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Statement of Colleen Hughes

Hello, my name is Colleen Hughes. I lived in New York in the early '70's for about 5 years. I was in my 20's then and I worked for American Airlines as a stewardess. It was on a flight heading to Los Angeles that I met Bill Cosby. He flirted with me the entire flight and told me not to eat the terrible food on the airplane. He said he would take me to a nice lunch in Beverly Hills when we got to Los Angeles. I agreed to go, but only with another stewardess. It was agreed that the other stewardess and I would stop by the Miramar Hotel, now called the Fairmont, in Santa Monica, for a quick shower and change of clothes.

Bill had a car and driver for us but the other stewardess never showed up in baggage claim. When we arrived at the hotel, Bill walked me to my room and said that he would watch TV while I got ready. When I came out of the bathroom I was fully dressed and ready to go. Bill had ordered a bottle of champagne and some hot and cold appetizers. He was drinking champagne out of my Gucci shoe. I said "Ewww don't do that, that's gross. I just walked 3,000 miles in those shoes." He raised the shoe toward me offering the drink in my shoe to me and said "a princess should always drink champagne out of a glass slipper."

I did not take the shoe but there were two glasses of champagne on the table that he had already poured and he handed one to me. We watched the news and he tried to hold my hand. I told him to "try and keep it light, just lunch, remember?" That is the last thing that I remember until I woke up at about 5:00 to 5:15 in the afternoon.

I was shocked and didn't know how I lost the time. My boyfriend, who later became my husband, was supposed to pick me up at 6:00 o'clock. My clothes were thrown all over the room and I felt semen on the small of my back and all over me. Bill obviously did not use a condom and there was no lunch and he was nowhere to be seen. I was confused and ashamed and never told anyone about what happened to me.

About a year later I saw Bill again on another flight and he started flirting with me in the aisle. It was obvious to me that he did not remember me and he used the same line about how I was a “fine Irish lass”. I told him to “go sit his butt down in his assigned seat and keep that thing in his pants this time.” I told him “you already had me once and I don’t want to ever be drugged by you again.” Bill turned pale and said “did you report that to anyone?” I said “not yet, no, you are Bill Cosby, who would believe me- but if you touch anyone of the crew, I will report you.”

I have never told anyone in my story in the last 40 years until I called Ms. Allred’s office. I have had to live my whole life with this terrible secret about Bill and what he did to me. It has been very difficult for me.

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