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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today I am here with 2 new accusers of singer Robert Sylvester Kelly (a.k.a. R. Kelly). They have decided to speak out today in order to encourage others who may have been victimized by him to come forward.

Latresa Scaff and Rochelle Washington allege they they were teenagers living in Baltimore, Maryland when in 1995 or 1996 they bought tickets to a concert and after party featuring R. Kelly and LL Cool J.

Little did they know that their decision to attend those events would leave them with a shocking memory of R. Kelly that they will never forget.

Latresa and Rochelle will describe in detail the sexual misconduct that they allege they suffered on the night in question as a result of meeting R. Kelly. They will also describe the impact that they allege that his inappropriate conduct has had on their lives.

Latresa and Rochelle are very courageous to have made the decision to speak out now about R. Kelly. For years they were embarrassed about what happened that night and they were not sure if they should blame themselves for what happened when they were teenagers.

Now that they are older and have become mothers, they understand that the person who was responsible is the alleged sexual predator, R. Kelly.

He used his fame and the assistance of some of those who worked for him to manipulate and victimize two star-struck teenagers who prior to the night in question would never have imagined that a celebrity whose music they loved would take advantage of them to selfishly satisfy his sexual desires.

Because I represent numerous alleged victims of R. Kelly I believe that what Latresa and Rochelle allege fits a pattern of conduct which has been alleged by numerous accusers.

That alleged pattern which lawyers call a “modus operandi”, involves singling out vulnerable and unsuspecting teenagers who attend his concerts and his parties, providing them access to alcohol and drugs and then using his fame and assistants to isolate them in a hotel room where he suddenly appears to engage in inappropriate and shocking sexual misconduct while his alleged victims are incapacitated and unable to provide any meaningful consent to his sexual advances.

While R. Kelly has rocketed to fame and fortune he has used his celebrity status to victimize countless young women who were afraid to speak out until now.

We applaud Latresa and Rochelle and the other accusers who have had the courage to come forward.

Latresa and Rochelle will be meeting today with law enforcement to provide them with information relative to their ongoing investigation of R. Kelly.

To R. Kelly I am sending this message. You have nowhere to run and nowhere to hide.

You have been able to get away with your predatory misconduct for far too long and to date the only ones who have paid the price of your misconduct have been the young women who allege that you have victimized them.

Now, all of that has changed. Your victims are now surrounding you and crying out for justice. They are willing to face their fear and are no longer willing to let you get away with what they allege you have inflicted on them.

It is time for you to face the consequences of what you have done in our system of justice.

There your celebrity will not assist you in flying away from accountability.

Your time has come to face the many women who have suffered in silence for so many years. They are no longer silent and their voices are being heard.

When Latresa and Rochelle meet with law enforcement they will not be afraid to tell their truth. We challenge R. Kelly to do the same. My clients are willing to testify under oath if asked to do so. We ask Mr. Kelly, are you willing to speak to investigators and tell what you say is your truth?

I am confident that the wheels of justice are turning, and I believe that it is only a matter of time before a jury will decide your fate.

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and numerous of victims of R. Kelly