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Statement of Attorney Gloria Allred

Yesterday, Scott Peterson, who was found by a jury to be guilty of the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and the second-degree murder of his unborn son, Conner, was resentenced by the San Mateo Superior Court judge to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Scott Peterson had formerly been sentenced to death, but the California Supreme Court decided to overturn that sentence and send it back to the lower court for a new trial on the death penalty issue. The prosecutor in this case, after consulting with Laci's family, decided not to retry the death penalty phase. As a result, Scott Peterson was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Scott Peterson lived for a period of time with his sister, Anne Bird, while he was investigated by law enforcement after his pregnant wife, Laci, disappeared. Anne Bird later wrote a best-selling book which became #1 on the New York Times Best Sellers list about him called, "Blood Brother: 33 Reasons My Brother Scott Peterson Is Guilty."

I also represented Anne Bird during the trial. Anne was expected to be called by the prosecution as a rebuttal witness if the prosecution decided to rebut the defense. She did not testify, however, because the D.A. decided not to present a rebuttal to the defense.

Anne will read her reaction to the new sentence imposed on her brother yesterday. She watched the hearing as it was live streamed.

I also represented Amber Frey during the criminal trial against Scott Peterson, and I still represent her.

Amber met Scott Peterson and had a brief relationship with him. Scott told her that he was not married and that he had lost his wife (even before Laci went missing.) Amber contacted the police and law enforcement asked her to secretly tape her conversations with Scott. She agreed to tape him, and as a result, she became the key witness for the prosecution at the trial. She recorded him at great risk to herself, because had he learned that she was recording him, she and her young child might have been at great risk of harm from Scott Peterson. In fact, when Scott Peterson was ultimately arrested, law enforcement found in his car a map to Amber's workplace and various items including a knife and rope that could have been used to harm her.

Amber is a true hero, and she took many risks for justice in this case. As a result of her courage and the recordings that she made, and which were admitted into evidence, Scott Peterson was found guilty.

Amber asked me to read her reaction today to the resentencing of Scott Peterson yesterday.

She is not doing any interviews at this time. Part of the reason is that in February 2022, the San Mateo court will hold a hearing to determine if there was juror misconduct in the criminal case, and if so, if there should be a new trial on the guilt phase of the People v. Scott Peterson trial. If there is a new trial, Amber will testify for the prosecution again.

Amber is very brave to be willing to undergo testifying and cross examination after so many years. She is willing to do it, if necessary, because as Amber has said, "The truth is the truth," and she feels it is her duty to assist in the cause of justice if the prosecution asks her to testify.

I am honored to represent both Amber Frey and Anne Bird.

Our hearts go out to the family of Laci Peterson, and to Laci's mother, sister, and brother, who read their victim impact statements at the court resentencing yesterday.

Their anger, pain and grief at Scott's betrayal and murder of Laci and Conner were still evident and could be felt by everyone watching and listening to them. They honored Laci as they spoke their truth to Scott and helped him and the world to understand how the loss of Laci and Conner still impacts them and their families. I hope that their words and what Scott Peterson did to Laci and Conner will haunt him every day for the rest of his life.

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