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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today I met with representatives of the NFL in New York. This meeting took place because on September 26, 2014 I delivered a letter to NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell's office in New York informing him that I represent a young woman who alleged to police on September 20, 2014 that an NFL player had sexually assaulted her. I also stated that after the police contacted the player that it was my understanding that he appeared at the police station and was interviewed by the police. He was permitted by his NFL team to play the next day.

The NFL responded to my letter by stating that the only information that it had about this allegation against the player was that which was contained in my letter. The player's coach has stated that the player can continue to play unless he is arrested.

Last Friday, October 3, 2014 I disclosed in a letter to the NFL that a second sexual assault allegation was filed with the police in a different jurisdiction by another woman against the same player prior to my client's filing her police report.

Today the New York Daily News published details of what it stated was contained in a police report about the earlier allegations. Today in my meeting with the NFL representatives I had many questions concerning the NFL's Personal Conduct Policy and the enforcement of it when allegations of sexual violence against women are made to police. I asked for answers to my questions. Some of the questions that I raised included the following:

- The Dallas Cowboys representative has stated that an NFL player can play even after an allegation of rape is made to the police and that he can continue to play unless he is arrested. Is that the NFL policy and does it comply with the NFL Personal Conduct Policy or does it violate it?
- The NFL Personal Conduct Policy appears to require an evaluation of the player after sexual assault allegations are made to the police. Is the NFL requiring an evaluation of a player? Are they planning to do that or have they done that in this case?
- Is the NFL taking any action against C.J. Spillman and the Dallas Cowboys if they have failed to report these allegations

promptly to the NFL? If not, why not? If so what type of action are they planning to take?

- What is the purpose of the NFL's investigation?
- Who decides issues of credibility if there is conflicting evidence? Who and how will make the decision as to which witness to believe?
- Does the investigator make a recommendation to the NFL commissioner?
- What are the rules governing an investigation?
- If my client is interviewed who will see the notes of the interview?
- Will Mr. Spillman be interviewed or will only my client be interviewed?
- When did the NFL learn of my client's allegation against C.J. Spillman?

- When did they learn of the earlier allegation?
- Did CJ Spillman report the earlier allegation to the San Francisco 49er's?
- Did the 49ers know about the earlier allegation and fail to report it to the NFL?
- If the 49ers knew of the earlier allegation and failed to report it to the NFL what action now will be taken against them?

I will discuss the answers that I obtained from today's meeting with my client. The NFL would like to interview her. She will make a decision about that interview after we have had an opportunity to discuss the answers I received today. Our decision will be based on whether or not we believe the NFL can be fair to victims in its investigations and whether or not we believe that it takes seriously allegations of sexual violence against women.

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