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## Former WWE Employee Moves for Medical Discovery in Sex Assault Case

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The former employee who brought sex trafficking and sexual assault claims against the World Wrestling Federation and co-founder Vince McMahon has filed a bill of discovery complaint against a doctor.

Janel Grant, the plaintiff, is seeking to obtain her medical records from Dr. Carlon M. Colker, the CEO and medical director of Peak Wellness Inc. The medical center often treats employees and the talent of WWE, and Grant was referred to Colker by McMahon, according to the bill of discovery.

One of Grant's attorneys, Erica Nolan of Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff, said the medical records could be used to either file a separate action against Colker and Peak Wellness, or "to assist in our claims in the federal action."

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Grant was allegedly prescribed unmarked pills and weekly intravenous infusions to aid her fatigue and insomnia, according to the court filing. Colker allegedly did not explain what was in the pills or infusions, and did not answer Grant's questions about her nausea side effect, according to the court document. "If you don't trust me, we have bigger problems," Colker allegedly said to Grant, as described in the filing.

Grant's counsel requested her medical records in electronic form under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, but Colker and Peak Wellness allegedly only provided paper copies, the complaint claimed. Further, the complaint claimed the record-keeping at Peak Wellness is largely electronic, but Colker has "failed or refused" to provide Grant's electronic medical records.

The paper records are also incomplete and inaccurate, the complaint claimed. In addition, Grant claims Colker recommended an attorney to aid in the nondisclosure agreement at the center of the federal action.

Counsel for Colker and Peak Wellness has yet to appear. And Peak Wellness did not respond to a request for comment.

On Jan. 25, Grant filed the lawsuit against the WWE, McMahon, and former WWE executive John Laurinaitis in Connecticut federal court. Grant claimed she was groomed and sexually exploited by McMahon and that he trafficked her to other men.

The parties agreed to stay the case for six months due to a pending investigation by the Department of Justice that began June 11. The DOJ declined to comment.