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Statement of Gloria Allred Regarding Don Sterling's Interview with CNN

Yesterday Don Sterling taped an interview with CNN. Although he said in the interview that in reference to the racist statements that he made "I'm apologizing and I'm asking for forgiveness", he also said that he was "baited " into making those statements. I consider this a non-apology apology, because his baiting statement appears to attempt to excuse or justify the racist statements that he made and place the blame elsewhere.

Sterling needs to stop avoiding and evading responsibility and making ridiculous self-serving and pathetic excuses for what he said. His statements cannot be justified and his attempts to obtain public sympathy by pointing the finger elsewhere do him no good. The devil made me do it defense just won't work.

He also stated "Am I entitled to one mistake.....?" The problem is that he has not had just one mistake. What he said should not be viewed in isolation. What he allowed to happen to the mother of Ebony Jones was not a mistake. It was an outrage and this must also be considered by the NBA.

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