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Statement of Attorney Gloria Allred on the death of OJ Simpson

Although he was acquitted of murder in the criminal case against him, a jury in a civil case found that he was liable for the wrongful death of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Nicole was victimized by her husband OJ Simpson five years before he killed her in 1994 and left her almost decapitated on the doorstep of her home. Even though he beat her, inflicted a black eye on her, and left her terrified hiding in the bushes, in 1989 he was never jailed by a judge for the spousal violence to which she was subjected and to which he plead no contest.

Simpson's death reminds us that the legal system even 30 years later is still failing battered women, and that the power of celebrity men to avoid true justice for the harm that they inflict on their wives or significant others is still a major obstacle to the right of women to be free of the gender violence to which they are still subjected.

My heart goes out to the children of OJ Simpson and to the very brave family of Nicole Brown Simpson. The truth about OJ Simpson can never be erased and should never be forgotten.

OJ Simpson is dead. May his victims finally rest in peace.

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