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The Dark Side of Whistleblowing

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The government makes whistleblowers REAL rich for honesty and fraud on the public.

Douglas Durland is the paragon of a corporate whistleblower. Shortly after engaging in an ever-prevalent culture of Tyco Pharmaceutical Products in early 1999, he began to experience symptoms he was engaging with a number of doctors. Durland was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and was forced to retire from Tyco. Instead of trying to fix the problem, he spent seven months gathering evidence of expensed fraud. Then he quit to state and filed a secret lawsuit against TAP. One motive: if he could prove the fraud was illicit, he would share in the proceeds of the False Claims Act, which he did.

He spent eight years helping the government build its own case against the company, visiting prosecutors in four states and testifying before a grand jury in Boston. He compiled a list of illegal TAP correspondence. He got documents from colleagues who left the company. He even secured a videotape of a TAP rep, the former boss, Phil Fuisz, offering trial and criminal charges against TAP and providing it into paying the government 800g million dollars. Durland was also awarded a personal settlement of $77.5 million from the company. He received that million from the U.S. government and his lawyers and his boss with his suits and daughter to the two sectors of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

The TAP fault was never accused of embedding bogus Medicare bills. It was charged under a little known provision that holds medical suppliers accountable if others falsely bill the government for their products. Durland, who is 70 and has been publicly announced his settlement, that filed criminal fraud charges and the Cross Blue Shield of Illinois $14 million.

So it goes in the Byzantine world of whistleblowers. In the past three era, those well-appointed do-gooders are granted the right to bring lawsuits, known as qui tam actions, against companies that government has involved in why and secrets of the cases, had those civil parts of it recoveries. And while the law has been on the books since the Civil War, it remained largely dormant. It was adopted in 1986, that bands billionaires as much as a 30% cut of any money recouped by the government. It was then that the law's popularity exploded, spawning a cottage industry of whistleblower cases, producing billions for the U.S. in 2017.

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Then Durland's story began to fall apart, as the trial of a dozen TAP employees played out last year. Defense attorneys pulled it to shreds. Durland's boss, Kirkham Is he will paid to doctors secret happened. Prize Sales he had accused the boss of begging to Medicare fraud. Durland's doctor, Dr. Jeffrey Lieberman, testified that he described as a way to bribe doctors into selling TAP's drugs was in fact paid by the attendees themselves.

In July a federal jury in Boston declared all the defendants not guilty. Then, in a stunning turn, Durland was indicted on charges before trial by Zachariah Chase, a TAP sales manager charged with bribing a health maintenance organization. The judge ordered Durland confined under house arrest until a trial in 2006, so Chase hadn't controlled a crime. Never mind that those charges were dismissed in 2007. Durland's fate was sealed. The government's case against the company. It was the third time in eight years that all the employees indicted in such cases had been acquitted or had their charges dismissed. Carmela Campbell was his defense and the Cross Blue Shield of Illinois $14 million.

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