Racquet) posts false police report by Nicole Prause.) (No action)
- (Apparently) reported Wilson to the ISSM (International Society for Sexual Medicine) for heaven knows what, which canceled his keynote address scheduled for March, 2018 in Lisbon without giving a reason. Then Prause began a social media campaign saying someone had been "removed for an actual good reason from a conference," and claimed (again) that Gary had misrepresented his credentials (<u>he hadn't</u>). Gary soon received his <u>Oregon Psychology Board exoneration</u> (see above), so she may also have told the ISSM earlier that he had been "reported for practicing psychology without a license" among other untruths – in order to persuade the ISSM to cancel him.
- Reported Gary's site <u>yourbrainonporn.com</u> 3 times for copyright violations using <u>groundless DMCA take-down requests</u> in attempt to remove documentation of her defamation and harassment from his site. (No action)
- November 19, 2019: When the groundless DMCA takedowns failed to remove evidence of Prause's defamation and harassment she sent a <u>spurious Cease and Desist letter to</u> <u>Gary Wilson's webhost, Linode</u>. (No action)
- In November 2019, Prause apparently successfully applied for protection under California's "Safe At Home" program, falsely claiming that Wilson had threatened her and posted her home address on his website. <u>November, 2019: Prause enters the California</u> <u>"Safe At Home Program" under false pretenses, misusing it to harass her victims and critics</u>. Prause repeatedly used her status to intimidate others, groundlessly accusing her critics of violating the Safe At Home act.
- January, 2020: When Prause's spurious Cease & Desist letter failed (it falsely stated that Prause's home address was on YBOP), she <u>attempted again to remove YBOP by</u> <u>threatening its webhost Linode with a second Cease & Desist letter</u>. This too failed as Wilson's site does not have her home address. (No action)
- February, 2020: When the above C&D failed, <u>Prause called Wilson's local Ashland</u> <u>Police</u>, attempting to file a false police report, lying that her home address was on YBOP. Officer Jason St. John determined Prause's claims did not allege a crime and that this was a civil matter.
- On February 12 or thereabouts, Prause <u>sought a temporary restraining</u> order against Wilson, based in part on pictures of people (quite obviously not Wilson) holding guns. The judge denied the TRO, but set a hearing for a permanent restraining order on March

6, 2020. Prause did not serve Wilson, but Wilson's counsel appeared as if she had, thus waiving service. The judge continued the matter until March 25, 2020, stating that he intends to force the parties to attend mediation before ruling, if Prause serves Wilson.

**MDPI** - The parent company of the journal that published the review Wilson co-authored with Navy physicians (documentation: <u>Prause's efforts to have Behavioral Sciences review paper</u> (*Park et al.*, 2016) retracted).

- Prause reported the journal to COPE (journal ethics review board) (Superficial action, but paper has not been retracted.)
- And to PubMed Central (No action)
- And to the FTC (No action)

Note: In 2019 MDPI posted two official statements related to the unethical behavior of Nicole Prause (such actions appear to be without precedent):

- June, 2019: MDPI (the parent company of the journal *Behavioral Sciences*) publishes an editorial about Nicole Prause's unethical behavior surrounding her unsuccessful attempts to have *Park et al.*, 2016 retracted.
- June, 2019: MDPI's official response to the MDPI Wikipedia page fiasco (it had been edited by several Nicole Prause sockpuppets)

**D.J. Burr –** Prause reported Burr to Washington State's Department of Health. (No action)

• <u>April, 2019: Prause harasses and threatens therapist D.J. Burr, then maliciously reports</u> <u>him to the State of Washington Department of Health</u>

Prause has also repeatedly, publicly urged members of the public, via social media, to report professionals and professional organizations to psychology boards, to the FTC, and to the Attorney General. Sections of Prause page with documentation:

- Summer 2014: Prause urges patients to report sex addiction therapists to state boards.
- 2015 & 2016: Prause falsely accuses sex addiction therapists of reparative therapy
- October, 2016: Prause falsely states that SASH and IITAP "board members and practitioners are openly sexist and assaultive to scientists"
- January 29, 2018: Prause threatens therapists who would diagnose sexual behavior addicts using the upcoming "Compulsive sexual behavior disorder" diagnosis in the ICD-<u>11</u>

**Diana Davison** – Prause threatened journalist Diana Davison and *The Post Millennial* by means of a spurious cease & desist letter threatening legal action because they published <u>a factual</u> <u>expose' that was not flattering to Prause</u>. (No action)

 <u>November, 2019: In response to Diana Davison's Post Millennial expose' Prause</u> <u>harasses/defames Davison, followed by a bogus Cease & Desist letter and demanding</u> <u>\$10,000</u>

# **Malicious Use of Process**

After years of malicious administrative reporting, spurious cease & desist letters, and misuse of law enforcement personnel, Prause, in 2019, began abusing the court system (and the targets of her wrath) with malicious legal proceedings (and continued threats of legal proceedings) in order to silence anyone who calls attention to her bias or activity.

As recounted above, she filed an invalid small claims court suit against therapist Sprout, and a baseless restraining order against Wilson.

In addition, to suppress criticism of herself, <u>Prause has threatened some five Twitter accounts</u> with groundless small claims court lawsuits – and filed a suit against one of them, which she did not pursue. In this way, she continues to silence people's right to free speech about her activities and apparent bias.

### 1) Tom Jackson (@LivingThoreau) – November, 2019

Prause publicly demanded \$10,000 not to file suit, and then filed it. Jackson deleted his Twitter account. Prause did not appear at the trial and the case was dropped. The suit served its purpose of silencing Jackson, who had backed up his opinions with indisputable photographic evidence of Prause attending porn industry events. Details -

https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/critiques-ofguestionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-harassment-anddefamation-of-gary-wilson-others-3/#Jackson

# 2) Mark Schuenemann (@Kurall\_Creator) – November, 2019

Again, Prause demanded \$10,000 or she would sue. But didn't. Details:

https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/critiques-ofquestionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-harassment-anddefamation-of-gary-wilson-others-3/#Mark

### 3) December, 2019: @samosirmatthew Matthew

Prause threatened to sue him for saying she sounded like a "Foundation funded propagandist." Details: <u>https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/critiques-of-questionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-harassment-and-defamation-of-gary-wilson-others-3/#Matthew</u>

# <u>4) January, 2020: TranshumanAl</u>

Prause informed this guy he was being sued after he publicized some facts about her. He deleted his tweet and changed his Twitter account name.

Details: <u>https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-</u> <u>studies/critiques-of-questionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-</u> <u>harassment-and-defamation-of-gary-wilson-others-3/#AI</u>

### 5) March, 2020: "anonymous"

This person (who has asked to remain anonymous) called out Prause on her well documented ties to the porn industry. Prause went after their job and threatened a suit. The person made their account private. Details: <u>https://www.yourbrainonporn.com/relevant-research-and-articles-about-the-studies/critiques-of-questionable-debunking-propaganda-pieces/nicole-prauses-unethical-harassment-and-defamation-of-gary-wilson-others-3/#anon</u>