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### Statement of Vivian Romero

Let me begin by saying thank you to Attorney Gloria Allred for your lifelong advocacy and support on behalf of victims everywhere.

For your courage and commitment “in fighting the good fight” as my dad would say, and for arranging this press conference today, we applaud you.

Thank you to the press for coming, and I thank God for an angel named Arman who came to our rescue and our defense. God bless you, for caring and protecting two complete strangers including my 95-year-old mother who was also terrorized by the Tesla road rage driver on that traumatic day of events.

You are truly an angel.

Being the victim in an unprovoked violent attack is traumatic. Especially for my 95-year-old mother that is fighting stage 4 cancer and using a walker who was with me.

The emotional distress and psychological damage this caused remains long after the incident is over.

These harmful mental injuries are heavy and intense, with triggers that must be grappled with long afterwards, especially now that there is a very real possibility that he can get released sooner than 5 years. This gives me great anxiety.

By right, victims are supposed to have an opportunity to make an impact statement and have our voices heard in court, before a plea deal is made, but the system failed us.

In my opinion, the 5-year sentence given as punishment was an extremely lenient disposition considering the charges filed by numerous victims who were assaulted, attacked and whose voices were never heard in court.

I believe my constitutional rights were violated by the L.A. County District Attorney's Office.

Why wasn't I notified or asked to speak at the sentencing, before the plea deal was negotiated? Why wasn't I consulted? I would like to have spoken at the sentencing.

A victim's rights are essentially worthless unless there's a mechanism to enforce them. As it stands now, victim's rights "have a right without a remedy." This is a huge problem.

I do not have confidence in the Los Angeles County District Attorney properly representing victim's rights.

I have zero confidence in the Los Angeles County District Attorneys' policies.

It has caused me to lose all trust and confidence in our judicial system and our legislative leaders.

I would like to see reform and I would like to see a mechanism put in place that protects victim's rights.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your time.

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