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THE DENVER POST

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Muslim Fort Carson soldier says hijab led to harassment, discrimination from superiors

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(Excerpts from The Denver Post/Emphasis added by MRFF)

A Muslim soldier based in Fort Carson intends to sue the U.S. Army over allegations of discrimination and harassment that began shortly after she started wearing a hijab.

Spc. Cesilia Valdovinos, who has been in the military for seven years and has served in Afghanistan, converted to Islam in 2016. Since she started wearing her hijab, a head cover, at work, she **has been subjected to name-calling, increased personal inspections and has been demoted**, she and **her attorney, Mikey Weinstein of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation** said.

[...]

Weinstein said since Valdovinos' story became public, he's received numerous calls from members of the military who are Muslim who have shared similar stories and others who have had a "crisis of conscience."

He said eyewitnesses to Valdovinos' incidents have been afraid to come forward publicly.

“We have to stop this — what we’re calling perverse and pernicious anti-Muslim bigotry and prejudice and harassment,” he said.

[...]

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MORE MEDIA COVERAGE OF MRFF's CLIENT, U.S. ARMY SOLDIER OF MUSLIM FAITH FORCED TO REMOVE HIJAB:

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[Muslim US soldier to file civil rights lawsuit after superior removed her hijab](#)

CONSERVATIVE FIRING LINE

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[Demoted Muslim soldier plans to sue Army over hijab after breaking rules](#)

PATRIOT NEWS DAILY

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[Female Soldier Sues Army Over “Anti-Muslim Bigotry”](#)

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[Muslim soldier suing US army after 'being forced to remove hijab'](#)

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A Muslim soldier sues the US military because of the hijab

LIBERTY UNYIELDING

(Misleading Detractor Site Misstates the Facts)

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Demoted Muslim soldier plans to sue Army on trumped-up religious discrimination charges

BACKGROUND:

MRFF's Efforts on Behalf of U.S. Army Soldier of the Muslim Faith Forcefully Ordered to Remove Hijab

March 12th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/MRFF-DEMANDS-U-S--ARMY-FORT-CARSON-s-ORDER-TO-REMOVE-HIJAB-NOT-GO-UNPUNISHED-.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=oZhk9IPItEc>

March 14th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/NEWS-OF-MRFF-s-U-S--ARMY-CLIENT-ORDERED-TO-REMOVE-HIJAB-GOES-INTERNATIONALLY-VIRAL.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=-Q-03bIMel0>

March 18th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/WASHINGTON-POST-HIGHLIGHTS-MRFF-s-MUSLIM-CLIENT-ARMY-SGT--ORDERED-TO-REMOVE-HIJAB.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=dOlRgaVVVr8>

March 22nd, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/MRFF-S-U-S--ARMY-CLIENT-OF-MUSLIM-FAITH-FACES-TARGETED-BIGOTRY-.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=7z1UYQ44yKc>

March 25th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/MRFF-COVERED-BY-FOX-21-NEWS-TV-COLORADO-SPRINGS-ARMY-TIMES.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=Lu0xDV9z8IU>

March 30th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/MRFF-COVERED-BY-YAHOO-NEWS---MRFF-s-MUSLIM-CLIENT-IN-ARMY---I-FEEL-VIOLATED-.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=XCKhhY4Oohl>

April 1st, 2019 - <https://www.militaryreligiousfreedom.org/2019/04/muslim-female-army-soldier-whose-frivolous-discrimination-complaint-has-already-been-dismissed-now-intends-to-file-a-federal-lawsuit-against-the-u-s-army/>

April 2nd, 2019 - <https://www.militaryreligiousfreedom.org/2019/04/task-purpose-a-muslim-soldier-says-shes-suing-the-army-for-being-told-to-remove-her-hijab/>

April 4th, 2019 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/BREAKING--ABC-NEWS-NATL--COVERS-MRFF-s-DEFENSE-OF-U-S--SOLDIER-OF-MUSLIM-FAITH-.html?soid=1101766362531&aid=Lbl-EJ79Yq0>

BACKGROUND:

MRFF's Efforts on Behalf of U.S. Military Members of the Muslim Faith

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