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STATEMENT OF BETH LAMPRECHT

Good afternoon. I am here today to share my experience as a victim of a crime which occurred here in my own neighborhood, and to also express my concern and disappointment over the handling of my case by law enforcement. This is my chance to be heard.

I was driving home after work one evening on San Vicente Blvd nearing Sunset when a vehicle sped past me driven by Nathaniel Radimak. He swerved into my lane directly in front of me and slammed on his brakes, nearly causing us to collide. He immediately exited his vehicle with a crowbar in his hand, visibly enraged, ran toward my car and repeatedly struck my driver side window with the crowbar. He attempted to open my driver's side door, which thankfully was locked, while yelling verbal threats at me, and I did truly fear for my life in that moment. Mr. Radimak returned to his vehicle but did not move even though the light was green. He eventually made a right turn very slowly onto Sunset Boulevard so I made the decision to drive straight ahead through the intersection as fast as I could in order to escape him, but within seconds he was behind me again trying to maneuver my car off the road. He managed to get my car up against the curb and then blocked me in with his. He immediately exited his vehicle again with the crowbar, striking my driver side window another 3 to 5 times so loud witnesses said they thought the noise was gunshots, but the glass

was tempered and his attempts at breaking it were unsuccessful. Mr. Radimak went back to his vehicle briefly and reached for something inside. I made the decision to flee my car at that point after seeing a man walking his dog up the street who could see the commotion. I ran to him pleading for help, he called 911, Mr. Radimak fled the scene, and the West Hollywood police department arrived shortly after. I was scared and traumatized. I do want to thank the man who came to my aid that night, for calling 911 for me, and to express my gratitude to him for him being there.

Officers deemed my car inoperable at the scene and was towed for repair. After providing my account of what happened to them, I was told that the chance of him being caught was slim since what happened is not considered a violent crime under the law, and also because he had no plates on his vehicle to help identify him. I expressed my disappointment and said it was my hope to have him found, arrested and charged for what he had just done to me. One of the officers then told me I should just be thankful that I wasn't hurt during the incident. As thankful as I was for not being physically harmed, I could very well have been if he had shattered the window, had been able to get my door open, or if I had wrecked my car trying to escape him during the pursuit. Hearing that statement from the officer felt like a dismissal of what had just happened to me and felt terrible. Not knowing who the perpetrator was at that point or why he acted out so violently toward me created additional fear that I lived with for about a year until he was finally found and captured. I required therapy to help manage my anxiety brought on by the event, thinking someone might still be out there who would try to hurt me again, as I didn't know if it was random or targeted. Mr.

Radimak's actions not only left me mentally traumatized, but the lack of efforts to apprehend him also put the safety of the community at serious risk by leaving him free to commit these attacks on many others, who are here with me today, some of whom did suffer physical injury.

What is equally upsetting to me as the events that occurred the night of the attack, was the lack of communication and disregard for my constitutional rights by law enforcement handling this case. I was never informed by law enforcement that the defendant was charged or sentenced, missing the opportunity to give a victim impact statement at the sentencing hearing. Although my charge was added to the third amended complaint, I was never notified by the D.A.'s office that a plea deal was being considered or asked how I felt about it, was never notified a plea deal was made with the defendant, or that in the deal my charge was dismissed as part of it. This is not only information I would have liked to have known, but information I had the right to know, as a victim in the case. The prosecutor should have contacted me about these things and he did not. I was shocked to learn this all happened without my knowledge, as I would like to have been notified before it happened.

I am not alone here today representing an isolated incident. I am here with many, with hope of positive changes to this system, to request more support from law enforcement by offering us all the information we are entitled to, and to demand a better approach that prioritizes the rights and needs of victims of crime.

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