

# DAILY CAMERA

## Open Forum

CU

### Mandatory reporting

I am shocked and outraged by CU's admission that MacIntyre, George and DiStefano knew about the domestic violence allegations against former assistant Joe Tumpkins and did nothing.

What's worse is that the timing of the event makes it appear that they withheld the evidence to help maintain coaching strength going into the bowl game — to keep the momentum of "The Rise" going. That is simply unconscionable.

As a retired career elementary school educator in this town, I can say with every confidence that, despite what the university is saying, there is nothing "confusing" about the law. Mandatory reporting statutes require individuals to report certain or suspected injuries or cases of abuse or neglect to law enforcement, social services, and/or a regulatory agency.

Even if you only suspect the abuse, you are required to make a call — immediately. Mandatory reporters receive training annually, and the protocol is crystal clear.

MacIntyre had more than suspicion — he had an actual conversation with Tumpkin's partner. He heard all the details, and still did nothing. He said he was numb. He said he'd never handled a situation like that before. Welcome to mandatory reporting, MacIntyre. I, and hundreds of other teachers in this town, know from personal experience that reporting a suspected abuse to authorities is not easy, nor fun. But it's the right thing to do and our legal duty.

Who knows what the consequences will be for MacIntyre, George and DiStephano? Will they get the proverbial hand slap? Something harsher? CU needs to get its mandatory reporting act together and rise out of this mess with an ethically clear, unwavering stand for following the law — one where it puts the safety of their community first before the success of its athletic program.

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