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Statement of Gloria Allred regarding Benjamin Sparks

I have been retained as a spokesperson for my client, whom the District Attorney alleges, in a criminal complaint, is the victim of a domestic battery inflicted on her by Benjamin Sparks.

I am not disclosing her name because I think that it is important that victims who allege that they are victims of domestic violence know that they retain the right to privacy in the press and that they are not required to sacrifice their right of privacy if they speak to law enforcement and a prosecutor files a criminal complaint. Of course, the defendant has a right to know who is accusing him of battery, but the name of the alleged victim should not be published by the press without the consent of the alleged victim, because it could deter other women who allege that they are victims of domestic violence from making reports to law enforcement.

I have attended the arraignment of Mr. Sparks today as an observer and also to confirm that my client is ready and willing to testify in the event that this case goes to trial. She is very brave and has demonstrated her courage by reporting what she has alleged to law enforcement. She is looking forward to a just result.

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Representing alleged by the District Attorney to be a victim of Benjamin Sparks
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