

Ken Pedeleose Op-Ed Series

Part 5 – The Deep State Arsenal - Weaponize Everything

My book, The Cost of Weaponized Government and Lawfare, shows how my employer, the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), weaponized every aspect of managerial authority. I serialized the retaliatory weaponization and lawfare events, targeted to discredit me, into 13 serialized, specific, events that I call Falsified Trails (FT) in my book. The arsenal is as follows.

Weaponized Personnel Actions (Prime Weapon) Falsified Trails 1-13

Weaponized Authority Falsified Trails 1-13

Weaponized Attorneys, Attorney Client Privilege Falsified Trails 1, 3-13

Weaponized Surrogates Falsified Trails 1, 3-13

Weaponized Investigations & Coverups Falsified Trails 2, 3 & 13

Weaponized Doctrine (Obey First, Grieve Later) Falsified Trail 3

Weaponized Conflicts of Interest Falsified Trails 3, 11, 13

Weaponized FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Falsified Trails 2 & 13

Weaponized Office Conflicts Between Employees Falsified Trails 5 & 9

Weaponized Shunning Falsified Trails 1, 3, 6, 8, 11

Weaponized Electronic Trails (Email Relays) Falsified Trails 1, 3, 6, 11, 12, & 13

Weaponized Training Falsified Trail 11 and 2011 attempt

Weaponized Human Resources/Labor Relations Falsified Trails 3, 6, 10, 12, & 13

Weaponized Lockheed Martin Armed Guards Falsified Trail 2 (Swatting)

Weaponized Lockheed Martin Human Resources Falsified Trail 11

Weaponized Status & Access to Other Agencies Falsified Trail 3

Weaponized Cover-ups by OSC, MSPB, OPM Falsified Trails 3, 6, 10, 13 (Abandon Case)

Weaponized Kernels of Thought & Con Games Falsified Trail 3 (Planting Ideas/Thoughts)

Weaponized Security Clearances Chapter 3, Revoked Security Clearance

Weaponized Hostile & Abusive Workplace Institutional & Overarching (Continuous)

DCMA repetitively used and flaunted this tactical weaponization and lawfare arsenal with impunity. Meaning, DCMA had confidence in an inverted, broken and corrupted system that failed.

DCMA's repetitive use of the weaponization arsenal gave further visibility into how the government overall is weaponized far past DCMA. Meaning, DCMA's allies in the inverted oversight community, who were also complicit in government weaponization and lawfare, were also exposed. The first documented insight began as follows.

On August 2, 2002, at a DCMA District Headquarters, an employee recounted in an affidavit the depth of DCMA's pattern and practice of amoral acts against employees. The employee's affidavit included a quote from a DCMA attorney that states in part:

"We (the Legal Directorate) can do anything we want. It's called gaming. We can deny, we can delay...dismiss. We can manipulate the system anyway we want."

The affidavit further stated: *"Other evasive manipulations are silence or when required to explain their conduct, the Legal Directorate declares the claim of "attorney work product or "attorney privilege."*

Nationally, the *deny, delay, dismiss* strategy was made famous on December 4, 2024 when a lone gunman, Luigi Mangione, shot and killed Brian Thompson, the CEO of UnitedHealthcare. The spent shell casings had the words *delay, deny, depose* written on them. Similar words including *delay, deny defend* were purported to be used by the health care industry to avoid paying claims. On August 14, 2026 Mangione pleaded guilty to killing Brian Thompson.

The point being, the *deny, delay, dismiss, depose, defend* tactics are used on a national basis. Hence, DCMA's highly organized retaliation, obstruction tactics and weaponized arsenal open the door to allegations on a wider national scale past DCMA.

Meaning, DCMA's repetitive use of weaponized government and lawfare is indicative of an organized crime scene involving government sponsored racketeering. Fraud was enabled against the taxpayers, and US Government, including obstruction to Congressional Investigations. DCMA was knowledgeable of my support to Congressional investigations which included protection letters from Senator Charles Grassley and a warning by the Department of Defense Inspector

General's (DoD IG) office on August 10, 2005 to DCMA. I was a high-profile whistleblower.

I was immersed in the “belly of the beast” (heart of the problem, Government Swamp) witnessing corruption in the making and documenting how DCMA repetitively used their weaponized arsenal against me. My evidentiary file includes first-hand information, witnessing corruption in the making.

DCMA used interagency teaming with other government oversight agencies, and with Lockheed Martin officials, against me. DCMA's most prominent weapon was the use adverse Personnel Actions such as threatening letters, suspensions, and reprimands in a focused attempt to execute my reputation. That's where the 13 Falsified Trails started. The evidence trail starts as follows.

I was the leader of a whistleblower network and custodian of information showing corruption in Defense acquisition programs. On July 26, 2002 I made a 90-Page disclosure to Congress cosigned by two other employees. When DCMA became aware of the disclosure, personnel files were pulled (reviewed). Possibly looking for evidence of past adverse actions, of which none existed. Then DCMA began tactically fabricating cases against me. Falsified Trail 1 came first.

Falsified Trail 1 included senior Lockheed Martin and senior DCMA officials (4th level supervisor) where I was entrapped in a disciplinary action situation that led to a formal reprimand on July 9, 2003. DCMA used electronic trails (emails) and shunning from their arsenal to fabricate the case against me.

The chronological timeline of emails in Falsified Trail 1 by senior officials of Lockheed Martin and DCMA was chilling and gave great insight into weaponized government coordinated at senior levels to manipulate, maneuver, and entrap me into a disciplinary action situation. My book has the details. The onslaught escalated from there.

About a month later, on August 14, 2003, Lockheed Martin participated again, this time with a public “swatting” exhibition against me. Meaning, I was escorted of the Lockheed Martin facility by Lockheed Martin armed guards under the allegation that I physically threatened someone. Lockheed Martin went so far as to issue a formal Be On the Look Out (BOLO) notice for me. This was designated as Falsified Trail 2 and backfired badly against DCMA and Lockheed Martin.

The allegations were proven totally false and I was returned to work. However, the residual evidence trails between DCMA and Lockheed Martin for Falsified Trails 1 & 2 formed one pillar of the Racketeering allegation and was the springboard that garnered national attention for me that I would not have had otherwise. I now had a public forum for my whistleblowing. I was high profile.

Falsified Trail 2 strengthened my relationship with Senator Charles Grassley exposing government corruption. I also worked with Senator John McCain on issues involving the Lockheed Martin C-

130J. I obtained news media support including an April 2004 series of news articles resulting from my experiences. And, the whistleblower network I was leading was winning at exposing corruption.

I was labeled “extremely effective” by the Department of Defense Inspector General’s (DoD IG) office. I had accumulated multiple substantiated allegations exposing government corruption and gross mismanagement. Falsified Trail 2 had springboarded my whistleblowing resume to national levels.

My success prompted Falsified Trail 3 which was an interagency weaponization and lawfare ambush against me personally, on a wide scale, across state lines using electronic communications (emails) and physically “flying in” for meetings, to bring about my demise, sever my Congressional support, and overall discredit me. The Deep State would dig deep into their arsenal to bring about my demise.

The evidence further shows that the Bush Administration, in the timeframe of 2005, was ridding the government of whistleblowers overall. Hence, the corruption I was finding, substantiating, and reporting on, was part of a much larger national trend that was being wiped out. This enhanced and supercharged Falsified Trail 3.

Falsified Trail 3 started as a weaponized leak investigation after the local plan to remove whistleblowers was discovered. As with other corruption I kept detailed notes and documentation. The investigation itself was insulation for management who was firing and tormenting whistleblowers who were part of my network. The evidence traced to high levels of government including DoD, and Pentagon levels.

Falsified Trail 3 was an interagency all-star cadre of government officials and attorneys including DoD IG Office, Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and DCMA in a synchronized lawfare effort against me personally. Meaning, “one employee, Ken Pedeleose” as described by the DOJ on August 25, 2005.

Falsified Trail 3 included 20 government attorneys against me as follows: DCMA had 7 attorneys; DoD IG had 4 attorneys; DOJ had 6 attorneys; And OPM had 3 Attorneys. The attorneys were spread over 4 states and 5 cities and regions including Boston, MA; Atlanta, GA; Smyrna, GA; Washington DC/Virginia Area; And Cleveland/Bratenahl area, Ohio.

DoD IG had 2 Directors; DCMA had 1 Director and 2 Assistant DCMA Directors: A DCMA commander; And an OPM Director. My book has the specific official’s names and titles.

The downfall of this size cadre of attorneys and senior officials is the large “footprint” and information trails generated by such a large interagency group, working in teams, working in sync, across state lines.

Falsified Trail 3 is my flagship case because it fits the definition of “Hoist by one’s own petard” meaning caught in their own trap. The evidence of retaliation was so specific that DCMA initially lost at the full Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) largely due to DCMA’s arrogance and the wide information trail. This allowed me to make an irrefragable, indisputable, case against DCMA.

Falsified Trail 3 met the irrefragable proof standard because DCMA: Placed my deposition on an official record without rebuttal; Provided the tactical document trail of how Falsified Trail 3 was perpetrated against me using interagency oversight organizations working in concert; And then DCMA issued a formal letter indicating that no rebuttal would be provided to my evidence of whistleblower retaliation.

This made the case irrefragable since DCMA assembled the case file that proved whistleblower retaliation that showed the DoD IG was complicit in the retaliation. DoD IG officials never testified or denied their complicity at the MSPB. In fact, follow-on investigations demonstrated how complicit the DoD IG was against me. Probably because the DoD IG was known corrupted.

As of April 21, 2002 the DoD IG was so corrupted that a private company, MPRI (Military Professionals Resources Incorporated), was tasked to do a study on the DoD IG. The results were scathing against the DoD IG. My book has the specifics and the MPRI report is detailed and lengthy. The MPRI report went on to make comments regarding OSC and MSPB, stating in part.

“These forums (MSPB, OSC) have become increasingly discredited as a viable source of legal relief for aggrieved whistleblowers. Few whistleblowers now prevail before the MSPB because the governing statute, the Whistleblower Protection Act, has been steadily eroded by restrictive interpretations that make it most difficult to sustain a winning case.”

DCMA took tactical advantage of the DoD IG corruption along with the discredited OSC and MSPB in the retaliation against me. DCMA had factored in predictable government corruption. From June 21, 2005-October 18, 2005 DCMA sited in the retaliation against me like a sniper scoping a target. DCMA provided the documents showing how the lawfare case was made.

DCMA even ran a con on their ally, the DoD IG. The DoD IG ran a con on me as well as a con on Senator Grassley’s office. The evidence trail clearly shows this fact.

By September 9, 2006 I had enough initial evidence on weaponized government to assemble a report to Congress. Meaning, weaponized government was reported as early as 2006.

On November 1, 2006, Congressman Todd Platts responded and stated that he has “*heard many stories*” such as mine and is pushing for further whistleblower protections. Congressman Platz informed me that the Federal Circuit stated “*for a federal employee to “reasonably believe” there is evidence of waste, fraud, and abuse, as required by law—he or she must overcome with “irrefragable proof” the presumption that the agency was acting in good faith.*”

My case had irrefragable proof that the full MSPB, in Washington, DC, confirmed on October 24, 2007 with a ruling that was solidly in my favor. MSPB provided 19 reasons to support whistleblower retaliation. The strongest of which used the word “disingenuous” against DCMA officials.

On February 12, 2009 the MSPB reversed against their own findings by vacating the October 24, 2007 decision at the urging of OPM. The Federal Court of Appeals was so predictably corrupted that DCMA didn’t wait for any Federal Court decision to resume retaliation. Meaning, DCMA rapid fired seven Falsified Trails against me from March 3, 2009 to February 16, 2010.

The point is, the government itself has been fabricated into a weapon including a documented arsenal of weaponized tactics, interagency lawfare collaboration, and covering up weaponization and lawfare. Corruption within the inverted oversight system is predictable as the DCMA management behavior has shown. This provides visibility into the Deep State, thanks to the DCMA.

My book, *The Cost of Weaponized Government and Lawfare*, outlines evidence that weaponization and lawfare have affected the national debt which now exceeds \$40 Trillion. This includes the arsenal of retaliation, and obstruction tactics, along with the interagency tactics and teaming to circumvent law via weaponization and lawfare.

Think of my book as a “monster truck” of sorts, or a weapon against weaponized government, that can overcome the Government Swamp and not get bogged down in politics, half-truths, or cover-ups and get to the truth of how government really works with evidence, transparency, and visibility to achieve a lasting remedy to the Government Swamp.

The next op-ed focuses on “Investigate Thyself – The Repetitive Closed Loop of Institutional Corruption & Cover-ups.”