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Statement of Gloria Allred

I am here today with Robin, another accuser of Roman Polanski. Robin alleges that when she was 16 years old she was sexually victimized by Mr. Polanski.

In 1977, Mr. Polanski was indicted by a grand jury on six counts of criminal behavior. Ultimately he agreed to enter a plea to unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13 year old child and the other charges were dismissed.

Prior to his being formally sentenced, however, he fled from the United States. An international police warrant for his arrest was issued and is still outstanding.

Earlier this year, a hearing was held before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon. Mr. Polanski's lawyer and the victim in this case (Samantha Geimer) have urged the Court to sentence Mr. Polanski in absentia and to sentence him to time served. Mr. Polanski has also filed various motions with the Court challenging the actions by the L.A. County District Attorney's office in the case and disputing the agreement regarding the plea and sentence.

While we understand that Ms. Geimer would like this case to end, Robin and I feel that it is very important that Mr. Polanski returns to court in California to be sentenced.

Any other defendant who is not rich and famous would be required to be present for a sentencing proceeding on a conviction for a felony committed against a child. An exception should not be made for a Hollywood film director and it would be wrong for the Court to appear to give special treatment to Mr. Polanski.

If Mr. Polanski would like to withdraw his plea rather than facing sentencing for it, he should seek to do that and ask that he go to trial on the

charges on which he was indicted. If he wishes to make that motion, he should appear before the Court while his attorney argues that position.

Of course, if he would like to go to trial, other accusers may also be called to testify, but that is a risk that Mr. Polanski may decide that he wishes to take.

If he does decide to go to trial, Robin is willing to testify under oath regarding her allegations against Mr. Polanski and other accusers may be called as well.

Robin has reported her allegations to law enforcement and she hopes that if there are other accusers that they will also report their allegations to detectives and the L.A. County District Attorney's office.

Although Robin could still potentially file a civil case against Mr. Polanski, she has chosen not to file such a complaint. Her goal is simply to assist by testifying in the criminal case, if there is a trial and she is called as a witness at that time.

Although Ms. Geimer appears to be in support of Mr. Polanski and wishes to see the criminal case end, it is important to point out that the criminal case was filed on behalf of the people of California, and it is not her case.

Her rights to file a civil lawsuit against Mr. Polanski were reportedly resolved in a civil settlement with Mr. Polanski.

Although she does have rights as a victim in a criminal case, and we are glad that she exercised her right to be heard as to how the criminal case should be resolved, her feelings are not conclusive as to the outcome. It is the judge who decides the sentence, not the victim.

Judge Gordon's decision is still pending. We look forward to justice for anyone who can prove she is a victim and justice for the People of California whose law is meant to protect children who were violated.

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