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In July, a judge upheld a \$1 million settlement on behalf of a patient who said his privacy was unnecessarily violated by his psychiatrist related to his statements about shooting his boss that he claimed were “hypothetical.” The psychiatrist reported him to his boss and to law enforcement, which led to him losing his job and suffering in other ways (“Judge Upholds \$1M Award for Psychiatrist's Warning of Possible Shooting; Appeal Begins,” *RPP* 19, no. 8).

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