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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for Teala Davies.

When Teala Davies was just seventeen years old, living on her own and working full-time to support herself, Jeffrey Epstein preyed upon her, manipulated her to be completely dependent on him, and sexually abused her.

By age seventeen, Teala had already lived through tremendously challenging circumstances. At eleven years old, she was homeless for a year. At fifteen, Teala began working in order to support herself.

Epstein was presented to Teala as someone who had learned about her challenging circumstances and had the resources and interest to assist her — including by helping her to attend college and study abroad to see the world.

She had no idea that he would exploit her and abuse her repeatedly. Ultimately, he raped and sexually assaulted her frequently in a variety of places and settings, including by trafficking Teala to his homes in New York, New Mexico,

Florida, the Virgin Islands, and France. He treated her like an object for his sexual gratification.

While it was happening, like so many childhood sex abuse victims, she did not comprehend how it had undone her life, or how it impacted her.

She is still just beginning to understand the impact of his pattern of manipulation, sexual assault, and betrayal of her trust.

We filed this lawsuit today alleging battery, assault, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

We are seeking compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

We want justice for Teala. We look forward to winning our case in a court of law.

Gloria Allred

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Representing Teala Davies