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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today I'm here with my client "Effie." Effie is 24 years old and lives in Europe. She had a romantic and intimate relationship with Armie Hammer on and off between 2016 to 2020. They sent each other numerous texts and other electronic communications. In addition, they were together and intimate numerous times.

While many of their encounters were consensual, Effie was very upset to read that Mr. Hammer's lawyers stated about allegations from a number of women that, "All of his sexual activities outside of marriage were completely consensual in that they were fully discussed, agreed upon and mutually participatory."

Today Effie will respond to this statement by Armie Hammer's lawyers and to the issue of consent in her relationship with Mr. Hammer.

It is important to emphasize that even if a sexual partner agrees to certain sexual activity, she still has a right at any point to withdraw her consent. If she does withdraw her consent and asks her partner to stop for any reason, he is legally and morally obligated to stop. If he does not stop, he is then at risk of committing a crime against her.

In addition, a sexual partner needs to be aware of the nature and the scope of the consent that is given. Even if a partner consents to some sexual acts, that does not mean that there is consent to any and all sexual conduct with her. It should also not be interpreted as consent to sexual abuse or criminal violence against her.

Finally, we all should avoid victim shaming and victim blaming. Statements like “She asked for it” or “She deserved what happened to her,” or other myths or stereotypes about women who allege sexual relationships with rich, powerful and famous men must be avoided.

Often, famous men select vulnerable women, particularly some of their fans, to use and abuse. Celebrities often make that choice because they may feel that they can more easily use the power of their celebrity to seduce and manipulate fans who admire or idolize them. They may also count on the fear that many women have of speaking out against a celebrity. Sometimes celebrities also believe that nobody will believe the word of a woman who is not a celebrity over the denial of the celebrity.

Effie has been making very serious allegations against Mr. Hammer. It has been extremely traumatic and triggering for her to speak about what she alleges has happened to her.

Despite the emotional price that she has had to pay by speaking her truth, she has found the courage to discuss what she alleges has happened to her for two reasons.

First, she wants to warn other women who may come into contact with Mr. Hammer of possible risks in their relationship with him.

Second, Effie has been contacted by many others who allege that they have also been victimized by Mr. Hammer in the sexual relationship that they have had with him.

Many who have contacted Effie still have not found the support and courage to overcome their fear of him, and have therefore remained silent and out of public view. For that reason, Effie feels she must do what she can to continue to speak on this issue.

Effie does have evidence which she believes supports her serious allegations. She has provided her evidence to law enforcement and she

encourages others to also provide evidence to them if they believe that their evidence might assist in an investigation of Mr. Hammer.

We do think it is important that an investigation of these serious allegations is conducted. We look forward to learning if Mr. Hammer, rather than his representatives, will be willing to assist investigators in their search for the truth.

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