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### Statement of Lizzette Martinez

My name is Lizzette Martinez and I have survived many things in my life.

Robert Kelly's indictment doesn't bring me happiness or joy. It does make me think of all of the years of abuse that he chose to put upon women for over 25 years. Mr. Kelly could have been many things, many great things, but he chose to be a habitual abuser instead of getting the help he needed for himself.

Today he sits in a jail cell where his actions, and the actions of the enterprise which he controlled, have put him. Mr. Kelly has no one to blame but himself. Many of us were abused as children, however, we did not choose to turn around and abuse others.

For Mr. Kelly's defense team to call victims who were all mostly underage remorseful groupies is the most desperate attempt to once again take the responsibility off a predator and throw it onto minors who could not legally consent to sex with Mr. Kelly. The responsibility fell & falls on Mr. Kelly - the adult. So now we are calling underage child pornography victims remorseful groupies??? This is the most insensitive, ridiculous attempt to save Mr. Kelly. It's too late – your time is up.

All in all, this has been very emotionally challenging for me but with support from others, I am starting to really see and know that there is a life for me after abuse.

Healing will take a long time, as the wounds run deep and mine have been with me since I walked in the mall as a 17 year old girl who wanted to be someone and was preyed upon by Mr. Kelly and the Enterprise. But it is possible. I am strong. I lived it. I survived it and now I seek justice.

To all of you survivors who spoke your truth, and those who will do so in the future, be proud and know that you are helping to make a predator and the powerful people behind him accountable. They can no longer hide behind fame and power.

LIZZETTE MARTINEZ  
SURVIVOR OF R. KELLY  
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