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STATEMENT OF KEN SLAYTON

I was completely shocked to see the false statements sent to the press about me by the Dugard family spokesperson, Nancy Seltzer two days ago.

I was very upset by the verbal missiles that the spokesperson fired at me when she targeted me and tried to kill my spirit and my reputation by disseminating misleading statements about me.

Let me say it clearly. If Jaycee's mother had ever told me that Jaycee was my daughter and where she and Jaycee were living, I would have been a loving, involved and supporting father of Jaycee.

The first time I knew there was a possibility that I had a daughter was when the FBI told me that she had been kidnapped.

It is completely false that I had no interest in Jaycee. Ever since I learned to a certainty that I had a daughter, I wanted to see her, to love her and to protect her.

Sadly, however, for Jaycee's entire life up to and including this day, Jaycee has been denied a father.

My daughter Jaycee is 30 years old now and I still cannot find her and my grandchildren. I am sure that she has been through an indescribable nightmare for the last 18 years and I wish that I could have protected her from that.

I couldn't and neither could her mother. Now we both need to help Jaycee recover.

Since she has been found I have done everything I could to make contact with Jaycee but to no avail. I hired Ms. Allred, went to court in Placerville hoping to meet her, met with her attorney, had my attorney send my letters and photos for Jaycee to her attorney, cried and finally filed a petition in court to establish paternity.

I did all this because I want Jaycee to know that she has a father who loves her and wants to be there to protect and support her in any way and in every way that I can.

Jaycee did not deserve what Phillip Garrido did to her. It was criminal and horrific to inflict that kind of suffering on a child.

My family and I, however, do not deserve the viscous attack and separation from Jaycee that the Dugard family has demonstrated in their press statement this week.

I am also a victim of Phillip Garrido because he kept me separated from my daughter and because he inflicted terrible pain on her.

I want to be united with my daughter a.s.a.p. Thirty years of separation is 30 years too much.

Jaycee, our family loves you and we are here to help in any way we can.

I will never give up my efforts to let you know that your father is here. Sunday is Father's Day. Jaycee, please give me a call.

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