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Statement of Nichol Lechmanik

I am a photo journalist. My focus is celebrity news. It is my profession from which I earn a living.

The incident with Ye (formerly known as Kanye West) was traumatic to me. He reached into my car as though he was going to hit me. He grabbed my phone out of my hand and then angrily threw it into the street.

He caused me so much fear that I have not been the same since then. His actions have interfered with my ability to work.

Although I am not a world-famous artist as is Ye, I have just as much right to work as he does. He had no right to assault me, batter me, or cause me to be afraid to pursue my profession.

I want Ye to know that he cannot do what he did to me without facing consequences. I am determined to stand up for myself and let him know that he must change his abhorrent behavior.

Nichol Lechmanik
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