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Nov. 11 -- Anthony Mariano and Jeffrey Fudin say they're ready to start naming names, including some in Washington, D.C. who may be part of a VA hospital scandal. Craig Smith reports.

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ALBANY, N.Y., Nov. 11 - Two pharmacists who say they are witness to outrageous violations at the Stratton VA Hospital in Albany are planning to tell their story in Washington. One of them is going to make sure he has federal whistleblower protection before he talks.

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 By Craig Smith

JEFFREY FUDIN AND Anthony Mariano watched the Veterans Day parade in Albany Tuesday. The last time they attended an Albany parade they were grand marshals on Memorial Day. The whistle brigade was there to support the two men who've been telling their superiors about improper medical practices they say date back to 1995.

Some of those improprieties include experimental drugs used on cancer patients without patient consent with sometimes-fatal results, and retaliation and firings for people who questioned what was happening.


"Not only did this happen on the local level, but it was supported all the way up the chain," Fudin said. "There are some people in Washington who were involved because of connections with some administrators at the Albany VA."

Mariano says he got nowhere with the VA directors, and says when he sought help from the VA inspector general, that office

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