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### **Statement of Lisa Christie**

I met Bill when I came back from modeling in Germany. I was 18 years old and modeling with IMG Models. I was given a new booker and she was not sending me out on potential jobs, so I left IMG and signed with Sue Charney at Faces Agency. Sue said she was friends with Bill Cosby and one day she brought us to the Cosby Show. After the show, Bill lined the models up against the wall to pick the one to whom he wanted to talk. He came over and spoke with me. I told him that I wanted to act and that's how our relationship began.

I saw Bill as a father figure. I began to go on Jell-O commercials with him and he placed me as an extra on The Cosby Show a couple of times. I met at his brownstone for acting lessons and I even met him at a jazz club in the Village where he had me dress to look like Lisa Bonet. He said that he wanted me to replace her on the Cosby Show.

Bill told me that if I was serious about being an actor I needed to go to college. He told me to go back to college in Buffalo. I took his advice and registered at Buffalo State College for theatre and dance. Bill would fly me back and forth between New York City and Buffalo. He waited almost 2 years before he tried anything on me because he knew that I was a virgin and raised as a Christian.

After starting College I was offered a co-host position for an NBC affiliate show called "Wedding Magazine." Bill called me and booked a flight for me to meet him in Chicago at the Ambassador East Hotel. He said he wanted to see if I

should be an anchor on television or continue with my acting career. He also said that he wanted me to audition for a role in the movie "Ghost Dad".

When I arrived, Bill was sitting down in his pajamas and smoking a cigar. He said, "Go have a seat at the table. I have dinner ready for you. You eat while I watch your television show "Wedding Magazine". My red flag went up! When I finished eating he said "Come over and sit next to me on the couch and have a drink." Bill had the drink in his hand ready for me. I told Bill that I wasn't a drinker and that it gave me a stomach ache. He kept insisting so I took a sip. I told him that I just couldn't drink it.

Bill then had me go over to another area of the room to sit down. He instructed me to read the newspaper like an anchor would. When I finished he said "Let's do an acting exercise." Bill told me to close my eyes and to use my imagination, then he tried to kiss me like a boyfriend would! I pushed him away and I said "What are you doing?!" Bill said "You told me that you loved me! I responded, "When you told me "I love you" on the phone. I meant I love you like a dad! He raised his voice and said "You owe me!" I said "I never asked you for anything!" He changed his tone and said "I'll give you the biggest orgasm you've ever had!" I didn't even know what that meant at the time. Bill then yelled "You're never going to make it in this business unless you sleep with me!" I responded "Shame on you Mr. Father Figure of America! Your kids are older than I am! You just messed with one of God's children and you're in big trouble mister! I want a flight out of here right now!"

Bill told me that there were no more flights leaving that night. I asked him where I was sleeping and he said "Here" as he was backing up through big open doors into his bedroom saying "This is your last chance if you want to make it in

this business you have to sleep with me." I told Bill that I was sleeping on the couch. The next morning as I was leaving the hotel room for my flight Bill said "Call me tomorrow." I said "Bill, I will never talk to or see you again!"

With Mr. Cosby I was one of the fortunate ones to escape. Now I am here to support all of his victims.

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