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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we are here with women who allege that they were denied their rights in the criminal justice system. They asked me for assistance in speaking out today about the denial of their rights. The women who will speak here today allege that they were victimized by Nathaniel Walters Radimak. Grecia Palma, Gabriela, Beth Lamprecht, and Vivian Romero, were all alleged to be victims of Mr. Radimak and felony charges were filed against him on their behalf by the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

While all were glad that charges were filed, they were very disappointed by their treatment in the criminal justice system.

They all allege that the L.A. County District Attorneys' Office failed to inform them of all of their rights as victims under Marsy's law, which affirms and describes victims' rights in California and which is found in the California Constitution in Article 1 Section 28.

Unfortunately, many of these constitutional rights were denied to these victims. In their statements today they will describe some of the ways that they were not afforded these rights including not being told in advance that the District Attorney was offering a plea deal to the defendant in lieu of trial, and that

the deal would mean a potential maximum 5-year sentence (where the defendant could be released prior to 5 years). In addition, they were not informed in advance of the court date when the pleas would be entered and the defendant would be sentenced. That meant that they were not afforded the right to give a victim impact statement at the sentencing.

Unfortunately, there is no meaningful legal remedy which now exists for them to right these wrongs.

In the future however, they plan to work together to explore how they may change the law to protect and better enforce victims' rights for other victims in the future.

I am proud of their courage and their commitment to fighting for justice for victims.

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