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## Statement of Gloria Allred

Today, David Arthur Riden, formerly an Assistant football coach at Los Osos High School in Rancho Cucamonga, CA was sentenced. According to the District Attorney of San Bernardino County, “Riden plead guilty to three felony charges, including possession of over 600 images of child sexual assault material, and using a minor to produce child sexual assault material. He additional [sic] pled guilty to secretly photographing a minor. As part of the plea agreement, Riden is facing nine years, four months in state prison as well as lifetime 290 registration as a sex offender. “

The District Attorney also stated previously that, “In total, 21 juvenile victims were identified.”

Mr. Riden was arrested after a hidden camera belonging to him was discovered in the locker room and bathroom used by Los Osos High School girls who were changing their clothes there before, during, or after the girls engaged in high school sports.

When many of the girls and their parents learned of this shocking news, they contacted me. On their behalf in September 2021, my law firm, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, filed a lawsuit against the Los Osos High School and the Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

We represent 48 victims of Mr. Riden and the school district. Our case is still being litigated. Many other law firms also represent victims.

Although most of our clients have chosen to keep their identity confidential, one of the victims we represent decided to speak at the sentencing

hearing today. She is Jane Doe 1 in the criminal case, but she has decided to reveal her name and allow her face to be shown today at our press conference.

She is 18 years old now, and she feels strongly that she wants her voice to be heard.

While we respect and always want to protect and support victims who do not want to reveal their identity, we also support those who want their voices to be heard and are willing to allow their identity to be known. Jane Doe 1 is very brave and we are honored to represent her.

The sentence imposed by the court this morning was very disappointing to many parents that we represent. Although Mr. Riden will be sent to prison, some parents felt that he should be sentenced to substantially more time in custody than the 9 years, 4 months to which he was sentenced. Many parents and their daughters have been on an emotional rollercoaster ever since they learned what Riden did. They are still seeking answers to many questions they have such as: were images allegedly obtained by Riden shown and distributed to others, and is there any evidence that images of the girls were circulated on the internet or offered for sale.

We hope that in the litigation of this case, that we will be able to learn the answers to many of their questions and also find out why Los Osos High School failed to protect their high school girls from being victimized.

The parents of students we represent want and deserve justice and accountability for the significant harm that their daughters have suffered because of the criminal conduct of Mr. Riden, and the failure of the school district to prevent these crimes and to keep their students safe from victimization when they were students at Los Osos High School.

We intend to fight for justice for our clients in the civil justice system now that the criminal case has concluded, and Mr. Riden is sent to prison where he belongs.

Gloria Allred  
Representing 48 victims

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