

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	<u>19-CR-4488(3)-JLS</u>
PLAINTIFF,)	
)	
VS.)	SAN DIEGO, CA
)	JUNE 14, 2021
(3) RUBEN ANDRE GARCIA,)	9:00 A.M.
DEFENDANT.)	

TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING PROCEEDINGS
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1 (IN CHAMBERS)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: NUMBER ONE ON THE CALENDAR,
3 19-CR-4488, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. RUBEN ANDRE GARCIA,
4 FOR STATUS.

5 MR. GREEN: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. JOSEPH GREEN
6 AND SASHA FOSTER FOR THE UNITED STATES.

7 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

8 MR. RONIS: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. JAN RONIS
9 APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

11 WE'RE IN CHAMBERS ON THE RECORD TO DISCUSS WHAT HAS
12 BEEN CALLED TO MY ATTENTION THIS MORNING, AND THAT'S A NUMBER
13 OF PEOPLE CONTINUALLY JOINING THE ZOOM LINK. NOW, WE HAVE
14 SOME PEOPLE, SOME VICTIMS, WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE COURT IN
15 PERSON. I'VE RECEIVED THE REVISED LIST FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
16 WE HAVE AN EVER-SHORTENING LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE ON
17 THE ZOOM LINK. MR. RAMOS TELLS ME THERE'S SIX AS OF RIGHT
18 NOW. MR. RAMOS TELLS ME THERE ARE 30 OR MORE PEOPLE THAT ARE
19 ON THE ZOOM LINK.

20 NOW, THIS ZOOM LINK NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHARED
21 BEYOND THE VICTIMS. THERE'S NO WAY THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
22 FORWARDED. THESE VICTIMS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT BEING
23 PRESENT, DOING WHATEVER THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS MORNING, AND
24 SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ANYBODY BEING ON THE LINK OTHER THAN
25 THE SIX PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ADDRESS THE COURT, ASSUMING THEY'RE

1 EVEN THERE THIS MORNING.

2 SO I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS AND TELL YOU THAT THERE
3 ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS WE COULD DO. WE CAN DISCONNECT
4 EVERYBODY WHO ISN'T ONE OF THE SIX. WE COULD DISCONNECT
5 EVERYBODY AND START WITH A ZOOM LINK. I THINK THE FORMER IS
6 THE QUICKER WAY TO GO BASED ON WHAT ALEX AND MY TECH PEOPLE
7 ARE TELLING ME. BUT I WANTED TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU BECAUSE,
8 WHEN YOU GO ON ZOOM, YOU DON'T KNOW WHO'S RECORDING, WHO'S
9 DOING WHAT, AND IT SHOULD BE ONLY THE VICTIMS.

10 NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNMENT SAID WHEN WE
11 GAVE YOU THE ZOOM LINK, WHAT INSTRUCTIONS YOU GAVE YOUR
12 VICTIMS, BUT IT'S NOT A SUPPORT PERSON TO HAVE SOMEBODY
13 SITTING ON ZOOM ACROSS TOWN OR ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND SAYING,
14 THAT'S MY SUPPORT PERSON, I SHOULD HAVE THEM. THAT SUPPORT
15 PERSON CAN BE WITH THEM IF THEY NEED THEM, BUT WHEN I START
16 HAVING 30 OR MORE PEOPLE AND ALEX SAYS THEY'RE STILL ROLLING
17 IN, THAT'S CONCERNING TO THE COURT. SO I WANT TO HEAR FROM
18 BOTH SIDES.

19 MR. GREEN: YES. WELL, THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

20 WE -- I GUESS TO START, WHEN WE GOT THE ZOOM LINK, WE
21 SHARED IT ONLY WITH VICTIMS OR THEIR COUNSEL. WE HAVEN'T JUST
22 SHARED IT, LIKE, PUBLICLY OR --

23 THE COURT: BUT -- NO, I KNOW YOU DIDN'T, BUT YOU DID
24 TELL THEM THIS ISN'T TO BE SHARED, THIS IS FOR YOUR USE AND
25 YOUR USE ONLY.

1 MR. GREEN: NOT IN THOSE SPECIFIC TERMS, BUT IT WAS
2 PROVIDED FOR THEM, JUST FOR THE VICTIMS' USE. I DON'T KNOW
3 WHO'S ON THERE, SO I CAN'T SPEAK TO IT. THE VICTIMS -- AND WE
4 CERTAINLY SHARE THE COURT'S CONCERN ABOUT THEIR PRIVACY AND TO
5 TRY TO PROTECT THEM, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU WE'VE ONLY DONE THAT
6 AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. SO I APOLOGIZE SINCERELY TO YOU,
7 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS, TO TRY TO
8 PROTECT THEM. I BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME VICTIMS WHO WANTED TO
9 APPEAR BY ZOOM, BUT THEN EVENTUALLY GOT COLD FEET. SO IT'S
10 POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THEM ARE LOGGED ON JUST TO WATCH BECAUSE
11 THEY'RE INTERESTED IN SEEING IT, AND THERE MAY BE FRIENDS AND
12 FAMILY, BUT I CAN'T TELL THE COURT --

13 THE COURT: BUT THIS --

14 MR. GREEN: -- EXACTLY WHO.

15 THE COURT: DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE COURT'S CONCERN
16 ABOUT HAVING THIS RECORDED AND WHO'S WATCHING?

17 MR. GREEN: I DO.

18 THE COURT: THIS COURTROOM IS OPEN. IT'S OPEN TO
19 EVERYBODY WITH THE APPROPRIATE MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.
20 THE COURTROOM NEXT-DOOR IS AVAILABLE WITH A LIVE FEED, SO
21 THERE'S NO NEED FOR PEOPLE TO BE DOING THIS EXCEPT IF THEY
22 WANTED TO ADDRESS THE COURT. OKAY. I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT.
23 I UNDERSTAND YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD, BUT THIS SITUATION
24 HAS OCCURRED, AND I'M CONCERNED.

25 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WE DO HAVE A PARALEGAL WHO'S

1 IN REAL-TIME CONTACT WITH THE VICTIMS.

2 MS. FOSTER: WITH THE SIX.

3 MR. GREEN: PARDON ME. THEY PLAN TO SPEAK BY ZOOM,
4 AND I WANT TO BE CANDID. EVEN AT THIS POINT, THEY'RE STILL
5 NERVOUS ABOUT SPEAKING, BUT THEIR PARALEGAL COULD GIVE THEM
6 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO
7 RESOLVE THIS. THEY COULD CALL IN DIRECTLY TO ALEX AND PROVIDE
8 THEIR STATEMENTS.

9 THE COURT: AND JUST DISCONNECT THE ZOOM ALTOGETHER?

10 MR. GREEN: YES, WE CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WISH, YOUR
11 HONOR, AND AGAIN I WOULD JUST REITERATE THAT WE WERE ONLY
12 TRYING TO PROTECT EVERYBODY.

13 THE COURT: NO, I UNDERSTAND, I UNDERSTAND, AND I
14 TOTALLY SUPPORT THAT. I JUST THINK -- I GOT CONCERNED WHEN I
15 SAW SO MANY MORE ON THE ZOOM THAN WERE AUTHORIZED. SO WE
16 COULD CUT OFF ZOOM ALTOGETHER AND HAVE THEM CALL IN. OKAY.

17 MR. RONIS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ALL THIS?

18 MR. RONIS: YOU KNOW, COMING FROM A BACKGROUND IN
19 STATE COURT AS WELL, IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF WE'VE HAD,
20 YOU KNOW, VIRTUAL APPEARANCES WITH THE PUBLIC LINK OPEN TO THE
21 WORLD, AND I UNDERSTAND THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS CASE AND THE
22 FEDERAL RULES ARE DIFFERENT, BUT I'LL SUBMIT. I THINK YOUR
23 HONOR'S RECOMMENDATION JUST TO ALLOW THE SIX THAT HAVE
24 EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO TESTIFY VIRTUALLY, REMOTELY, IS PROBABLY
25 THE BEST WAY TO GO.

1 THE COURT: JUST TO LEAVE THEM ON A ZOOM LINK?

2 MR. RONIS: YES.

3 THE COURT: BUT GET EVERYBODY ELSE OFF?

4 MR. RONIS: RIGHT. I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST
5 WAY.

6 THE COURT: OKAY.

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: I THINK WE CAN ESTABLISH A NEW
8 VIDEO, A ZOOM LINK, TO DO THAT, AND IT WOULD ALSO GO TO 4C.
9 IT WOULD FEED INTO 4C.

10 THE TECHNICIAN: YES.

11 THE DEPUTY CLERK: WE'LL GIVE THE INFORMATION TO YOUR
12 PARALEGAL, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY'RE IN CONTACT. I THINK
13 THAT'S THE FASTEST WAY TO DO THAT.

14 THE COURT: SET UP A LINK FOR ONLY THESE SIX?

15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: YES.

16 THE COURT: AND TELL THESE SIX THIS ISN'T FOR
17 DISSEMINATION.

18 MS. FOSTER: UNDERSTOOD.

19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: YES. THAT'S THE BEST WAY.

20 THE COURT: AND, MR. RONIS, I GREW UP ON STATE COURT.

21 MR. RONIS: OF COURSE. I KNOW THAT.

22 THE COURT: I PUT CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM AND ALL OF
23 THAT, BUT THIS CASE IS DIFFERENT.

24 MR. RONIS: OF COURSE. NO, I UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT
25 SAYING IT'S A PROBLEM. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH A YEAR AND A

1 HALF OF, BASICALLY, PROCEEDINGS OVER THERE, ALL OF WHICH ARE
2 OPEN TO A PUBLIC LINK, AND I UNDERSTAND. I NEVER ANTICIPATED
3 THIS.

4 THE COURT: YES. AND IF THIS WERE A PHONE LINE FOR
5 THE PUBLIC TO LISTEN, THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT, TOO, AND WE'VE
6 DONE THAT ON SOME CASES. BUT IN THIS CASE THEY WANTED TO
7 ADDRESS THE COURT IN THIS FASHION, SO THAT'S FINE.

8 SO THIS MAY TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SET UP, RIGHT?

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: HE'S GOING TO WORK ON IT NOW. SO,
10 RIGHT NOW, IT'S 9:16, JUDGE. MAYBE ABOUT TEN TO 15 MINUTES.

11 MS. FOSTER: YOUR HONOR, ONE OF THE WAYS WE COULD
12 HANDLE THIS MATTER IS, AS THE COURT KNOWS AND ALEX KNOWS,
13 THERE ARE VICTIMS WHO ARE PREPARED TO SPEAK. WE COULD HANDLE
14 THE WOMEN WHO ARE PREPARED TO SPEAK AND ASK THE PARALEGAL TO
15 WORK WITH YOUR TECH FOLKS TO ENSURE THAT THE SIX ZOOM PEOPLE
16 ARE READY TO GO.

17 THE COURT: THEY WANT TO HEAR ALL THE PROCEEDINGS,
18 THOUGH. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO.

19 MR. GREEN: YES, THAT WAS THE IDEA, BUT WE WANT TO
20 TRY TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE COURT'S TIME HERE, TOO. IT MAY
21 TAKE THE PARALEGAL A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO RUN BACK TO THE
22 OFFICE AND EMAIL A NEW LINK TO THE VICTIMS NOW.

23 THE COURT: I'M READY TO GO, AND I WAS READY TO GO AT
24 NINE O'CLOCK, SO, BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE A LONGER MORNING
25 AHEAD OF US ON THIS MATTER, BUT I ALSO -- IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO

1 BE PRESENT FOR THE PROCEEDINGS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.

2 MR. GREEN: ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE TO ASK THE
3 PARALEGAL TO HAVE THE, THESE SIX INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFY
4 THEMSELVES ALSO, AND THEN EVERYBODY ELSE COULD BE KNOCKED OUT.

5 MS. FOSTER: SHE HAS THEIR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THEIR
6 PHONE NUMBERS. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S USEFUL TO YOU FOR ZOOM
7 CONNECTIONS, AND, OBVIOUSLY, WE COULD PROVIDE THAT TO MR.
8 RAMOS.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: HE'S WORKING ON THE NEW LINK RIGHT
10 NOW, AND THERE'S, LIKE, 30 LISTED AS JANE DOE, JANE DOE NUMBER
11 TWO. IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO GO THROUGH THAT, AND I DON'T
12 WANT TO SAY THE PERSON'S LAST NAME ON THE ZOOM.

13 MR. GREEN: THEY'RE PREPARED TO RESPOND BY VICTIM A,
14 B, C, D, E, AND F, BECAUSE WE HAD THEM ALL STATIONED WITH THE
15 PARALEGAL TO SAY, VICTIM A ON ZOOM, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF,
16 AND B, C, D.

17 THE DEPUTY CLERK: WELL, WE COULD TALK. RIGHT NOW,
18 OUR I.T. GUY'S WORKING ON IT. HE'S CREATING A NEW VIDEO LINK
19 RIGHT NOW. HE'S WORKING ON IT NOW, SO WE'LL JUST GO ON THAT.

20 MR. GREEN: OKAY.

21 THE COURT: AND WE'LL START AS SOON AS THAT'S SET UP.

22 MR. GREEN: OKAY.

23 MS. FOSTER: UNDERSTOOD.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WE'RE SORRY, AND THANK YOU.

1 THE COURT: NO, IT WAS A COMBINATION OF THINGS.

2 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU.

3 THE COURT: YOU'RE WELCOME.

4 (RECESS)

5 (IN COURT)

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9 MR. GREEN: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. JOSEPH GREEN
10 AND SASHA FOSTER ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES.

11 THE COURT: OKAY. AND WITH YOU AT COUNSEL TABLE?

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, THIS IS CATHERINE JORDANO
13 [PHONETIC]. SHE'S A PARALEGAL IN OUR OFFICE WHO IS ASSISTING
14 US TODAY.

15 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

16 MR. RONIS: AND GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. JAN RONIS
17 APPEARING ON BEHALF OF MR. GARCIA, AND I'M ASSISTED BY
18 [INAUDIBLE] OF MY OFFICE AS WELL.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY WELL. THANK YOU.

20 THIS IS THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED THIS MORNING.
21 I'M GOING TO HEAR FROM THE DEFENSE AND THE DEFENDANT AND
22 ANYBODY THEY WISH TO PRESENT AND ADDRESS THE COURT. THEN I'LL
23 GO TO THE GOVERNMENT, HEAR FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND ANYBODY WHO
24 WISHES TO ADDRESS THE COURT ON THEIR SIDE, NAMELY, THE VICTIMS
25 WHO WILL COME. THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM PROBATION AND ANYTHING

1 PROBATION WANTS TO ADD.

2 MR. RONIS, IF YOU WANT FINAL COMMENT, I WILL GIVE YOU
3 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, AND THEN IT WILL BE THE COURT'S
4 TURN TO TELL EVERYBODY MY VIEW OF THINGS AND IMPOSE SENTENCE.

5 I'D LIKE TO INDICATE WHAT THE COURT HAS READ AND
6 REVIEWED FOR PURPOSES OF THE SENTENCING THIS MORNING. I HAVE
7 THE PRESENTENCE REPORT, AND I HAVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE
8 PRESENTENCE REPORT. I HAVE DEFENDANT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM,
9 WHICH HAS MANY LETTERS ATTACHED FROM FAMILY MEMBERS, MOTHER,
10 FATHER, SISTERS, STEPDAD, PASTORS, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND
11 LONGTIME FAMILY FRIENDS. IT'S GOT CERTIFICATES ATTACHED OF
12 COMPLETION AND ACHIEVEMENT. I'VE ALSO RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTAL
13 SENTENCING DOCUMENTS, ADDITIONAL LETTERS ON BEHALF AND IN
14 SUPPORT OF MR. GARCIA. I HAVE THE GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING
15 SUMMARY CHART, THE GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM. I HAVE
16 THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION, AND I HAVE A PACKET OF VICTIM IMPACT
17 STATEMENTS, AND I'VE BEEN RECEIVING THOSE THROUGHOUT LAST WEEK
18 AND AS RECENTLY AS THIS MORNING AS THEY COME IN, ALL OF WHICH
19 I HAVE READ AND CONSIDERED. I HAVE THE UNDERLYING PLEA
20 AGREEMENT IN THIS CASE.

21 SO LET ME ASK, MR. RONIS, MR. GREEN, MISS FOSTER, IS
22 THAT EVERYTHING THAT THE COURT SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AND READ?

23 MR. RONIS: CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

24 MR. GREEN: TO MY KNOWLEDGE, YES, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY WELL.

1 SO, WITH THAT, MR. RONIS, YOU MAY PROCEED, SIR, AND
2 TELL THE COURT WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

3 MR. RONIS: VERY WELL. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

4 MAY I APPROACH THE PODIUM?

5 THE COURT: YES, OF COURSE. YOU MAY BOTH USE THE
6 PODIUM.

7 MR. RONIS: YOUR HONOR, ON BEHALF OF MR. GARCIA THIS
8 MORNING, HIS MOTHER, SANDRA, AND HIS SISTER, ALISSON, AS WELL
9 AS FAMILY FRIENDS ARE PRESENT IN COURT AS WELL.

10 THE COURT: SHOW ME.

11 OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 MR. RONIS: YOUR HONOR, AS YOU OBSERVED, THEY
13 SUBMITTED LETTERS ON HIS BEHALF.

14 THE COURT: THEY HAVE.

15 MR. RONIS: YOUR HONOR, THIS OBVIOUSLY IS A VERY
16 DIFFICULT CASE. IT'S A DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT FOR A CASE LIKE
17 THIS. OBVIOUSLY, I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOUR HONOR BECAUSE
18 THESE ARE VERY SENSITIVE ISSUES, AND I HAVE SUBMITTED, I
19 THINK, AN EXTENSIVE SENTENCING MEMORANDUM ON MR. GARCIA'S
20 BEHALF, THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT. AND, QUITE FRANKLY, MR.
21 GARCIA IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 31, 32 YEARS OF AGE, BUT AT THE
22 TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THESE OFFENSES, HE WAS A YOUNG MAN.
23 MANY OF THE VICTIMS, AND IN FACT ALL THE VICTIMS IN THIS CASE
24 WERE VERY YOUTHFUL AT THE TIME AS WELL, AND CERTAINLY WHEN
25 PEOPLE ARE YOUNG, THEY MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES.

1 MR. GARCIA CERTAINLY IS NO EXCEPTION TO THAT, AND
2 THERE ARE A LOT OF MOVING PARTS IN THIS CASE, AND I KNOW --
3 I'M NOT TRYING TO SHIFT ANY BLAME OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE,
4 BUT AS I MENTIONED, PEOPLE REALLY DO MAKE MISTAKES, AND
5 SOMETIMES THEY LAST A LIFETIME, AND IN THIS CASE IT WILL LAST
6 A LIFETIME WITH RESPECT TO ALL THESE VICTIMS, ALL OF WHOM I
7 SYMPATHIZE WITH. IT'S PAINFUL, READING THEIR STORIES, A LOT
8 OF MOVING PARTS, AND MR. GARCIA WAS CERTAINLY CAUGHT UP IN AN
9 INDUSTRY WHICH IS A LIFE DESTROYER AT EVERY LEVEL. I'M NOT
10 SUGGESTING HE WAS A VICTIM, BUT AS A YOUNG MAN WITHOUT THE
11 BEST OF JUDGMENT, AND CERTAINLY THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT, HE
12 WAS -- HE SOMEHOW ENTERED INTO AN INDUSTRY THAT GOBBLES PEOPLE
13 UP. IT CERTAINLY GOBBLED UP MR. GARCIA, AND IT CERTAINLY
14 CHANGED ALL THE VALUES, AND VERY GOOD VALUES, THAT WERE
15 INSTILLED IN HIM BY HIS PARENTS, AS I THINK IS EVIDENCED FROM
16 THE LETTERS, PARTICULARLY THE LETTERS FROM HIS MOTHER AND
17 FATHER.

18 HE WAS A VERY NICE, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN. HE WAS
19 INVOLVED IN SPORTS. AS YOUR HONOR KNOWS, IN HIGH SCHOOL HE
20 WAS THOUGHT OF SO HIGHLY. HE WAS HELPFUL TO HIS PARENTS. HE
21 DID EVERYTHING THAT A DUTIFUL, LOYAL SON DEDICATED TO PARENTS
22 COULD BE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE PARENTS RESIDED IN
23 SEPARATE HOMES, AND HE BOUNCED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO
24 HOMES, BOTH OF WHICH WERE VERY LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE. THIS IS
25 AN ABSOLUTE SHOCK TO HIS FAMILY, BECAUSE IT WAS ABSOLUTELY

1 UNCHARACTERISTIC OF ANYTHING THAT HE EVER STOOD FOR IN HIS
2 ENTIRE LIE, AND THAT'S CERTAINLY REFLECTED IN THE LETTERS FROM
3 FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES, FROM PASTORS FROM HIS CHURCH, AND NOBODY
4 COULD HAVE EVER PREDICTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE GONE SO WRONG.

5 HE CERTAINLY IS -- HE'S PREPARED TO MAKE A STATEMENT
6 TODAY. HE'S HAD A LONG TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS.
7 UNFORTUNATELY, HE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT EARLIER. BUT
8 AS I MENTIONED, PEOPLE, WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG, MAKE HORRIBLE
9 MISTAKES.

10 THE INDUSTRY IS ONE THAT CERTAINLY IS ABOUT AS
11 DISRESPECTFUL AS ANYBODY CAN IMAGINE, AND, UNFORTUNATELY,
12 THESE YOUNG WOMEN AT A VERY VULNERABLE TIME IN THEIR LIFE
13 WHEN, I GUESS IT COULD BE ARGUED, YOUTHFUL BRAINS AREN'T FULLY
14 DEVELOPED MAKE TERRIBLE DECISIONS, AS DID MR. GARCIA.
15 CERTAINLY, THE DECISIONS, I THINK, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT THEY
16 MADE WILL AFFECT THEIR LIVES IN WAYS THAT WON'T AFFECT MR.
17 GARCIA'S, BUT HIS LIFE IS AFFECTED AS WELL. HE'S A YOUNG MAN
18 WITH PROMISE, WITH EDUCATION, WITH FAMILY SUPPORT, AND WITH
19 GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.

20 AND SO I WOULD URGE -- I'VE CERTAINLY MADE,
21 CERTAINLY, CERTAIN SENTENCING RECOMMENDATIONS, AS HAS THE
22 GOVERNMENT. I JUST ASK THAT YOUR HONOR BE FAIR AND JUST AND
23 TAKE ALL THOSE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION IN ARRIVING AT A
24 SENTENCE WHICH IS FAIR AND JUST UNDER ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
25 I KNOW IT'S A DIFFICULT ONE, AND SO I JUST SUBMIT ON THOSE

1 COMMENTS.

2 I KNOW MR. GARCIA HAS COMMENTS AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW
3 WHAT MORE I CAN SAY, AND I DO RECALL HAVING BEEN TAUGHT IN A
4 LITERATURE CLASS MANY YEARS AGO THAT GOOD THOUGHTS ARE NOT
5 MADE NECESSARILY BY THE ABUNDANCE OF WORDS, BUT BY THE
6 THOUGHTS THEMSELVES, AND I PLACED THOSE THOUGHTS IN MY
7 SENTENCING MEMORANDUM. I REAFFIRM THOSE THOUGHTS TODAY, AND I
8 THINK, CERTAINLY, I'M CONFIDENT MR. GARCIA IS WORTHY OF THIS
9 CONSIDERATION AND WORTHY OF A SENTENCE LESS THAN OTHERWISE
10 WOULD BE PROVIDED BY LAW, WITH THE FULL CONFIDENCE AND
11 KNOWLEDGE THAT GOING FORWARD MR. GARCIA WILL NOT DISAPPOINT
12 YOUR HONOR, HIS FAMILY, AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED HIM
13 AND CONTINUE TO LOVE HIM AND WILL CONTINUE TO LOVE HIM IN
14 SPIITE OF THE TERRIBLE CHARGES TO WHICH HE'S PLED GUILTY.

15 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. RONIS. I
16 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, SIR,

17 MR. GARCIA --

18 MR. GARCIA: YES, MA'AM.

19 THE COURT: -- YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NOW, SIR, IF
20 YOU WOULD LIKE TO, TO ADDRESS THE COURT AND TELL THE COURT
21 ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BEFORE SENTENCE IS IMPOSED, SIR.

22 MR. GARCIA: YES, MA'AM. HERE?

23 THE COURT: IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE THERE, THAT'S FINE.
24 PULL THE MICROPHONE A LITTLE BIT CLOSER SO I CAN HEAR YOU
25 BETTER.

1 MR. GARCIA: IS THAT BETTER?

2 THE COURT: YES, IT IS. THANK YOU.

3 MR. GARCIA: YOUR HONOR, I WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY
4 APOLOGIZE TO YOU AS AN AUTHORITY FIGURE, AS A PERSON, AS A
5 WOMAN. I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR
6 FAMILIES FOR THE DAMAGE AND SUFFERING THAT I'VE CAUSED. I WAS
7 DECEITFUL AND DEFRAUDFUL. I WAS SELFISH, SINFUL, IMMATURE. I
8 ACTED CALLOUSLY, ONLY BEING CONCERNED WITH MYSELF REGARDLESS
9 OF WHOSE LIVES I AFFECTED. IT WAS A VERY DARK TIME IN MY
10 LIFE. IF I COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE THINGS, I WOULD.

11 I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY
12 FOR BETRAYING THEIR TRUST AND BRINGING DISTURBING, UNWANTED
13 NEWS TO THEM, TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, FOR THE SHAME,
14 SUFFERING, AND STRESS THAT I HAVE CAUSED THEM. LOSING
15 EVERYTHING AND INCARCERATION HAS DEEPLY HUMBLLED ME AND OPENED
16 MY EYES. NOW, I KNOW THE DECISIONS I MADE AFFECTED MORE
17 PEOPLE THAN I THOUGHT. I REGAINED THE VALUES THAT THOSE
18 PEOPLE IN THIS BUSINESS MADE ME LOSE, MY INTEGRITY, MY
19 RESPECT, MY HONOR, AND MY HONESTY. I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY, I
20 ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS.

21 IN CLOSING, YOUR HONOR, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU
22 THAT I'VE MADE A PROMISE TO MYSELF, TO MY FAMILY, TO CHRIST,
23 THAT I WILL FINISH SCHOOL AND OBTAIN MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
24 SPORTS PERFORMANCE. I'M CONTINUALLY DOING THAT AS WE SPEAK.
25 I WOULD LIKE TO USE MY STORY TO HELP OTHERS AND CHANGE THEIR

1 WAY AND TO BE INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY AS ONE OF ITS MEMBERS.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. GARCIA. THE COURT
3 APPRECIATES YOUR COMMENTS, SIR.

4 MR. GREEN, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, SIR.

5 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

6 YOUR HONOR, THE UNITED STATES IS RECOMMENDING A
7 SENTENCE OF 151 MONTHS. I'M GOING TO KEEP MY REMARKS SHORT
8 TODAY, BUT I THINK THAT IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THIS WAS
9 AN ABSOLUTELY CRUEL AND CALLOUS SCHEME THAT MR. GARCIA
10 PARTICIPATED IN. IN ALL THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN A PROSECUTOR,
11 I THINK THERE ARE VERY FEW CASES THAT COMPARE IN TERMS OF THE
12 TOLL THIS DEFENDANT INFLICTED ON OTHER, YOU KNOW, VICTIMS IN
13 THIS CASE. THE SCHEME CONTINUED FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER
14 YEAR, AND EVEN AFTER THE VICTIMS PLEADED WITH MR. GARCIA AND
15 THE OTHERS TO STOP AND ALERTED THEM TO THE TERRIBLE TOLL THAT
16 THEY WERE CAUSING, THEY SIMPLY JUST TURNED AND MOVED TO THE
17 NEXT VICTIM.

18 WE BELIEVE THAT A SENTENCE OF 151 MONTHS IS THE BARE
19 MINIMUM THAT WILL SATISFY THE SENTENCING GOALS. IT'S A
20 TERRIBLE CRIME, AND THE PUNISHMENT MUST NOT ONLY FIT THE CRIME
21 THAT WAS COMMITTED, BUT ALSO DETER ANYONE WHO MIGHT THINK TO
22 RUN A SIMILAR SCHEME LIKE THIS AGAIN. OUR SENTENCING
23 RECOMMENDATION, THEN, YOUR HONOR, IS 51 MONTHS.

24 WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF --

25 THE COURT: 151.

1 MR. GREEN: 151. ONE-FIFTY-ONE.

2 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF VICTIMS THAT WOULD LIKE TO
3 ADDRESS THE COURT, AND, CANDIDLY, I THINK THEY CAN BEST SPEAK
4 TO THE HARM THAT WAS CAUSED HERE AND GIVE THE COURT THE MOST
5 INSIGHT ABOUT WHAT THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE WOULD BE. SO,
6 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE
7 TO GIVE THE VICTIMS A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE COURT.

8 THE COURT: CERTAINLY. YOU'RE PREPARED TO KIND OF
9 ORCHESTRATE THAT AND CALL THEM FORWARD?

10 MR. GREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: CERTAINLY. GO AHEAD.

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD LIKE TO START WITH
13 THE VICTIMS WHO ARE HERE IN PERSON TODAY, AND I'D LIKE TO CALL
14 EACH ONE UP ONE AT A TIME. WE'LL JUST BE REFERRING TO THEM BY
15 THE ALPHABET DUAL LETTER THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THEIR SLOT.

16 YOUR HONOR, IS THE COURT WILLING TO ALLOW THEM TO
17 TAKE OFF THEIR MASKS WHILE THEY SPEAK?

18 THE COURT: IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO LOWER THEIR MASKS,
19 THEY CERTAINLY MAY.

20 MR. GREEN: OKAY. AND I KNOW THE COURT PREVIOUSLY
21 INDICATED THAT IF THEY HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND THAT
22 THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH THEM --

23 THE COURT: IF THEY NEED SOMEBODY TO COME UP WITH
24 THEM, THAT'S FINE, TOO.

25 MR. GREEN: OKAY.

1 THE COURT: THERE'S NO OBJECTION, IS THERE, MR.
2 RONIS?

3 MR. RONIS: NO. NO, YOUR HONOR.

4 THE COURT: OKAY.

5 MR. GREEN: ALL RIGHT.

6 THE COURT: CERTAINLY. IF THEY WANT A SUPPORT PERSON
7 TO COME WITH THEM, OF COURSE.

8 MR. GREEN: OKAY. ALL RIGHT, YOUR HONOR. THEN AT
9 THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH VICTIM A.

10 MR. HOLM: YOUR HONOR, FOR THE RECORD, BRIAN HOLM.

11 THE COURT: I'M SORRY?

12 MR. HOLMES: BRIAN HOLM.

13 THE COURT: OKAY. JUST GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE MIKE.

14 MR. HOLMES: BRIAN HOLM.

15 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

16 VICTIM A: THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE
17 TODAY, YOUR HONOR, AND ALLOWING ME TO TRY AND EXPRESS THE
18 IMPACT THIS EVENT HAS HAD ON MY LIFE.

19 FOR SEVEN YEARS, I SUFFERED IN SILENCE.

20 THE COURT: OKAY, MA'AM, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO --
21 MAYBE YOU NEED TO LOWER YOUR MASK OR SPEAK A LITTLE BIT CLOSER
22 TO THE MICROPHONE SO I CAN HEAR YOU BETTER, MA'AM.

23 VICTIM A: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW, MA'AM? YOUR HONOR,
24 CAN YOU HEAR ME?

25 THE COURT: YES.

1 VICTIM A: FOR SEVEN YEARS, I SUFFERED IN SILENCE.
2 BECAUSE OF ANDRE GARCIA, I'M NOW A VERY CLOSED PERSON. I
3 STRUGGLE WITH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL INTIMACY, ALWAYS FEARFUL
4 THAT OPENING MYSELF UP COULD MAKE ME VULNERABLE TO BEING
5 DAMAGED AGAIN. I WASN'T ALWAYS THIS WAY. I WAS RAISED BY A
6 SINGLE PARENT IN A SMALL TOWN. MY MOTHER, A SINGLE MOTHER OF
7 THREE, INSTILLED IN ME THE BELIEF THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
8 WITH HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO
9 EDUCATION. SHE WOULD SAY, *MIJA, LA RESPONSABILIDAD DE TU VIDA*
10 *ES TUYA*. MY DAUGHTER, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR LIFE IS
11 YOURS. AND I KNEW FROM EARLY ON THAT (1) EDUCATION WAS THE
12 ROAD TO SUCCESS, AND (2) IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND MY
13 OWN EDUCATION.

14 WHEN I WAS A KID, I WORKED HARD AT ODD JOBS TO SAVE
15 UP AND Poured MYSELF INTO MY STUDIES TO EARN SCHOLARSHIPS. I
16 GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS AND BEGAN TAKING COLLEGE
17 CLASSES AT 16. BY 19, I MOVED TO A UNIVERSITY TOWN AND
18 MAINTAINED A 3.8 GPA THROUGH GRADUATION. MORE THAN ANYTHING,
19 I WANTED TO WORK AS A COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENTIST AND PROVIDE
20 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE SMALL BUT GROWING LATINO
21 POPULATION IN MY COMMUNITY. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT I
22 CROSSED PATHS WITH GARCIA, AND MY ENTIRE LIFE WAS CHANGED.

23 YOUR HONOR, MAY I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

24 THE COURT: YES.

25 VICTIM A: GARCIA, YOU TRICKED ME INTO BELIEVING I

1 WAS BOARDING A PLANE TO SAN DIEGO TO DO A PLAYBOY-STYLE
2 PHOTOSHOOT BECAUSE YOU KNEW I WOULD NEVER AGREE TO GET ON A
3 PLANE IF I ACTUALLY KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN BEHIND THOSE HOTEL
4 ROOM DOORS. MY SHELTERED UPBRINGING MADE ME EXTREMELY NAIVE
5 AND VULNERABLE. I HAD NEVER BEEN TO SAN DIEGO. I HAD NEVER
6 EVEN TAKEN A TAXI AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT UBER OR LYFT WAS.
7 I WAS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF VICTIM YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.

8 YOU TOLD ME YOU WOULD TAKE ME TO THE BEACH AND I
9 WOULD GET TO MEET THE OTHER MODELS. I BELIEVED YOU AND I WAS
10 SO EXCITED, AND INSTEAD YOU TOOK ME TO A GAS STATION, TWO
11 DIFFERENT HOTELS, AND FINALLY TO YOUR APARTMENT. WHEN I
12 REACHED THE SECOND HOTEL, THE VEIL OF IT BEING A PHOTOSHOOT
13 WAS DROPPED. YOU TOLD ME I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY YOU BACK
14 FOR THE FLIGHTS AND THE FIRST HOTEL ROOM IF I DIDN'T AGREE TO
15 WHAT YOU AND PRATT WANTED. I DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO
16 REIMBURSE WHAT WAS SPENT ON THE HOTEL OR FLIGHTS. YOU HAD ME
17 IN YOUR TRAP. I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO AGREE.

18 YOU ACTED AS IF YOU LIKED ME, YET YOU DIDN'T SAY A
19 THING WHEN PRATT THREATENED ME IF I DIDN'T GIVE UP MY SOCIAL
20 SECURITY NUMBER. YOU WERE SILENT WHEN PRATT TOLD A STORY
21 ABOUT HOW HE KICKED ANOTHER GIRL OUT ON THE STREETS WHEN SHE
22 DIDN'T ACT LIKE SHE WAS INTO IT ENOUGH, AN OBVIOUS THREAT TO
23 ME THAT I, TOO, WOULD BE KICKED OUT ON THE STREET IF I DID NOT
24 OBEY. WHEN I TOLD YOU I WAS SCARED, YOU TOLD ME YOU WOULDN'T
25 HURT ME. WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE HURTING ME, YOU

1 APOLOGIZED BUT NEVER STOPPED. WHEN PRATT FORCED ME TO DO
2 THINGS WITH A BEER BOTTLE AND I LOOKED TO YOU FOR HELP, YOU
3 COULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT ME. YOU STARED AT THE WALL, TWISTING A
4 SODA BOTTLE IN YOUR HAND. WHEN I WAS UPSET, SHAKING, CRYING
5 OUT IN PAIN, CHOKING AND VOMITING, AT NO POINT DID YOU STOP.

6 YOU TOOK ME TO THE AIRPORT THE NEXT MORNING,
7 APOLOGIZED AGAIN, AND TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR DREAMS OF BECOMING A
8 BOXER AND HOW NONE OF THAT WAS WHO YOU REALLY ARE, YET I NOW
9 KNOW THAT UP UNTIL THE DAY YOU WERE ARRESTED YOU CONTINUED TO
10 DO THIS TO OTHER WOMEN. I WONDER HOW YOU COULD SAY TO ME THAT
11 ISN'T WHO YOU ARE WHEN YOU REPEATED THE CYCLE AGAIN AND AGAIN.

12 I DESPERATELY TRIED TO PUSH DOWN AND ERASE THE
13 HORRIBLE MEMORIES OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT HOTEL ROOM. I
14 DEALT WITH THE TRAUMA THROUGH REPRESSION AND DENIAL. I
15 REFUSED TO EVER ACKNOWLEDGE IT WAS ME IN THE VIDEO. I
16 ISOLATED MYSELF. I BECAME SO PARANOID ABOUT BEING RECOGNIZED,
17 I STOPPED GOING TO CAMPUS AND MEETING WITH PROFESSORS AND MY
18 ACADEMIC ADVISER. I STOPPED SHOWING UP TO CLASSES EXCEPT TO
19 TAKE EXAMS. WHAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SOME OF THE BEST YEARS
20 OF MY LIFE, I WAS A HERMIT, PLAGUED WITH ANXIETY, PARANOIA,
21 AND DEPRESSION.

22 I FELT MY ONLY CHANCE AT A NORMAL LIFE WAS TO MOVE
23 FAR AWAY. I REMAINED FOR YEARS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHERE I
24 THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE SAFE FROM BEING RECOGNIZED, BUT THE
25 VIDEO FOLLOWED ME THERE, TOO. I HAD PREPARED AN APPLICATION

1 FOR A PH.D. PROGRAM IN COGNITIVE NEUROPSYCHOLOGY. I GATHERED
2 ACADEMIC REFERENCES, PREPARED MY LETTER OF MOTIVATION, AND
3 REACHED OUT TO THE HEAD OF THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, AFTER
4 MULTIPLE INCIDENTS OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND SENT SCREENCAPS
5 FROM THE VIDEO, MY FEARS OVERCAME ME, AND I NEVER APPLIED.
6 THAT DREAM WAS KILLED BY YOU, GARCIA.

7 YOUR HONOR, GARCIA ALSO KILLED THE RELATIONSHIP WITH
8 MY BROTHER. ON ONE OF THE FEW VISITS I MADE HOME, MY
9 BROTHER'S BOYFRIEND TOLD ME HE WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
10 AND HAS LOST ALL RESPECT FOR ME BECAUSE HE AND HIS FRIENDS HAD
11 SEEN THE VIDEO. I WAS SO HEARTBROKEN AND I WAS SO ASHAMED, I
12 COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK WITH HIM TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAD OCCURRED. TO
13 THIS DAY, HE HAS COMPLETELY CUT OFF CONTACT WITH ME.

14 IN 2017, I BEGAN DRINKING ALONE AFTER WORK AND
15 CUTTING MYSELF TO NUMB MY FEELINGS. I EVENTUALLY TRIED TO
16 TAKE MY OWN LIFE BY MIXING A BOTTLE OF WINE WITH COLD
17 MEDICINE, HOPING I WOULD GO TO SLEEP AND JUST NEVER WAKE UP
18 AGAIN. I FELT HOPELESS AND THAT MY LIFE WOULD NEVER RETURN TO
19 HOW IT WAS BEFORE, AND I JUST WANTED A WAY OUT.

20 AFTER THE FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPT, I THANKFULLY HAD A
21 SENSE OF BEING GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE. I HAD A RENEWED SENSE
22 OF OPTIMISM FOR LIFE AND REALIZED HOW LUCKY I WAS. THIS
23 NEWFOUND PERSPECTIVE WAS CHALLENGED LAST YEAR WHEN I HAD TO
24 MOVE BACK HOME DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. MY OLD FEARS AND
25 PARANCIAS CAME BACK TO HAUNT ME. THE NIGHTMARES I STRUGGLED

1 WITH ON AND OFF THROUGHOUT THE YEARS CAME BACK WITH A
2 VENGEANCE. I WAS ONCE AGAIN TERRIFIED OF GOING INTO PUBLIC.
3 FLASHBACKS OF THE HOTEL ROOM CAUSED ME TO HAVE NEAR-DAILY
4 PANIC ATTACKS, ONE OF WHICH WAS SO BAD, I WENT TO URGENT CARE,
5 THINKING I WAS HAVING A HEART ATTACK. I FEARED ALL MY
6 PROGRESS WAS LOST, AND I WAS EMOTIONALLY BACK TO BEING THAT
7 SCARED, BROKEN GIRL.

8 AFTER YEARS OF RUNNING, I PROUDLY STAND HERE TODAY
9 WITH THE REST OF THESE BRAVE WOMEN TO PROVIDE YOUR HONOR WITH
10 MY STORY SO THE COURT CAN SEE THE REAL ANDRE GARCIA. WHEN IT
11 WAS HIS TURN, GARCIA TOLD YOUR HONOR THAT HE WAS REMORSEFUL,
12 SORRY, AND CONTRITE FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT
13 ANDRE GARCIA DID FOR A LIVING FOR NEARLY A DECADE, SAYING
14 WHATEVER HE NEEDS TO SAY TO BEST SUIT HIS OWN NEEDS. IF THE
15 COURT BELIEVES GARCIA IS SORRY FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, IT, TOO,
16 WILL BE ADDED TO HIS ENDLESS LIST OF PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT HIS
17 LIES. THAT'S WHY I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOUR HONOR TO NOT ALLOW
18 GARCIA THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHATTER THE LIFE, MIND, BODY, AND
19 SOUL OF ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN AND TO SENTENCE HIM TO THE LONGEST
20 POSSIBLE SENTENCE ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW.

21 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

23 FOR THE RECORD, THIS IS VICTIM B.

24 MR. GREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

1 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

2 VICTIM B: (PAUSE, CRYING) I'M SORRY.

3 THE COURT: THAT'S OKAY, MA'AM. TAKE YOUR TIME, AND
4 I KNOW THIS IS DIFFICULT.

5 VICTIM B: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR LETTING ME
6 SPEAK TODAY.

7 I WISH EVERYONE OF GARCIA'S VICTIMS COULD BE HERE
8 TODAY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY GOES FOR
9 ALL OF HIS VICTIMS.

10 FIVE YEARS AGO, AT THE AGE OF 18, I WAS
11 SEX-TRAFFICKED TO SAN DIEGO BY ANDRE GARCIA. I DID NOT THINK
12 I WOULD BE HERE TODAY. IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO
13 WORDS WHAT GARCIA HAS DONE TO ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN MOST OF THE
14 PEOPLE DO NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND OR SYMPATHIZE WITH ME.

15 I EXPERIENCED THE OUTBREAK OF MY VIDEO THREE
16 DIFFERENT TIMES TO THREE DIFFERENT BODIES OF PEOPLE. EVERY
17 TIME I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE END OF IT, IT WASN'T. IT HAS
18 LITERALLY FOLLOWED ME FROM ONE CITY TO THE NEXT. IT WAS FIRST
19 DISCOVERED BY PEOPLE WHO KNEW ME IN MY HOMETOWN, AND IT SPREAD
20 LIKE WILDFIRE. A MONTH LATER, IT REACHED THE CITY WHERE I
21 GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. TWO MONTHS LATER, IT SURFACED IN THE
22 CITY WHERE I WAS GOING TO COLLEGE. I HAD SO MUCH ANXIETY
23 SIMPLY WALKING THROUGH CAMPUS THAT I HAD TO DROP OUT.

24 GARCIA HAS RUINED FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS
25 THROUGHOUT ALL PERIODS OF MY LIFE. I HAVE LOST SO MANY

1 PEOPLE. MY BEST FRIENDS TALK BEHIND MY BACK ABOUT THE VIDEO.
2 MY OLD COWORKERS PASSED A PHONE AROUND WITH MY VIDEO PLAYING
3 TO ALL THE CUSTOMERS IN THE RESTAURANT.

4 MY LONGTIME BOYFRIEND STILL BRINGS UP THE VIDEO
5 DURING FIGHTS AND USES IT AS A WEAPON AGAINST ME. I FEEL LIKE
6 A PRISONER TO THIS RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE I FEAR HAVING TO TELL
7 ANOTHER BOYFRIEND ABOUT THIS OR ANYONE.

8 MY MOM FOUND OUT ABOUT THE VIDEO FROM A FRIEND AND
9 CALLED ME. SHE KEPT SAYING, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? WHAT HAVE
10 YOU DONE? HOW COULD YOU EVER DO THIS? ANDRE GARCIA IS HERE
11 TODAY, BUT MY MOM BLAMED ME. THAT IS A MEMORY THAT WILL HAUNT
12 ME FOREVER.

13 I WENT TO MY FRIEND'S FUNERAL TO PAY RESPECTS IN
14 SUNGLASSES AND A HOODY TO CONCEAL WHO I WAS TO THE OTHER
15 PEOPLE AT THE SERVICE. I USED TO HAVE SO MANY FRIENDS IN MY
16 LIFE, AND NOW I HONESTLY HAVE NO ONE. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO
17 ONE ON MY SIDE, AND ANDRE GARCIA IS TO BLAME FOR THAT.

18 AND, YOUR HONOR, MAY I ADDRESS GARCIA?

19 THE COURT: YES.

20 VICTIM B: YOU TRICKED AN 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL KNOWING
21 YOU WOULD RUIN HER LIFE, JUST AS YOU HAD DONE TO COUNTLESS
22 WOMEN BEFORE ME. A GIRL WHO HAD THE REST OF HER LIFE AHEAD OF
23 HER WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE, YOU TOOK THAT AWAY AND FORCED ME
24 INTO HIDING. YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA ANY OF
25 THESE GIRLS WENT THROUGH AND STILL GO THROUGH. WE WERE JUST

1 ANOTHER VIDEO TO YOU.

2 BECAUSE OF YOU, I TRIED TO KILL MYSELF MULTIPLE
3 TIMES. I'VE CUT MY ARM ALL THE WAY FROM MY WRIST TO MY ELBOW.
4 I WANTED TO BLEED OUT AND BE SET FREE FROM ALL THE PAIN YOU
5 CAUSED ME. I TRIED TO OVERDOSE ON MY DEPRESSION MEDICINE.
6 EVERY TIME I WOULD FAIL TO KILL MYSELF, I WOULD BE ANGRY THAT
7 I WAS STILL ALIVE, ALL BECAUSE OF YOU. I WANT MY OLD SELF
8 BACK, THE ME I WAS BEFORE YOU. I WANT TO BE JOYOUS AND
9 CONFIDENT AGAIN.

10 NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW WHAT I ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH AND
11 RELATE TO ME BESIDES THIS BRAVE GROUP OF WOMEN BEHIND ME.
12 WHEN YOU HAD EACH OF US IN THE HOTEL ROOM, WE WERE POWERLESS
13 AND AFRAID, AND YOU USED THAT POWER TO GET YOUR WAY. YOU
14 HEARTLESSLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF EACH OF US AND THEN THREW US
15 ASIDE AS IF WE WERE TRASH. NOW, IN THE COURTROOM, THE TABLES
16 HAVE TURNED. WE ARE A FORCE AND YOU'RE NOTHING.

17 NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU SIT IN JAIL, I DOUBT THAT YOU
18 WILL EVER TRULY FEEL REMORSEFUL. IF YOU WERE CAPABLE OF
19 FEELING REMORSE, YOU WOULD HAVE FELT IT A LONG, FELT IT LONG
20 AGO AND STOPPED WHAT YOU WERE DOING, BUT YOU ARE INCAPABLE OF
21 ACTUAL REMORSE.

22 YOUR HONOR, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO SLEEP AT NIGHT
23 KNOWING GARCIA WILL BE SITTING IN JAIL UNABLE TO RUIN ANOTHER
24 WOMAN'S LIFE. THE LONGER I CAN SLEEP IN COMFORT, THE BETTER.

25 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

2 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM
3 C.

4 VICTIM C: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR LETTING ME
5 SPEAK TODAY.

6 I GREW UP WITH FOUR SISTERS AND GOING TO CHURCH EVERY
7 SUNDAY. I WAS THE LEADER OF MY YOUTH GROUP, AND I DID MY BEST
8 TO CHALLENGE MYSELF IN HIGH SCHOOL. I TOOK ADVANCED PLACEMENT
9 CLASSES AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CLASSES. I WAS AN
10 ACTIVE STUDENT, PART OF AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.
11 I EVEN PLAYED SOCCER, EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T VERY GOOD AT IT.

12 WHEN I WAS 14, MY DAD DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. MY MOM
13 RAISED ME AND MY SISTERS. MY FRESHMAN YEAR OF COLLEGE, I
14 DIDN'T WANT TO ASK HER FOR MONEY, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO RELY ON
15 HER. I APPLIED TO MANY JOBS, BUT DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUCCESS, AND
16 THAT'S WHEN I ANSWERED A MODELING AD. I WOULD HAVE NEVER
17 CONSIDERED THE OFFER TO FOLLOW, BUT MR. GARCIA TOLD ME IT
18 WOULD BE OKAY AND I WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MYSELF.

19 I WAS 18 WHEN I FILMED ALONE IN A ROOM WITH TWO ADULT
20 MEN IN A HOTEL ROOM WHERE NOBODY KNEW WHERE I WAS, IN A
21 DIFFERENT STATE. THE FILMING TOOK HOURS. I WAS IN PAIN TO
22 THE POINT OF TEARS, BUT HE DIDN'T CARE. WHEN I FINALLY
23 THOUGHT IT WAS OVER, I WENT TO WASH MYSELF OFF IN THE BATHROOM
24 AND MR. GARCIA BLOCKED ME FROM SHOWERING AND POINTED BEHIND
25 ME, WHERE MR. GYI WAS STILL FILMING ME. I STARTED CRYING, AND

1 THAT'S WHEN MR. GARCIA GOT ANNOYED AND JUST SAID, LET HER GO.
2 I'M DONE. I'VE NEVER FELT MORE WORTHLESS THAN IN THAT MOMENT.

3 WHEN I GOT TO THE AIRPORT, EVERYBODY SAW ME CRYING
4 AND LET ME THROUGH, AND LUCKILY I MADE MY FLIGHT. I SAT IN
5 THE BACK ROW OF THE PLANE, AND AS SOON AS I COULD, I GOT UP
6 FROM MY SEAT AND WENT TO THE BATHROOM. THIS WAS THE FIRST
7 CHANCE I HAD TO CLEAN MYSELF UP. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WAS
8 IN THERE CRYING FOR, BUT EVENTUALLY THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT HEARD
9 ME. SHE KNOCKED AND ASKED IF I WAS OKAY, AND I HAD TO TELL
10 HER I WAS JUST A NERVOUS FLIER.

11 EVEN BEFORE MY VIDEO WAS RELEASED, I COULDN'T SLEEP
12 AT NIGHT WITHOUT THINKING OF HIS HANDS ON ME. I DRANK EVERY
13 NIGHT JUST TO BE ABLE TO. THE ONE THOUGHT I HAD IS THAT IF I
14 TOLD MYSELF, IF I TOLD MYSELF TO NOT THINK ABOUT IT, THAT I
15 COULD FORGET IT AND IT WOULD NEVER COME UP AGAIN, BUT THAT WAS
16 NOT TRUE.

17 WHEN THE VIDEO WAS RELEASED, IT SEEMED LIKE EVERYBODY
18 IN ONE DAY FOUND OUT. I GOT MESSAGES FROM MY OLD HIGH-SCHOOL
19 CLASSMATES, MY PEERS IN COLLEGE, AND MY FAMILY. I HAD TO
20 SLEEP IN MY FRIEND'S ROOM THAT NIGHT BECAUSE I COULDN'T BE
21 ALONE. I WAS SCARED TO GO TO THE CAFETERIA. I WAS SCARED TO
22 GO TO CLASS. PEOPLE LAUGHED AT ME AS I WALKED BY. IT WAS
23 VIOLATING TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE LAUGHING AT ME WERE LAUGHING AT
24 THE NAKED IMAGE OF ME.

25 I CONTACTED MR. GARCIA AND THE OTHERS AT GDP. I

1 CONTACTED THE WEBSITES, TELLING THEM TO TAKE IT DOWN, BUT THEY
2 IGNORED ME. THE ONLY TIME I GOT A RESPONSE AFTER MANY EMAILS
3 TO MR. GARCIA WAS WHEN I TOLD HIM I HAD CONTACTED, CONTRACTED
4 AN STI FROM THE SHOOT, AND HE TOLD ME PERHAPS NOT HOOKING UP
5 WITH A BUNCH OF FRATERNITY GUYS WOULD HAVE HELPED.

6 THE VIDEO DESTROYED MY SOCIAL LIFE. I STOPPED
7 WEARING MAKE-UP. I WAS KICKED OFF OF THE COLLEGE SPORTS TEAM
8 I WAS ON. I DYED MY HAIR. I WORE GLASSES. I USED ANOTHER
9 NAME. STILL, THE STRANGERS FOUND ME, SOLICITED ME, POSTED
10 PHOTOS OF ME, POSTED MY HOME ADDRESS AND MY MOM'S ADDRESS AND
11 SPECULATED WHERE I WAS. EVEN WHEN I VISIT MY HOMETOWN, PEOPLE
12 I DON'T KNOW COME UP TO ME AND COMMENT. MY BEST FRIEND EVEN
13 TOLD ME MY FORMER HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHER WAS TELLING THE CURRENT
14 HIGH-SCHOOL CLASS ABOUT THE VIDEO. AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN
15 YEARS, JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO I GOT A MESSAGE FROM A STRANGER
16 WITH A PICTURE OF THE VIDEO SAYING, IMAGINE YOUR PARENT'S FACE
17 SEEING THIS.

18 AFTER GRADUATING, IT TOOK ME YEARS TO FIND A JOB
19 USING MY DEGREE, AND MY BOSS CONSTANTLY HARASSED ME. DESPITE
20 BEING MARRIED, HE ASKED ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM FOR DRINKS,
21 SUGGESTED I GET A HOTEL AND HE WOULD PAY FOR IT. I FELT
22 HUMILIATED AND DISGUSTED, BUT I WAS SCARED TO QUIT BECAUSE I
23 DIDN'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER PLACE THAT WOULD HIRE ME.
24 EVENTUALLY, WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD WATCHED THE VIDEO, HE
25 SAID, I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THEY TREATED YOU, BUT HE SMILED IN

1 THAT MOMENT, AND HIS EYES ON ME MADE ME FEEL DISGUSTED AND
2 HUMILIATED. I QUIT AFTER THAT.

3 ONE QUOTE THAT HAS ALWAYS STUCK WITH ME FROM A WOMAN
4 SPEAKING ABOUT ASSAULT SAID, WHEN IT HAPPENS TO YOU, YOU FEEL
5 DUMB, AND WHEN IT HAPPENS TO SOMEBODY ELSE, YOU FEEL ANGRY.
6 AND I SPENT SO LONG FEELING ALONE, SMALL, AND SCARED, BUT WHEN
7 I LEARNED THAT MR. GARCIA WAS STILL DOING THIS TO HUNDREDS OF
8 OTHER WOMEN, I GOT ANGRY.

9 MAY I ADDRESS MR. GARCIA?

10 THE COURT: YES.

11 VICTIM C: I WAS 18 YEARS OLD IN THAT ROOM WITH YOU.
12 I WAS CRYING AND I WAS SCARED, AND I DON'T THINK YOU'LL EVER
13 FEEL SORRY, AND I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO. THE ONLY THING I
14 EXPECT TO GET FROM THIS IS HOPING THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO
15 DO THIS AGAIN.

16 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

18 MR. GREEN: MAY I CALL VICTIM D, YOUR HONOR?

19 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

20 VICTIM D: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING.

22 VICTIM D: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. IT'S
23 REALLY, IT'S REALLY HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS HOW THE ACTIONS OF
24 ANDRE GARCIA HAVE AFFECTED MY LIFE EACH AND EVERY DAY FOR THE
25 LAST SIX YEARS.

1 IN GROWING UP, I WAS A SISTER TO THREE AMAZING
2 SISTERS, THE DAUGHTER OF AMAZING PARENTS, AN HONORS,
3 STRAIGHT-A STUDENT WHO GREW UP WANTING TO BECOME A NURSE SO I
4 COULD HELP OTHERS. I WAS POPULAR. I HAD FRIENDS. I GOT
5 AMAZING GRADES. I WAS REALLY EXCITED FOR MY CAREER AS A
6 NURSE. I HAD ZERO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT I WAS GOING TO BE THE
7 FIRST IN MY FAMILY TO GRADUATE COLLEGE, AND NEITHER DID ANYONE
8 ELSE IN MY FAMILY.

9 HOWEVER, IN THE SUMMER AFTER MY HIGH-SCHOOL
10 GRADUATION, MY LIFE TOOK THE MOST UNEXPECTED AND DARKEST TURN.
11 ANDRE GARCIA RESPONDED TO A MODELING APPLICATION I HAD
12 SUBMITTED. GARCIA LIED TO ME. HE PREYED ON MY INNOCENCE. HE
13 SOLD ME ON FALSE PROMISES, WHICH HE SUPPORTED BY COACHING AND
14 PAYING OTHER WOMEN MY AGE TO REASSURE ME HE WAS BEING HONEST.
15 AND AFTER HE SUCCEDED AND WHEN I WAS NO LONGER FINANCIALLY
16 WORTHWHILE TO HIM, HE TOOK IT A STEP FURTHER. HE KEPT ME IN
17 THAT HOTEL ROOM FOR AN ENTIRE NIGHT AND HE RAPED ME. HE TOOK
18 ALL OF THE SELF-WORTH, DIGNITY, AND INNOCENCE THAT I HAD. I
19 FELT LIKE HE TOOK MY SOUL.

20 YOUR HONOR, IT'S REALLY HARD TO DESCRIBE THE PAIN OF
21 WHAT FOLLOWED. WORDS WILL NEVER DO IT JUSTICE, AT LEAST TO
22 ME. WITHIN AN HOUR OF MY VIDEO BEING RELEASED, ALMOST MY
23 ENTIRE CITY KNEW. THEY HAD BEEN SENT THE VIDEO, INCLUDING MY
24 DAD. MY PARENTS SHUT OFF MY PHONE SERVICE, TRYING TO PROTECT
25 ME AND HOPING THAT THEY COULD SAVE ME FROM THE SUICIDAL

1 THOUGHTS THAT WERE ALREADY IN MY HEAD. I HAD A PLAN TO KILL
2 MYSELF THAT NEXT DAY, AND THANK GOD MY PARENTS WERE A STEP
3 AHEAD OF ME, AND THEY HAD PLANNED AN INTERVENTION TO SAVE ME.

4 FOR YEARS, I SAW NO FUTURE. I DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE.
5 I FELT SHAME, DISGUST, PAIN, EMBARRASSMENT, AND THE HEAVIEST
6 SADNESS I EVER FELT. I WAS HARASSED DAILY. I TRIED TO
7 LEGALLY CHANGE MY NAME. I DYED MY HAIR BLUE AND I WENT BY A
8 NEW NAME BECAUSE I WAS SO AFRAID GARCIA WASN'T DONE RUINING
9 ME. I THOUGHT HE MIGHT COME TO FINALLY DESTROY ME AT ANY
10 MINUTE.

11 THAT 18-YEAR-OLD, STRAIGHT-A STUDENT THAT I WAS
12 BECAME ADDICTED TO DRUGS. I WAS SENT TO A REHAB FACILITY FOR
13 HELP. I COULDN'T STAND BEING LOOKED AT, LET ALONE BE IN
14 PUBLIC, FEELING THAT EVERYONE THAT MET MY EYES WAS SEEING ME
15 NAKED AND VULNERABLE. I HAD NO DIGNITY. AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT,
16 I WOULD BE HUMILIATED, AND WHILE OTHERS MY AGE WERE ENJOYING
17 COLLEGE, I SPENT EIGHT MONTHS OF MY LIFE UNABLE TO GET OUT OF
18 BED DUE TO CRIPPLING DEPRESSION.

19 I DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE, AND I LEFT TO AN INPATIENT
20 FACILITY TO SEEK HELP. I WAS THERE FOR A MONTH, AND FROM
21 THERE I WENT TO TEXAS FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS TO A SAFE
22 HOUSE FOR VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.
23 THE DECISION TO GO THERE WAS DIFFICULT BECAUSE THAT MEANT THAT
24 I HAD TO ACCEPT WHAT HAPPENED, TO ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT I
25 WAS TRAFFICKED, RAPED, AND EXPLOITED, AND I DID DO THAT, AND I

1 WENT THERE ALONE. I GAVE UP MY PHONE, MY JOB, AND CONTACT
2 WITH MY FAMILY SO I COULD ATTEMPT TO HEAL. FOR ALMOST A WHOLE
3 YEAR, THREE YEARS AFTER I MET GARCIA, MY LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO
4 ACKNOWLEDGING AND DEALING WITH THE DAMAGE THAT HE CAUSED.

5 AS THIS COURT CAN SEE, GARCIA'S ACTIONS HAVE AFFECTED
6 MY LIFE IN EVERY WAY FOR THE WORST. HOWEVER, HIS ACTIONS WILL
7 CONTINUE TO AFFECT ME EVERY SINGLE DAY. I'M A 24-YEAR-OLD
8 GIRL WHO, UP UNTIL TWO MONTHS AGO, WAS FAR TOO AFRAID TO GO
9 OUT ON A DATE WITH ANYONE I DIDN'T KNOW. GARCIA TOOK AWAY
10 EVERY OUNCE OF TRUST THAT I HAD. I ONLY EVER WENT BACK TO
11 EXES FROM MY PAST WHO ALREADY KNEW ABOUT THE VIDEO AND WHAT
12 HAPPENED AND HAD ACCEPTED IT, AND I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS A
13 GIFT, SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T EVEN DESERVE, SOMETHING I WOULD
14 NEVER FIND IN A NEW RELATIONSHIP, BECAUSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE ME
15 WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT THAT WASN'T ME, THAT THAT WASN'T
16 SOMETHING THAT I HAD PLANNED OR WANTED? WHO WOULD BELIEVE ME
17 WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I APPLIED TO A CLOTHED MODELING AD; I
18 WAS LIED TO, COERCED, AND PREYED UPON BY TRAFFICKERS, PEOPLE
19 WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO LIE AND CONVINCEN AND EXPLOIT AND THEN
20 DISAPPEAR? I FELT STUPID. THE EMBARRASSMENT AND FEAR OF
21 REJECTION PREVENTED ME FROM STARTING ANY NEW RELATIONSHIPS FOR
22 YEARS.

23 AFTER SIX YEARS OF THERAPY, I FINALLY ALLOWED MYSELF
24 TO BEGIN DATING AGAIN. JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, I TOLD MY NEW
25 BOYFRIEND ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, AND IT WAS THE TOUGHEST THING I

1 HAD TO DO IN A REALLY LONG TIME. I EXPECTED HIM TO KICK ME
2 OUT AND TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN MY CAR, BECAUSE I KNEW HE
3 WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND AND I KNEW HE WOULD BE DISGUSTED, BUT I
4 HAD TO TELL HIM BEFORE HE FOUND OUT SOMEWHERE ELSE. I DIDN'T
5 WANT TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME, BECAUSE IF THAT WAS GOING TO BE
6 THE RESULT, I'D RATHER IT HAPPEN NOW THAN LATER. EVEN THOUGH
7 I KNOW HE'S BEEN UNDERSTANDING, I FEEL LIKE I'M TO BLAME
8 BECAUSE HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE HARASSED SIMPLY FOR DATING ME.

9 I DON'T BLAME MYSELF FOR WHAT HAPPENED. WHAT
10 HAPPENED WAS A CALCULATED METHOD OF RECRUITMENT THAT WAS AIMED
11 AT YOUNG, TRUSTING WOMEN. IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE HOW MUCH I
12 LOST, THE LOSS OF MY REPUTATION, MY DIGNITY, THE LOSS OF
13 FRIENDS, OF JOBS, OF ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS, THE LOSS OF
14 SELF-WORTH, THE LOSS OF HOPE AND THE WILL TO LIVE. I DIDN'T
15 KNOW HOW TO SEE A FUTURE FOR MYSELF ANYMORE. I DIDN'T KNOW
16 HOW TO LIVE WITH THIS MUCH SHAME AND EMBARRASSMENT AND
17 HARASSMENT AND MISUNDERSTANDING. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO. I HAD
18 EMPLOYERS THAT WERE SENT THE VIDEO. I GOT FIRED FROM JOBS.
19 MY DAD WAS SENT THE VIDEO. I COULDN'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYES
20 FOR SO LONG. GARCIA TOOK THAT FROM ME.

21 TO THIS DAY, SIX YEARS LATER, THE PAIN IS STILL
22 EXCRUCIATING. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE SPLIT INTO THREE SEPARATE
23 PEOPLE SOMETIMES. THERE'S THE INNOCENT, FUN-LOVING, STUDIOUS,
24 AND FEARLESS GIRL THAT I WAS BEFORE ANDRE GARCIA ENTERED MY
25 LIFE, AND THEN THERE IS THE GIRL THAT PEOPLE SEE IN THOSE

1 VIDEOS, THE GIRL WHO WAS RAPED AND EXPLOITED, THE VICTIM, AND
2 NOW THERE'S THE SURVIVOR, THE SURVIVOR WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD
3 EACH AND EVERY DAY TO INTEGRATE ALL THESE BROKEN PIECES INTO A
4 STRONGER AND BETTER VERSION OF MYSELF, WHO'S STANDING HERE
5 TODAY NOT TO SPEW THE HATRED AND THE ANGER AND THE HURT THAT I
6 HAVE FELT AND ENDURED, BUT TO ASK THAT THIS MAN NOT GET THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO RAVAGE ANOTHER BODY AND ANOTHER SOUL, TO SPARE
8 HIS POTENTIAL FUTURE VICTIMS THE MISERY OF TRYING TO PIECE
9 TOGETHER THEIR BROKEN PARTS.

10 I DON'T THINK ANY SENTENCE WILL REALLY CHANGE GARCIA.
11 FIVE YEARS, 20 YEARS. IT DOESN'T MATTER. HE WILL ALWAYS BE A
12 LIAR AND A RAPIST AND A DANGER TO WOMEN. IF THERE'S ANYTHING
13 THAT I DO HOPE TO GAIN TODAY, IT'S THE FACT OF KNOWING THAT I
14 DID EVERYTHING THAT I COULD WITHIN MY POWER TO PREVENT ANOTHER
15 WOMAN FROM GOING THROUGH WHAT ALL OF US HERE HAVE GONE THROUGH
16 AT THE HANDS OF ANDRE GARCIA.

17 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

18 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

19 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD CALL
20 VICTIM E.

21 VICTIM E: YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
22 SHARE MY STORY WITH YOU TODAY. I'M PROUD TO STAND HERE TODAY
23 WITH THESE AMAZING AND BRAVE WOMEN ALL BEHIND ME.

24 IT'S BEEN NEARLY EIGHT YEARS SINCE I MET ANDRE
25 GARCIA. I HAD JUST GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS SUPPORTING

1 MYSELF AND HAD BEEN LIVING ON MY OWN FOR OVER A YEAR. MY
2 MOTHER HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON AFTER SIX YEARS, AND
3 MY FATHER HAD DISAPPEARED FROM MY LIFE BEFORE THIS. I HAD TWO
4 JOBS AND WAS SAVING UP FOR MY FIRST SEMESTER OF COLLEGE, WHICH
5 I WAS EXCITED FOR. I WAS LOOKING ON CRAIGSLIST FOR EXTRA JOBS
6 AND I RESPONDED TO A FEW ADS, ONE OF WHICH WAS FOR
7 BEGINMODELING.COM, UNAWARE THAT THIS AD WOULD LEAD ME TO THE
8 MOST EVIL PEOPLE I HAVE EVER MET.

9 WITHIN AN HOUR OF MEETING ME, GARCIA STARTED TO TAKE
10 MULTIPLE PILLS AND STARTED TO DRINK HEAVILY. HE AND MICHAEL
11 PRATT TOOK ME TO A HOTEL ROOM ALONE WHERE THEY BEGAN TO YELL
12 AT ME TO SIGN A STACK OF PAPERS I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND. IF I
13 TRIED TO ASK A QUESTION, GARCIA LAUGHED IN MY FACE AND ACTED
14 AS IF I WAS STUPID. HE BEGAN TO GET ANGRY BECAUSE I WAS
15 TAKING TOO LONG.

16 ONCE FILMING BEGAN, I ASKED MULTIPLE TIMES TO STOP
17 WHAT WE WERE DOING BECAUSE IT WAS UNCOMFORTABLE AND I DIDN'T
18 LIKE IT, AND I TOLD HIM NO ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, AND GARCIA
19 IGNORED ME AND CONTINUED TO DO WHAT HE WAS DOING. TOWARDS THE
20 END OF THE VIDEO, I HAD BURST BLOOD VESSELS IN MY EYES BECAUSE
21 OF THE PAIN THAT I WAS IN, AND WHEN GARCIA SAW THIS, HE
22 LAUGHED PROUDLY AND FOLLOWED ME TO THE BATHROOM AS I CRIED,
23 STILL FILMING ME. GARCIA HAS NO EMPATHY.

24 THE VIDEO OF GARCIA ASSAULTING ME HAS BEEN VIEWED
25 MILLIONS OF TIMES. IT IS STILL TO THIS DAY AVAILABLE, EIGHT

1 YEARS LATER, AND IT WAS MARKETED AS FUN AND CONSENSUAL. MY
2 HOME ADDRESS, FULL NAME, HEIGHT, FAVORITE COLOR, LITERALLY
3 EVERYTHING ABOUT ME WAS POSTED ONLINE ON PORNWIKILEAKS, AND WE
4 LATER FOUND OUT IT WAS POSTED BY GARCIA AND THE GDP TEAM.
5 THEY KNEW LEAKING MY PERSONAL INFORMATION WOULD ONLY CAUSE ME
6 TO BE HARASSED AND HARMED, AND THEY DID NOT CARE BECAUSE IT
7 WOULD HELP RACK UP MORE VIEWS ON MY VIDEO AND MAKE MORE MONEY.

8 BECAUSE OF GARCIA, I HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PTSD,
9 DEPRESSION, AND ANXIETY. I'VE SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON
10 THERAPY AND MEDICAL TREATMENT TO HEAL WHAT IS MY DEEPEST WOUND
11 AS A HUMAN. I CAN TELL YOU COUNTLESS STORIES OF HOW I'VE BEEN
12 STALKED, HOW MANY TIMES I'VE LOST JOBS, FRIENDS,
13 RELATIONSHIPS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS OVER THIS VIDEO, HOW MANY
14 NIGHTS I'VE STAYED AWAKE, AFRAID OF THE CONSTANT YEARS OF
15 NIGHTMARES OF BEING FOUND AND BEING HARMED NOT ONLY BY GARCIA,
16 BUT HIS MILLIONS OF FANS. WE'D BE HERE FOR DAYS IF I DETAILED
17 ALL OF THE INSTANCES OF HARASSMENT I HAVE BEEN THROUGH,
18 BECAUSE THIS HAS FOLLOWED ME EVERY DAY SINCE SEPTEMBER OF
19 2013. EVEN AFTER A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, I FOUND OUT AN OLD
20 JOB WAS STILL SHARING IT FOUR MONTHS AFTER I DID NOT WORK
21 THERE.

22 YOUR HONOR, MY STORY IS ONE OF ABOUT 20 YOU'LL HEAR
23 TODAY, BUT GARCIA HAS WELL OVER HUNDREDS OF VICTIMS WHO WOULD
24 TELL YOU THE SAME THING IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY. THE AMOUNT
25 OF SUFFERING GARCIA HAS CAUSED IS STAGGERING. I HAVE LITTLE

1 DOUBT THAT GARCIA'S VICTIMS HAVE NOT ONLY SPENT MILLIONS OF
2 DOLLARS ON THERAPISTS AND DOCTORS TRYING TO HEAL THEIR WOUNDS,
3 BUT ALSO TIME AND EMOTION AS WELL. TODAY, THIS COURT HAS THE
4 UNIQUE ABILITY TO PROVIDE MORE FOR ME AND GARCIA'S OTHER
5 VICTIMS THAN ANY DOCTOR OR THERAPIST COULD. THAT IS BECAUSE
6 JUST KNOWING GARCIA WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO VICTIMIZE
7 ANOTHER WOMAN IS THE BEST THERAPY I COULD RECEIVE. MANY OF US
8 HAVE TRAVELED A LONG WAY TO GET HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE WANT TO
9 MAKE SURE THAT ALL WOMEN ARE SAFE FROM GARCIA AND THAT ALL
10 WOMEN ARE SAFE FOR THE LONGEST TIME POSSIBLE.

11 YOUR HONOR, IT WAS SAID THAT THIS MAN HAS MADE
12 MISTAKES, BUT NO ONE MAKES THE SAME MISTAKE TO HUNDREDS OF
13 GIRLS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THAT'S NOT A MISTAKE. HE'S A
14 PREDATOR, AND HE ALWAYS WILL BE. SITTING HERE TODAY, I DOUBT
15 HE EVEN RECOGNIZES ME OR REMEMBERS MY STORY OR MY NAME,
16 BECAUSE I'M JUST ANOTHER VICTIM IN THE WAKE OF HIS
17 DEVASTATION. A LENIENT SENTENCE TODAY WOULD BE A HUGE STEP
18 BACKWARDS FOR GARCIA'S VICTIMS. PLEASE SENTENCE GARCIA TO THE
19 LONGEST TIME POSSIBLE, AND PLEASE GIVE US ALL THE HEALING YOU
20 CAN, YOUR HONOR.

21 THANK YOU.

22 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

23 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM
24 F.

25 VICTIM F: I'VE NEVER SPOKEN ABOUT THIS --

1 THE COURT: OKAY. IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FOR ME TO
2 HEAR YOU, MA'AM. I KNOW THIS IS HARD, BUT GET CLOSE TO THE
3 MIKE.

4 VICTIM F: OKAY. I'VE NEVER SPOKEN ABOUT THIS WITH
5 ANYBODY BEFORE, INCLUDING MY OWN PARENTS, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME
6 IF I STRUGGLE HERE, YOUR HONOR.

7 THE COURT: TAKE YOUR TIME.

8 VICTIM F: I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A REALLY OUTGOING CHILD
9 AND TEEN. I LOVED BEING AROUND OTHERS AND PARTICIPATING IN
10 SPORTS AND GROUP EVENTS. I DID VERY WELL IN SCHOOL AND WAS
11 ALWAYS MOTIVATED TO DO THE BEST THAT I COULD. OVERALL, I WAS
12 THE HAPPIEST PERSON THAT I COULD BE.

13 THAT ALL CHANGED JUST AFTER MY 19TH BIRTHDAY. WHAT
14 GARCIA DID TO ME IN SAN DIEGO HAS CONTROLLED MY LIFE SINCE
15 2017. I'VE LOST ALL OF MY FRIENDS. MY FAMILY IS ASHAMED AND
16 HEARTBROKEN OVER WHAT'S HAPPENED, AND I'VE DROPPED OUT OF
17 SCHOOL. I AM NO LONGER THE OUTGOING, STUDIOUS GIRL I ONCE
18 WAS. I FEEL LIKE A SHELL OF A HUMAN BEING. I DON'T EVEN FEEL
19 LIKE, I DON'T EVEN FEEL LIKE I HAVE A PERSONALITY ANYMORE.

20 I COME FROM A TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF 3,000. WHEN
21 THAT VIDEO CAME OUT, I EXPERIENCED SO MUCH BULLYING AND
22 HARASSMENT THAT I'VE FELT AS THOUGH MAYBE I REALLY, TRULY JUST
23 DON'T BELONG IN THIS WORLD. I CAN SAFELY SAY EVERYBODY IN MY
24 TOWN KNOWS. GIRLS SENT IT TO MY JOB. BOYS SENT IT TO MY
25 BROTHERS TO BE CRUEL. PEOPLE WHO I THOUGHT WERE MY FRIENDS

1 SHARED IT AROUND.

2 I FIND IT HARD TO LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYES, AND I TRIP
3 OVER MY WORDS QUITE OFTEN NOW. I SIT IN THE GROCERY STORE
4 PARKING LOT FOR AT LEAST 15 TO 20 MINUTES TO TALK MYSELF INTO
5 GOING INSIDE. SOMETIMES, I JUST DON'T EVEN GO IN.

6 I REALLY BELIEVED THAT I'M UNWORTHY OF LOVE,
7 FRIENDSHIP, AND EVEN KINDNESS. I'VE GROWN TO HATE WHO I HAVE
8 BECOME BECAUSE OF GARCIA. I'M THE MOST SHY, TIMID PERSON NOW.
9 AT ONE POINT, I DECIDED THAT MY OWN LIFE ISN'T WORTH IT
10 ANYMORE, AND I TRIED TO TAKE MY LIFE. I WOULD HAVE BEEN
11 SUCCESSFUL HAD SOMEONE NOT UNEXPECTEDLY COME HOME AND RUSHED
12 ME TO THE HOSPITAL. I TRULY FELT DYING WOULD BE BETTER THAN
13 ENDURING THE FEELINGS THAT I WAS EXPERIENCING EVERY DAY.

14 I'VE BEEN SAD BEFORE IN MY LIFE. I KNOW WHAT THAT
15 FEELS LIKE. THE SADNESS I FEEL NOW IS DIFFERENT. I HONESTLY
16 FEEL SO SAD SOMETIMES THAT IT TRULY FEELS AS THOUGH MY ENTIRE
17 BODY IS SAD. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN HOW THAT FEELS, BUT
18 IT'S THE WORST FEELING I'VE EVER FELT. I HURT SO MUCH
19 EMOTIONALLY THAT IT FEELS AS THOUGH IT'S SEEPING INTO MY BONES
20 AND MAKING MY ENTIRE BODY JUST PLAIN SAD TO WHERE SOMETIMES I
21 CAN BARELY LIFT MY ARMS. SO, ON DAYS LIKE THAT, I JUST STAY
22 IN BED AND I HOPE AND I PRAY THAT I CAN JUST FEEL NOTHING AT
23 ALL.

24 I USED TO CUT MY ANKLES AND THE BOTTOMS OF MY FEET TO
25 TRY TO MAKE THAT FEELING GO AWAY. SOMETIMES, IT'S THE ONLY

1 THING THAT HELPS. MEDICATION AND THERAPY DOESN'T EVEN HELP.
2 DO YOU KNOW JUST HOW, LIKE, THAT ALONE FEELS, THAT YOU'RE PAST
3 THE POINT OF MEDICATION AND THERAPY? IT MAKES YOU HATE
4 YOURSELF EVEN MORE AND GIVES YOU A FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS.

5 MAY I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

6 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY, MA'AM.

7 VICTIM F: YOU AND I BOTH KNOW WHAT YOU DID THAT DAY.
8 YOU KNEW THE ENTIRE TIME WHAT YOU WERE DOING. EVEN WHEN YOU
9 SAT THERE AND BULLIED ME UNTIL I CRIED, YOU DIDN'T CARE. IT
10 WAS ANNOYING TO YOU. MY TEARS WERE LITERALLY AN ANNOYANCE TO
11 YOU. I REFUSE TO BELIEVE YOU FEEL ANY REMORSE. HOW COULD
12 YOU? YOU HAVE A GIRL CRYING AND VISIBLY HURTING IN FRONT OF
13 YOU, YET YOU DO IT ANYWAYS? AND NOT ONLY THAT, YOU DID IT TO
14 MANY GIRLS AFTERWARDS.

15 I CAN'T EVEN SPEAK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID TO ME AFTER THE
16 FILMING STOPPED, AND YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
17 I'LL NEVER BE THE SAME PERSON BECAUSE OF YOU, AND WHAT MAKES
18 ME EVEN MORE UPSET IS, I WANT TO FEEL ANGRY, I WANT TO HATE
19 YOU, AND I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY I HOPE YOU HAVE A TERRIBLE
20 LIFE, BUT I CAN'T, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHO I AM. HATING AND
21 WISHING TERRIBLE THINGS UPON YOU WILL GO AGAINST EVERYTHING
22 THAT I STAND FOR, AND I REFUSE TO GIVE THAT UP TO YOU AS WELL.
23 THAT'S THE ONLY PART OF ME I FEEL LIKE YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED OR
24 TAKEN AWAY FROM ME, AND I PLAN TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

25 I HOPE HER HONOR GIVES YOU A LONG SENTENCE, NOT

1 BECAUSE I WANT TO SPITE YOU, BUT BECAUSE THE LONGER YOU SPEND
2 IN JAIL, THE LONGER YOU'LL HAVE TO REFLECT ON EVERY SINGLE
3 PERSON YOU'VE HURT: ME, MY FAMILY, THESE OTHER GIRLS, THEIR
4 FAMILIES, AND PROBABLY YOUR FAMILY AS WELL. YOU NEED TO USE
5 YOUR JAIL TIME TO ACTUALLY FIND EMPATHY AND COMPASSION IN YOUR
6 LIFE. WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH COUNSELING, EDUCATION, OR
7 RELIGION, I DON'T CARE. I CHALLENGE YOU TO COME OUT OF THIS
8 AS A BETTER PERSON.

9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY,
10 YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: YOU'RE WELCOME, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
13 STATES CALLS VICTIM G.

14 VICTIM G: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR
15 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT HERE TODAY.

16 I SIT IN THIS COURTROOM WITH 20 YOUNG LADIES WHO HAVE
17 COME FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TO SPEAK FOR THE HUNDREDS OF
18 OTHER WOMEN WHO WERE VICTIMIZED BY ANDRE GARCIA. THESE LADIES
19 AND MYSELF, WE ARE SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER, WE'RE SOMEBODY'S
20 SISTER, WE'RE SOMEBODY'S BEST FRIEND, BUT TO GARCIA WE WERE
21 LESS THAN NOTHING.

22 IN ORDER TO DO MY BEST TO GET THROUGH THIS STATEMENT,
23 I WANT TO BEGIN BY TAKING A MOMENT TO REMIND MYSELF AND ALL OF
24 THE VICTIMS PRESENT AND NOT PRESENT THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE
25 WENT THROUGH, THE NAMES THAT WE WERE CALLED, THE SHAME THAT WE

1 STRUGGLE WITH AND THE PAIN THAT WE CARRY, THAT EACH ONE OF US
2 MATTER, HAVE VALUE, AND HAVE A PURPOSE IN THIS LIFE. AS WEAK
3 AS WE WERE IN THOSE HOTEL ROOMS, WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE IN
4 IN THIS COURTROOM TODAY SO THAT WE CAN SPEAK FOR THOSE
5 HUNDREDS OF OTHER GIRLS WHO CAN'T, SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR PART
6 IN STOPPING THIS FROM HAPPENING TO OUR DAUGHTERS, TO SOMEBODY
7 ELSE'S DAUGHTER, SOMEBODY ELSE'S SISTER, TO SOMEBODY ELSE'S
8 BEST FRIEND.

9 WHILE GARCIA BELIEVED WE DIDN'T MATTER, I WANT --
10 NO -- I NEED TO REMIND MYSELF AND EACH ONE OF YOU THAT WE ARE
11 ALL HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE DO MATTER IN THE EYES OF THE UNITED
12 STATES JUSTICE SYSTEM AND IN THE EYES OF GOD. I BELIEVE THAT
13 GOD MADE ME STRONG ENOUGH TO BE HERE TODAY. HE GOT ME THROUGH
14 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE DARK TIMES. HE GOT ME THROUGH
15 MULTIPLE FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPTS. HE GOT ME THROUGH THE
16 ISOLATION, THROUGH REJECTION, THE HARASSMENT.

17 YOUR HONOR, IF YOU HAD KNOWN ME BEFORE I MET GARCIA,
18 YOU WOULD HAVE MET A GENUINE GIRL WHO WOULD HAVE MADE FRIENDS
19 WITH ANYONE AND COULD HAVE MADE FRIENDS WITH ANYBODY. I WAS A
20 NATURAL-BORN LEADER. I SERVED ON MY COLLEGE CAMPUS'S STUDENT
21 GOVERNMENT. I WAS ON MY SORORITY'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND YOU
22 WOULD HAVE KNOWN ME TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MY CHURCH AND
23 ITS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AND A PROUD MEMBER, LEADER OF YOUTH
24 BIBLE STUDY. YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN ME TO BE A SISTER OF FOUR
25 OTHER SIBLINGS, A SISTER THAT THEY ALL LOOKED UP TO. YOU

1 WOULD HAVE KNOWN A DAUGHTER THAT MY PARENTS WERE SO PROUD OF.
2 IF YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN ME THEN, YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE THIS
3 GIRL STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU BECAUSE GARCIA TOOK THAT ALL
4 FROM ME AND TURNED IT UPSIDE DOWN.

5 THE WOMAN STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU IS SCARED OF HER
6 OWN SHADOW. I WAS MORE THAN TERRIFIED OF BEING HERE TODAY, TO
7 REOPEN THESE WOUNDS AND SHARE STORIES THAT I BURIED DEEP IN
8 WHAT'S LEFT OF MY SOUL. HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT SEE THAT ON MY
9 FACE BECAUSE I'VE LOST THE ABILITY TO ACCURATELY EXPRESS MY
10 EMOTIONS. I'VE LOST THE FRIENDS THAT I HAD GROWN UP WITH, THE
11 CONNECTIONS WITH MY FAMILY THAT I LOVED. I'VE LOST MY
12 REPUTATION, MY INTEGRITY, MY HAPPINESS, MY CONFIDENCE. I LOST
13 THE PERSON THAT I ONCE WAS, AND I SPENT SEVERAL YEARS
14 STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.

15 BECAUSE OF THIS VIDEO, I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO STAND
16 NEXT TO MY SISTER AT HER WEDDING, LET ALONE ATTEND. IT
17 DESTROYED MY FAMILY AND THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAD. IT
18 FORCED ME TO FORFEIT MEMBERSHIP WITH MY CHURCH. I WAS NOT
19 JUST SHUNNED BY MY CHURCH COMMUNITY, BUT I WAS PUSHED OUT OF
20 MY SMALL GROUP JUST WHEN I NEEDED MY FAITH AND THE MOST
21 PRAYERS. I WAS STRIPPED OF MY SORORITY ALUMNAE STATUS. I
22 MOVED TO FOUR DIFFERENT STATES TO TRY TO RE-ESTABLISH MYSELF
23 AFTER THE VIDEO RESURFACED OR I WAS RECOGNIZED BY MY PEERS.
24 MY CAREER WAS RUINED, AND I WAS ASKED TO LEAVE FOUR DIFFERENT
25 COMPANIES.

1 I HAVE HAD TWO FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPTS. I'VE BEEN
2 DIAGNOSED WITH PTSD, SEVERE ANXIETY, AND DEPRESSION. MY
3 BROTHER WAS COMMITTED TO REHAB FOR DRUG USE DUE TO THE
4 HARASSMENT THAT HE RECEIVED. I HAVE BEEN BATTLING AN EATING
5 DISORDER FOR YEARS BECAUSE OF THE COMMENTS THAT GARCIA MADE TO
6 ME THAT NIGHT. THIS IS A VERY CONDENSED LIST THAT SIMPLY DOES
7 NOT CAPTURE THE FULL IMPACT THAT THAT NIGHT HAD ON MY LIFE, MY
8 FAMILY, MY CAREER, OR MY DREAMS.

9 TOO MANY OF US ARE NOT LIVING OUR DREAMS BECAUSE
10 WE'VE BEEN SITTING IN FEAR, THE FEAR OF BEING RECOGNIZED BY A
11 STRANGER, FEAR OF HAVING ANY FORM OF ONLINE PRESENCE FOR THE
12 SAKE OF BEING FOUND OR HARASSED BY TROLLS, FEAR OF MAKING ANY
13 NEW FRIENDS TO REPLACE THE ONES THAT WE LOST AND RISK THE
14 CHANCE OF THEM UNFAIRLY JUDGING OUR PAST, FEAR OF DATING OR
15 ULTIMATELY GETTING MARRIED AND BURDENING OUR PARTNERS WITH
16 THIS UNBEARABLE WEIGHT THAT WE HAVE TO CARRY.

17 THAT NIGHT THAT I FILMED THE VIDEO, THE POST-GRAD
18 LIFE THAT I HAD JUST BEGUN WAS SHATTERED AND THE WOMAN I HAD
19 WORKED SO HARD TO BECOME HAD JUST BEEN DESTROYED IN THE BLINK
20 OF AN EYE. AT THE TIME, I BELIEVED I WAS ENDURING THE HARDEST
21 AND WORST SITUATION OF MY LIFE WITHOUT SO MUCH OF AN APOLOGY
22 OR AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MY PAIN FROM GARCIA OR ANY OF HIS
23 COUNTERPARTS, AND THEN A MONTH LATER I WENT THROUGH WHAT WOULD
24 BE THE HARDEST AND WORST SITUATION IN MY LIFE WHEN GARCIA AND
25 THE GDP TEAM POSTED THE VIDEO ONLINE. NOT ONLY WAS I IN

1 UNIMAGINABLE EMOTIONAL PAIN, I WAS IMMEDIATELY ESTRANGED FROM
2 MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, LEAVING ME ALONE WITHOUT ANYONE BY MY
3 SIDE, AND I WAS HEAVILY HARASSED BY PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET.
4 TO THIS DAY, I STILL SUFFER THE EMOTIONAL PAIN THAT THESE
5 WOMEN, THESE LADIES, AND THE SEVERAL HUNDRED OTHER LADIES CAN
6 ONLY UNDERSTAND. IT IS A PAIN THAT I WOULD WISH UPON ANY --
7 WOULDN'T WISH UPON ANYONE.

8 YOUR HONOR, MAY I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

9 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY.

10 VICTIM G: GARCIA, YOU TOOK A BEAUTIFUL AND VIBRANT
11 YOUNG GIRL AND EXPLOITED HER NAKED BODY FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD
12 TO SEE AND STRIPPED HER OF EVERYTHING THAT WAS NEAR AND DEAR
13 TO HER HEART. YOU LEFT HER TARNISHED AND BROKEN, WITHOUT ANY
14 LIFE LEFT IN HER. EVERYTHING THAT I HAD DREAMED OF AND WORKED
15 TO BECOME, YOU TOOK FROM ME SELFISHLY. YOU FORCED ME TO
16 PORTRAY SOMEONE THAT I WAS NOT IN THAT VIDEO, AND YOU FORCED
17 ME -- JUST AS YOU FORCED ME TO PORTRAY SOMEONE THAT I WAS NOT
18 IN THAT VIDEO, YOU HAVE FORCED ME TO HIDE UNDER A MASK, A
19 FACADE, TO HIDE THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT YOU SCARRED ME
20 WITH EVERY DAY SINCE.

21 THESE PAST SIX-AND-A-HALF YEARS, I HAVE BEEN MERELY
22 SURVIVING, AND I'VE BEEN LONGING TO LIVE. IN ORDER FOR THAT
23 TO HAPPEN, I NEED TO FEEL SAFE KNOWING THAT THIS MAN CANNOT
24 CONTINUE TO FORCE ME TO LIVE IN FEAR AND THAT HE'S NOT
25 DESTROYING ANYONE ELSE'S LIFE, NOT ANOTHER ONE'S DAUGHTER, NOT

1 ANOTHER ONE'S SISTER, NOT ANOTHER ONE'S FRIEND. I ASK THIS
2 COURT TO SENTENCE GARCIA TO THE LONGEST POSSIBLE SENTENCE
3 ALLOWED UNDER LAW SO THAT MYSELF AND THE STRONG LADIES BEHIND
4 ME AND THE HUNDREDS OF OTHERS WHO ARE TOO SCARRED AND BROKEN
5 TO BE HERE TODAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES THE WAY
6 THAT THEY DESERVE TO LIVE.

7 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

9 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM
10 H.

11 VICTIM H: YOUR HONOR, I DON'T WANT TO REITERATE TOO
12 MUCH OF WHAT THESE WOMEN HAVE ALREADY SAID. ALL OF IT FALLS
13 ON ME, TOO.

14 MY FIRST TIME SEEING PORNOGRAPHY WAS A VIDEO OF
15 MYSELF, MY OWN BODY, WHICH WAS SENT TO ME HUNDREDS OF TIMES A
16 DAY BY FRIENDS, FAMILY, STRANGERS. I LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR
17 FROM BEING TOLD BY THOUSANDS OF MEN WHO SAID THAT THEY WILL
18 FIND ME, RAPE ME, AND KILL ME IN MY OWN HOME, ALL BECAUSE MY
19 PERSONAL INFORMATION WAS SOLD FOR THE PERSONAL ENJOYMENT OF
20 OTHERS TO HARASS ME FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS. HE RAPED ALL OF
21 US FOR HOURS, SOME OF US SCREAMING, CRYING, PLEADING, AND IF
22 YOU WERE MY AGE, HE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING TO YOU.

23 YOUR HONOR, MAY I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

24 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY, MA'AM.

25 VICTIM H: YOU ARE A WOUND ON SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER

1 HEAL. ALL WE CAN DO IS KEEP YOU LOCKED UP. YOU ARE A
2 PREDATOR TO EVERY WOMAN. YOU HAVE NO MORAL GROUNDING TO ALLOW
3 YOURSELF REMORSE. YOU WILL NEVER CHANGE. YOU HAVE CONTINUED
4 TO LIE AND MANIPULATE FOR YEARS. IT IS WHO YOU ARE AS A HUMAN
5 BEING. YOU HAVE NO INTEGRITY. YOUR WORD MEANS NOTHING TO
6 ANYONE. YOU HAVE NO MORAL BACKBONE. YOU ARE A SPINELESS
7 JELLY AND A DEGENERATE TO SOCIETY. YOU HAVE CAUSED NOTHING
8 BUT UNWARRANTED SCRUTINY TO ALL OF THESE WOMEN, EVERY ONE OF
9 US HERE, TO MYSELF AND MANY MORE. REVENGE IS NOT IN MY PLANS.
10 YOUR ACTIONS AND SINS WILL BE PAID BACK TO YOU WITH ALL THE
11 TIME YOU HAVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR TIME ON THIS EARTH AND WHAT
12 GOD DELIVERS TO YOU THEREAFTER.

13 THANK YOU.

14 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

15 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
16 STATES CALLS VICTIM I [EYE].

17 VICTIM I: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR ALLOWING ME AND
18 THESE OTHER WOMEN TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

19 COMING TO TERMS WITH BEING SEX-TRAFFICKED HAS BEEN
20 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. I KNEW WHAT MR. GARCIA DID WAS WRONG,
21 BUT FOR EIGHT YEARS MY BRAIN WOULDN'T LET ME ACCEPT THE TRUTH.
22 TODAY, ALL OF MR. GARCIA'S VICTIMS GET VALIDATION.

23 I GREW UP AS AN ONLY CHILD OF A SINGLE MOTHER IN A
24 SMALL MIDWESTERN TOWN. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLOSE EXTENDED
25 FAMILY. MY MOM AND I ARE ALL WE HAVE AS FAR AS FAMILY GOES.

1 THERE WAS NO REAL CRIME IN MY TOWN, AND MY MOM STILL PROTECTED
2 ME FROM THE DARKEST PLACES OF THE WORLD AS BEST SHE COULD. I
3 WAS NEVER THAT GOOD AT SCHOOL BECAUSE I HAVE DYSLEXIA. SO,
4 WHEN OTHER KIDS MY AGE WOULD GET TOGETHER OUTSIDE AND PLAY, I
5 WOULD BE INSIDE STUDYING THE SPELLING WORDS JUST TO GET A "D."
6 THIS CREATED A VERY SHELTERED UPBRINGING.

7 MY ENTIRE CHILDHOOD WAS SPENT TRYING TO GET INTO
8 COLLEGE. WHEN I DID, I HAD TO GO OUTSIDE OF MY HOME STATE TO
9 FIND A UNIVERSITY THAT OFFERED THE DEGREE I WANTED. ALONE IN
10 A NEW STATE, I WORKED TWO JOBS, YET IT WASN'T ENOUGH. ONE
11 DAY, MY MOM CALLED ME AND SAID WE COULDN'T AFFORD IT ANYMORE.
12 SO I SEARCHED FOR ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH AND EVENTUALLY
13 FOUND AN AD FOR CLOTHED MODELING FOR BUBBLEGUM MODELING WITH
14 THE COMMUNICATION MAINTAINED BY MR. GARCIA. HE LIED TO ME.
15 HE PREYED ON MY NAIVETE TO GET ME TO AGREE TO FLY ACROSS THE
16 COUNTRY WITH A LITANY OF LIES AND PROMISES, AND I BELIEVED
17 HIM.

18 WHEN I GOT TO SAN DIEGO, THEY TOOK ME TO A HOTEL ROOM
19 WHERE I WAS PRESENTED WITH PAPERWORK. AFTER I SIGNED, I
20 RECALL MR. GARCIA AND MR. PRATT JOKING WITH EACH OTHER THAT
21 WHAT WE WERE ACTUALLY THERE FOR WAS PORN. FROM THAT POINT,
22 THERE WAS NO ASKING. IT WAS JUST TELLING ME WHAT TO DO
23 (PAUSE, CRYING) -- SORRY, YOUR HONOR -- WHAT TO SAY, AND HOW
24 TO ACT. EVEN WHEN I SAID IT HURT, NOTHING CHANGED. INSTEAD,
25 MR. GARCIA WOULD MAKE ME REFILM SCENES AND INSTRUCT ME TO

1 IGNORE THE PAIN AND ACT LIKE I WAS ENJOYING IT. OTHERWISE, HE
2 WOULD JUST HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN. I WAS LEFT WITH NO
3 CHOICE BUT TO FAKE A SMILE AND TO GRIN AND BEAR IT. A FEW
4 TIMES, I COULDN'T HOLD BACK THOSE TEARS. THOSE SCENES WERE
5 CONVENIENTLY EDITED OUT OF THE FINAL VIDEO.

6 I WASN'T THE ONLY VICTIM THEY HAD IN SAN DIEGO AT
7 THAT TIME, EITHER. THERE WAS ANOTHER VICTIM THERE WHO SAID
8 MR. GARCIA AND THE OTHERS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO GET HER TO
9 DO THINGS SHE EXPRESSLY SAID NO TO. I RECALL AT ONE POINT
10 WHEN I WAS THERE MR. GARCIA MADE LIGHT OF RAPE CHARGES WHICH
11 WERE BROUGHT UP AGAINST HIM. I FELT POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING
12 ABOUT IT BECAUSE THEY CONTROLLED MY FLIGHT HOME AND GOING TO
13 THE POLICE WOULD ONLY BRING ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO
14 NEVER REAR ITS HEAD IN THE UNITED STATES.

15 FOR YEARS, THIS STAYED A SECRET, AND I HAD PUT IT IN
16 THE PAST. HOWEVER, ABOUT TWO YEARS LATER, HALFWAY THROUGH MY
17 MASTER'S DEGREE, I WAS WALKING TO THE BUS STOP ON CAMPUS WHEN
18 I RECEIVED AN EMAIL ON MY UNIVERSITY ACCOUNT. THE TITLE WAS
19 MY FULL NAME MY UNIVERSITY PORN STAR. THE CONTENTS WERE LINKS
20 TO SEVERAL PORN SITES AND A PORNWIKI WHERE THE TRAFFICKERS
21 POSTED ALL OF OUR NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING MY
22 MOM'S HOME ADDRESS. FOR YEARS -- I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY -- I
23 STARTED RECEIVING EMAILS, TEXTS, AND CALLS FROM MY BOSSES AND
24 COWORKERS. THEY HAD RECEIVED THE EXACT SAME EMAIL. IT WAS
25 SENT TO THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT AT MY SCHOOL. MY BOSS CALLED ME

1 IN TO TALK ABOUT IT. FOR A MONTH, I DIDN'T KNOW IF I WOULD BE
2 FIRED.

3 THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE HARASSMENT. SINCE
4 THEN AND EVEN UP UNTIL TODAY, PEOPLE WILL FIND ME. THEY SEND
5 SCREENSHOTS, OR ASK HOW IT WAS, OR TELL ME HOW I'M THE SCUM OF
6 THE EARTH. FOR SIX YEARS, IT'S BEEN LIKE WALKING ON A
7 TIGHTROPE WHERE ANY SECOND THAT ROPE CAN SNAP. I'VE LOST
8 RELATIONSHIPS WITH SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AND FRIENDS BECAUSE OF
9 THIS. A BOYFRIEND, AFTER DISCOVERING THE VIDEO, DIDN'T
10 UNDERSTAND WHY HIM CALLING ME HIS LITTLE PORN STAR SENT
11 SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE. I DON'T GO OUT OF MY WAY TO MAKE NEW
12 FRIENDS ANYMORE BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF WHEN THEY DO FIND IT
13 INDELIBLY STUCK ON THE INTERNET. I DON'T DATE ANYMORE BECAUSE
14 IT'S TOO HARD WITH THIS HANGING OVER MY HEAD. IT'S AN
15 ENTIRELY SOLITARY AND LONELY EXISTENCE. EVERY DAY FOR THE
16 LAST YEARS EIGHT YEARS, THE MEMORIES OF WHAT MR. GARCIA DID TO
17 ME FILL MY HEAD, AND MANY OF THOSE DAYS IT'S JUST A BATTLE TO
18 GET OUT OF BED.

19 I THOUGHT ABOUT CHANGING MY NAME TO HIDE, BUT THAT'S
20 THE NAME MY MOM CHOSE SPECIFICALLY SO I COULD BE A STRONG
21 WOMAN. I COULDN'T DO THAT TO HER. INSTEAD, I CHANGED MY
22 APPEARANCE. I DYED MY HAIR, THEN EVENTUALLY JUST CUT IT OFF
23 ENTIRELY. I WEAR GLASSES INSTEAD OF CONTACTS, AND I NEVER
24 WEAR MAKEUP FOR FEAR OF BEING RECOGNIZED.

25 WHEN I LEARNED THAT 22 OTHER VICTIMS WON A CIVIL

1 CASE, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS THAT I FELT ANY AMOUNT OF
2 RELIEF FROM WHAT HAPPENED. SINCE THEN, I SPENT HOURS BUILDING
3 UP THE COURAGE TO BE HERE TODAY SO THAT I CAN TELL YOUR HONOR
4 ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE AND TO EXPLAIN THE ONLY WAY I WILL FEEL
5 LIKE JUSTICE IS TRULY SERVED IS IF MR. GARCIA NEVER HAS THE
6 CHANCE TO DO THIS TO ANYONE AGAIN, BECAUSE I AM CERTAIN THAT
7 THE MOMENT HE IS RELEASED, HE WILL BE BACK TO HIS OLD WAYS,
8 TRAFFICKING WOMEN AND SEEKING VENGEANCE AGAINST US FOR TELLING
9 YOU OUR STORIES HERE TODAY.

10 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
13 STATES CALLS VICTIM J.

14 VICTIM J: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

15 MAY I PLEASE ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

16 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY, MA'AM.

17 VICTIM J: SIX YEARS AGO, I SENT YOU A SINGLE EMAIL
18 ASKING YOU TO REMOVE A SINGLE VIDEO FROM YOUR WEBSITE. IF
19 YOU'D REMOVED THE VIDEO, YOU MIGHT BE A FREE MAN TODAY, BUT
20 YOU REFUSED. INSTEAD, YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEY, AARON SADOCK,
21 SEND ME A CEASE-AND-DESIST LETTER THREATENING TO SUE ME AND
22 FILE A RESTRAINING ORDER, A TACTIC CLEARLY MEANT TO SILENCE
23 ME, AS I'M SURE MR. SADOCK HAS DONE TO COUNTLESS OTHER
24 VICTIMS.

25 AFTER I WAS FORCED TO FILE A LAWSUIT, YOU NOT ONCE

1 DEFENDED THE CASE ON THE MERITS. INSTEAD, YOU, PRATT, WOLFE,
2 AND YOUR ATTORNEYS SPENT THREE YEARS GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS TO
3 INTIMIDATE ME AND HARASS ME IN THE HOPES THAT I WOULD GO AWAY.
4 THE LONGER THE CASE PROCEEDED, THE MORE YOUR REIGN OF
5 HARASSMENT GREW. YOU ENGAGED IN MULTIPLE TYPES OF HARASSMENT.
6 YOU GUYS PUBLISHED DEFAMATORY ARTICLES ONLINE CALLING ME A
7 PROSTITUTE, HOOKER, AND ESCORT WHEN YOU KNEW THAT WASN'T TRUE.
8 YOU GUYS PUBLISHED ALL OF MY PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE SO
9 THAT THE TROLLS AND BASEMENT DWELLERS OF THE WORLD COULD STALK
10 AND HARASS ME, WHICH THEY DID WITHOUT MERCY.

11 YOU GUYS PURCHASED MY WEB DOMAIN FOR MY FIRST AND
12 LAST NAME, OBVIOUSLY SEEKING TO PUBLISH FURTHER HARASSING
13 CONTENT. YOU GUYS STOLE THE IDENTITY OF ONE OF YOUR VICTIMS
14 WITHOUT HER KNOWING AND CREATED A FAKE FACEBOOK ACCOUNT FOR
15 HER. THEN YOU CONTACTED ME FROM THE FAKE ACCOUNT PRETENDING
16 TO BE ANOTHER VICTIM IN THE HOPES THAT YOU COULD TRICK ME INTO
17 DISCLOSING PRIVILEGED AND PRIVATE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
18 INVESTIGATION AND CASE.

19 YOU SENT OVER 60 EMAILS TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS,
20 COLLEAGUES, PREVIOUS SOCCER COACHES, PAST AND PRESENT
21 EMPLOYERS, LAW PROFESSORS AND DEANS THAT CONTAINED GRAPHIC
22 PICTURES OF ME AND CONTAINED LINKS TO THE VIDEO. YOU ACCUSED
23 ME OF BEING, AND I QUOTE, A KRUSTY WHORE. YOU GUYS CALLED THE
24 DEANS OF MY LAW SCHOOL AND TOLD THEM THEY NEEDED A BETTER ROLE
25 MODEL AND THAT I SHOULD BE EXPELLED. YOU ALSO MAILED NAKED

1 PHOTOS OF ME TO THE SCHOOL.

2 YOU GUYS CONTACTED EVERY EMPLOYER I HAD DURING THE
3 THREE-YEAR LAWSUIT. YOU SHOWED UP AT MY WAITRESSING JOB ON
4 MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, FORCING ME TO SERVE YOU. THEN YOU
5 COMPLAINED ABOUT ME TO A COWORKER, TRYING TO GET ME FIRED.

6 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CIVIL CASE, YOUR ATTORNEYS
7 FABRICATED A LAWSUIT AGAINST ME. IT WENT NOWHERE BECAUSE IT
8 WAS FRIVOLOUS, AND THEN YOUR ATTORNEY SERVED ME WITH IT THE
9 DAY BEFORE I TOOK THE BAR EXAM. THIS WAS NO COINCIDENCE.

10 DURING MY DEPOSITION, RATHER THAN SIT AT THE
11 CONFERENCE TABLE LIKE A NORMAL PERSON, YOU STRATEGICALLY TOOK
12 YOUR CHAIR AND SAT BEHIND YOUR ATTORNEY QUESTIONING ME,
13 FORCING ME TO LOOK AT YOU. YOU SAT THERE SMUGLY, SLOUCHING IN
14 YOUR CHAIR TO MEET MY EYE LEVEL, REACTING TO EACH ONE OF MY
15 ANSWERS. YOU SMILED WITH SATISFACTION AS I SAT THERE IN TEARS
16 RECOUNTING THE TRAUMA YOU HAD CAUSED ME. YOU EVEN OBJECTED
17 WHEN I WAS TRYING TO ANSWER A QUESTION. OUR JUDGE HAD TO
18 ORDER YOU TO STOP THESE TACTICS.

19 DURING THE 99-DAY CIVIL TRIAL THAT YOU CONVENIENTLY
20 SKIPPED, I RECEIVED A HARASSING PHONE CALL WHILE WALKING INTO
21 THE COURTHOUSE JUST MINUTES BEFORE I WAS SET TO TAKE THE STAND
22 TO TESTIFY, SOMETHING ONLY YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEYS KNEW WAS
23 HAPPENING THAT MORNING. AGAIN, THE TIMING WAS NO COINCIDENCE.
24 AT TRIAL, YOUR ATTORNEYS ASKED OUTRAGEOUS AND IRRELEVANT
25 QUESTIONS IN OPEN COURT TRYING TO SLUT-SHAME ME, SUCH AS, AND

1 I QUOTE, YOU WERE WORKING THERE AS A PROSTITUTE, WEREN'T YOU?
2 ARE YOU WEARING A BLACK BIKINI? WAS THIS ON A SKI TRIP? IS
3 THAT A FUR COAT ON YOUR BED?

4 LITERALLY, EVERY PERSON INVOLVED IN YOUR CRIMINAL
5 ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING YOUR ATTORNEYS, RELENTLESSLY
6 RETALIATED AGAINST ME ALL BECAUSE I TRIED SEEKING JUSTICE, AS
7 IF I HAD DONE SOMETHING WRONG AND YOU WERE THE VICTIM.

8 THE EMOTIONAL HARM YOU CAUSED ME DOESN'T EXPIRE. IT
9 DOESN'T GO AWAY WITH TIME. IT WILL STAY WITH ME AND BE PART
10 OF MY IDENTITY FOREVER. YOU STOLE SO MUCH FROM ME, WHO I WAS,
11 WHO I AM, AND WHO I COULD HAVE BEEN. YOU TOOK MY IDENTITY, MY
12 WORTH, MY PRIVACY, MY SAFETY, MY INTIMACY, AND MY CONFIDENCE.
13 YOU DRAGGED ME THROUGH HELL AND RIPPED ME APART PIECE BY
14 PIECE, AND YOU PROFITED OFF DOING IT.

15 I TRIED MOVING AWAY, USING A DIFFERENT NAME AND
16 DRASTICALLY CHANGING MY APPEARANCE. NO MATTER WHERE I GO OR
17 WHAT I DO, I CAN NEVER ESCAPE WHAT YOU DID TO ME. I'M NOT THE
18 SAME CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT, AND OUTGOING GIRL I ONCE WAS, AND
19 I WILL NEVER BE THAT GIRL AGAIN. THE LIFE I ONCE HAD IS NOW
20 DISTORTED BEYOND RECOGNITION. I'M NOW FRAGILE, CLOSED OFF,
21 PARANOID, AND CONSTANTLY TRIGGERED. YOU DESTROYED MY SENSE OF
22 SAFETY AND TRUST AND DEPRIVED ME OF MY IDENTITY. I LIVE IN
23 FEAR FROM CONSTANT HARASSMENT AND MOVE THROUGH LIFE TIMID AND
24 ALWAYS GUARDED. I HATED MYSELF FOR YEARS, SO I SELF-MEDICATED
25 TO NUMB THE PAIN. I DRANK ALCOHOL TO FORGET AND TOOK COUGH

1 MEDICINE SO I COULD FALL ASLEEP. WHEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, I
2 EVEN TRIED TAKING MY OWN LIFE ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS.

3 I ABANDONED MY CAREER IN LAW BECAUSE OF YOU, AND I
4 WILL NEVER HAVE KIDS BECAUSE I FEAR THEY WILL UNDERGO THE SAME
5 HARASSMENT I HAVE. MY LIFE TODAY REVOLVES AROUND THE IMPACTS
6 OF WHAT YOU DID TO ME. BUSPIRONE, HYDROXYZINE, TRAZODONE, AND
7 KLONOPIN ARE ALL A PART OF MY DAILY ROUTINE JUST TO COPE WITH
8 THE CHRONIC DEPRESSION, SEVERE ANXIETY, AND PERMANENT PTSD YOU
9 HAVE LEFT ME WITH.

10 YOU NOT ONLY AFFECTED MY LIFE, BUT ALSO MY FAMILY,
11 FRIENDS, AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS. I CAN'T GET BACK THE
12 SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, LOST FRIENDSHIPS, OR ALUMNI EVENTS I'M TOO
13 ASHAMED TO ATTEND. THEY'RE GONE, LIKE MY IDENTITY, MY CAREER,
14 AND THE LIFESTYLE YOU ROBBED ME FROM.

15 YOUR HONOR, ANDRE GARCIA TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME
16 EXCEPT MY VOICE, AND THAT IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY. I REFUSE TO
17 REMAIN SILENT DESPITE GARCIA'S AND HIS COHORTS' ENDLESS
18 THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND RUTHLESS INTIMIDATION TACTICS. I
19 STAND HERE TODAY NOT ONLY SEEKING JUSTICE FOR WHAT GARCIA DID
20 TO ME, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO PREVENT HIM FROM DOING THIS
21 TO ANY OTHER YOUNG WOMAN. FOR NINE YEARS, GARCIA EARNED A
22 GOOD LIVING OFF MANIPULATING, DEFRAUDING, AND TRAFFICKING
23 WOMEN, A SKILL HE MASTERED OVER TIME WITH PRACTICE ON HIS
24 COUNTLESS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER VICTIMS.

25 ANDRE GARCIA IS BY DEFINITION A PROFESSIONAL SEX

1 TRAFFICKER. HE KNEW HIS ACTIONS WERE WRONG YEARS AGO WHEN HE
2 PLEADED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO EVERY QUESTION ASKED DURING HIS
3 DEPOSITION. EVEN AFTER PLEADING THE FIFTH, HE DIDN'T STOP.
4 RATHER, HE IGNORED THE CIVIL CASE, SKIPPED THE ENTIRE 99-DAY
5 TRIAL, AND CONTINUED TRAFFICKING OTHERS SO THAT HE COULD
6 PROFIT OFF OF THEM AND SEXUALLY GRATIFY HIMSELF IN THE
7 PROCESS.

8 THE THREAT OF OWING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR CIVIL
9 LAWSUITS DIDN'T STOP HIM, NOR THE THREAT OF INCARCERATION.
10 THE ONLY THING THAT ACTUALLY MADE THIS MAN STOP WAS HANDCUFFS
11 AND A JAIL CELL. BUT ONCE THOSE CUFFS ARE OFF, EVERY PERSON
12 IN THIS COURTROOM KNOWS HE'LL BE BACK TO HIS OLD WAYS. NO
13 AMOUNT OF JAIL TIME WILL REFORM GARCIA INTO A LAW-ABIDING
14 CITIZEN, NOT 20 YEARS, NOT 30, AND CERTAINLY NOT 40, EITHER.
15 HE WILL BE AN IMMINENT THREAT TO SOCIETY THE DAY HE IS
16 RELEASED, AND THAT IS WHY I ASK YOU, ASK YOUR HONOR, TO
17 PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THIS SEXUAL PREDATOR AS LONG AS YOU
18 CAN, PROTECT SAN DIEGO, PROTECT WOMEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY BY
19 SENTENCING GARCIA FOR THE MAXIMUM TIME POSSIBLE.

20 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

22 MR. GREEN: AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM K, YOUR
23 HONOR.

24 VICTIM K: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
25 TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

1 THE COURT: OF COURSE.

2 VICTIM K: I WAS JUST 17 YEARS OLD, AND I HAD JUST
3 MOVED OUT OF MY PARENTS' HOUSE TO START COLLEGE, AND MY 18TH
4 BIRTHDAY WAS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AWAY. I WAS LOOKING FOR JOBS
5 TO START MY CAREER, MY NEW LIFE IN THIS NEW TOWN, BUT I WAS
6 BROKE. SO, LOOKING FOR ADS ON CRAIGSLIST, I FOUND A
7 [INAUDIBLE] MODELING.COM. THE AD SAID YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS
8 OLD. THINKING I WOULD BE 18 IN JUST A FEW WEEKS WHEN I GOT TO
9 COLLEGE, I APPLIED. NOT LONG AFTER SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION,
10 I GOT A CALL FROM JONATHAN, OR ANDRE GARCIA. I CAN REMEMBER
11 BEING SO WORRIED TO TELL HIM THAT I WAS JUST 17, BUT HE WAS
12 NOT MAD OR CONCERNED. INSTEAD, HE WAS EXCITED AND WAS EAGER
13 TO START THE RECRUITING PROCESS. HE CONTINUED TO FEED ME LIES
14 AND MANIPULATE ME AND BOOKED A FLIGHT FOR ME TO FLY ACROSS THE
15 COUNTRY ON MY 18TH BIRTHDAY. I WAS SO EXCITED TO SEE SAN
16 DIEGO. I HAD NEVER LEFT FLORIDA. I WANTED TO SEE THE
17 MOUNTAINS. IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, KNOWING I WAS 17, HE
18 PROVIDED ME WITH SEVERAL REFERENCES TO HELP SELL HIS LIES, AND
19 HE ALSO CONVINCED ME TO SEND HIM NUDE PHOTOS, KNOWING THAT I
20 WAS A 17-YEAR-OLD CHILD.

21 WHEN I GOT TO SAN DIEGO, ANDRE, JONATHAN -- I'M NOT
22 SURE WHAT HE WAS GOING BY AT THAT POINT -- ASKED IF I WANTED
23 TO GO TO THE CLUB INSTEAD OF THE HOTEL THAT I WAS BOOKED FOR.
24 JUST TURNING 18, I EAGERLY AGREED AND WAS SO HAPPY THAT I WAS
25 ABLE TO HAVE THIS VIP EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH A COOL NEW FRIEND.

1 HE SAID THE ONLY STIPULATION WAS THAT I COULD NOT TELL PRATT
2 AND NOT TO GET TOO DRUNK BECAUSE THAT WOULD RUIN THE SHOOT IN
3 THE MORNING. THE NEXT DAY, WE STOPPED AT A GROCERY STORE
4 BEFORE WE HEADED TO THE SCENE FOR THE SHOOT, AND GARCIA AND
5 PRATT BOUGHT ME BIRTHDAY CAKE TO INCLUDE IN THE FILMING
6 PROCESS SO HE COULD LET EVERYONE KNOW I THAT I HAD JUST TURNED
7 18.

8 MY LIFE OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS HAS BEEN A SPIRAL
9 OF HELL. I WON'T GET INTO THE DETAILS, BUT MY STORY OF
10 SUFFERING AND TRAUMA IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE OTHER LADIES WITH
11 ME. I STRUGGLE EVERY DAY TO PUSH THESE MEMORIES OUT OF MY
12 MIND, AND JUST HEARING THOSE STORIES HAS BEEN VERY PAINFUL.

13 ANDRE GARCIA CONNED A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO FLY ACROSS
14 THE COUNTRY SO HE COULD HAVE SEX WITH HER, EXPLOIT HER, AND
15 SELL HER YOUTH FOR PROFIT. I'M GLAD HE'S NO LONGER ABLE TO DO
16 THIS NOW, BUT I'M VERY CONCERNED FOR THE FUTURE. HE SAID
17 TODAY THAT HE'S SORRY AND SHOWS REMORSE. HE DOES NOT. I SENT
18 HIM COUNTLESS TEXT MESSAGES, CALLS, BEGGING HIM TO STOP THIS
19 NIGHTMARE THAT HE MANIPULATED ME INTO, AND HE IGNORED ALL OF
20 THEM.

21 I HAVE GROWN UP A LOT IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, AND
22 I'M NOT NAIVE TO BELIEVE THAT GARCIA WILL SPEND THE REST OF
23 HIS LIFE IN JAIL, BUT HE IS A PREDATOR, A PEDOPHILE, AND A
24 RAPIST, AND HE WILL ONE DAY BE A FREE MAN AGAIN TO DO THIS TO
25 ANOTHER MINOR. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU, YOUR HONOR, TO

1 PLEASE ENSURE THAT HE IS NOT ABLE TO DO THIS OR HAVE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN FOR A LONG TIME.

3 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

4 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

5 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM
6 L.

7 VICTIM L: HELLO, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR BEING
8 HERE TODAY TO HEAR US AND FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

9 I WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE INCREDIBLE WOMEN BEHIND
10 ME FOR THEIR STRENGTH AND BRAVERY. I FEEL THE HEART-WRENCHING
11 REASON WE'RE HERE TODAY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS,
12 BUT I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE HOPE
13 THAT NO OTHER WOMEN ARE HURT AT THE HANDS OF THIS MAN.

14 IN JANUARY, 2016, MY LIFE CHANGED. I HAD JUST TURNED
15 22 AND HAD SO MANY DREAMS FOR WHAT I WANTED MY LIFE TO BE. I
16 WANTED TO WRITE BOOKS AND POETRY AND WAS EAGER TO HAVE A
17 FAMILY OF MY OWN. I TAUGHT YOGA AND WAS ACTIVE ON SOCIAL
18 MEDIA WHERE I ENJOYED SHARING UPLIFTING MESSAGES AND WAS EAGER
19 TO HELP OTHERS.

20 AFTER MY TIME IN SAN DIEGO, I WAS TRAUMATIZED, BUT I
21 THOUGHT THAT I COULD HOLD THINGS TOGETHER AS LONG AS NO ONE IN
22 MY LIFE EVER FOUND OUT. A FEW WEEKS LATER, MY PHONE STARTED
23 EXPLODING WITH TEXTS AND CALLS WITH GRAPHIC IMAGES, AND THEN
24 MY WORLD COLLAPSED. I AM ONE OF FIVE CHILDREN IN AN ACTIVE
25 MORMON FAMILY, AND THEIR REACTIONS WERE FEELINGS OF INTENSE

1 BETRAYAL AND SHAME. MY YOUNGER BROTHER WAS SERVING A MISSION
2 FOR THE MORMON CHURCH IN ENGLAND AT THAT TIME, AND WHEN MY
3 FAMILY CALLS TO TELL HIM WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WHAT HIS SISTER
4 HAD DONE, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED.

5 THERE HASN'T BEEN MORE THAN TWO WEEKS SINCE THAT DATE
6 THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN REMINDED OF THE VIDEO BY SOME SORT OF
7 COMMENT FROM SOMEONE IN MY LIFE OR HARASSMENT ONLINE. IT
8 CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. I'VE HAD STALKERS. I HAD A DEAD CAT
9 LEFT ON MY PORCH AND FAN PAGES WHERE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION
10 WAS SHARED ONLINE, AS WELL AS PICTURES OF ME GROWING UP,
11 PICTURES FROM MY WEDDING, AND PICTURES WITH MY NIECES AND
12 NEPHEWS, HOLDING THEM AT BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND SCHOOL
13 FUNCTIONS. I THINK THAT THAT WAS PROBABLY THE WORST PART FOR
14 ME, THAT THEY WERE BROUGHT INTO MY NIGHTMARE. I COULDN'T GO
15 GROCERY SHOPPING ALONG WITH THEM.

16 LIKE MANY OF THESE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, I COULDN'T MAKE
17 EYE CONTACT WITH STRANGERS BECAUSE I THOUGHT EVERYONE KNEW,
18 THAT THEY COULD JUST SEE THIS UGLY TRAUMA RIGHT ON MY FACE.
19 MY BODY DIDN'T FEEL LIKE MY OWN. I COULDN'T -- I STILL CAN'T
20 OFTEN LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR, ESPECIALLY WHILE
21 UNCLOTHED.

22 I HONESTLY THOUGHT THE BEST THING THAT I COULD DO FOR
23 THE PEOPLE THAT I LOVED WAS TO END MY OWN LIFE, WHICH I TRIED
24 MANY TIMES. I STRUGGLE WITH DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SUICIDAL
25 THOUGHTS, AND SELF-HARM CONTINUALLY UP TO TODAY. I WAS

1 MARRIED FOR TWO YEARS, RECENTLY GOT DIVORCED. IT FELL APART
2 BECAUSE I FELT TOO DAMAGED AND BROKEN AND UNWORTHY OF LOVE. I
3 WAS ONCE VERY OUTGOING AND OPTIMISTIC. I WAS DESCRIBED AS
4 BUBBLY, AND I REALLY LIKED MY LIFE AND WHO I WAS. I FEEL LIKE
5 A SHELL OF MY FORMER SELF. IT'S STILL DIFFICULT TO HAVE HOPES
6 AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WHEN I DON'T ALWAYS WANT TO BE HERE,
7 AND I STILL GET PHYSICALLY ILL WHEN THINKING ABOUT THE
8 EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD WITH ANDRE GARCIA TOO INTENTLY.

9 MY FAMILY DIDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED
10 UP UNTIL THIS TRIAL, SO I AM GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

11 THE VIDEO DOESN'T SHOW THE BRUTALITY BY WHICH I WAS
12 REPEATEDLY RAPED OVER THE COURSE OF HOURS. IT DOESN'T SHOW
13 THE BLOOD-STAINED SHEETS THAT I WAS EXPECTED TO SLEEP IN OR
14 THE PLEAS FOR IT TO STOP. IT DOESN'T SHOW THE PAIN, AND IT'S
15 STILL BEING REPOSTED. THE MALICIOUS INTENT BY WHICH IT WAS
16 MADE IS QUITE SICKENING.

17 IT IS NOT MY JOB TO JUDGE THE WORTH OF THIS MAN'S
18 SOUL OR HIS FATE, BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXPERTISE AND
19 TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR US ALL OUT.

20 IF I MAY ADDRESS HIM, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: YES.

22 VICTIM L: I CAN'T UNDO WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME OR
23 THESE WOMEN. I CAN'T GET BACK THE LIFE THAT YOU RUINED, BUT I
24 CAN PRAY THAT YOU NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO THIS TO ANOTHER
25 GIRL.

1 THANK YOU.

2 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

3 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
4 STATES CALLS VICTIM M.

5 VICTIM M: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

6 FIRST AND FOREMOST, BEFORE I DELVE INTO THIS, I WOULD
7 JUST LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY
8 TO BE HERE TODAY. I'D LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE COURT AND
9 BRIAN HOLM FOR ALLOWING ME TO STAND UP HERE AND EXPRESS MY
10 THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS AND HOPES THAT MY MYSELF AND MY FELLOW
11 VICTIMS CAN LEAVE THIS COURTROOM TODAY WITH A SENSE OF PEACE
12 AND A SENSE OF CLOSURE TO THIS LIVING NIGHTMARE WE'VE ALL
13 ENDURED.

14 I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF WORDS THAT WILL
15 EVER TRULY AND ADEQUATELY ENTAIL THE AGONIZING PAIN AND
16 SUFFERING THAT MY LIFE HAS UNDERWENT SINCE BECOMING INVOLVED
17 WITH ANDRE GARCIA. I KNOW A LOT OF WOMEN IN HERE TODAY HAVE
18 GONE THROUGH SIMILAR EXPERIENCES TO MINE AND KNOW EXACTLY HOW
19 I FEEL, BUT HERE TODAY ALSO IS THE PROPRIETOR OF WHAT I WOULD
20 ARGUE TO BE THE MOST SICKENING, THE MOST RUTHLESS OPERATION
21 THAT ANY HUMAN BEING COULD EVER IMAGINE TO CONSPIRE, A TRUE
22 PREDATOR, A RAPIST, A MONSTER WHO SOUGHT TO EARN HIS LIVING IN
23 THE MOST OUTRIGHT DESPICABLE AND MALICIOUS WAY THAT HE
24 POSSIBLY COULD WITH NOT A SINGLE OUNCE OF REMORSE.

25 I RECENTLY READ A BOOK CALLED *OUTLIERS*. IN THAT

1 BOOK, IT TELLS STORIES OF HOW PEOPLE HAVE BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN
2 THIS LIFE, HOW PEOPLE HAVE STOOD OUT FROM THE REST. A QUOTE
3 IN THAT BOOK STOOD OUT TO ME. IT STATED: TEN THOUSAND HOURS
4 OF PRACTICE, THAT'S WHAT'S REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF
5 MASTERY ASSOCIATED WITH BEING A WORLD-CLASS EXPERT IN
6 ANYTHING. I WOULD CLASSIFY GARCIA AS SUCCESSFUL, BUT NOT FOR
7 MORAL, JUST REASONS. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL AT FRAUD, AT COERCION,
8 AND RAPE. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL AT STRIPPING WOMEN OF THEIR
9 DIGNITY, OF OBJECTIFYING THEM, OF DISRUPTING THEIR LIVES, OF
10 GIVING THEM A PERMANENT REPUTATION AS A PORN STAR, AND I
11 WOULDN'T DOUBT THAT HE HAS COME CLOSE TO APPLYING 10,000 HOURS
12 OF PRACTICE TO HIS FRAUD SCHEME.

13 AND SO FOR THAT I WOULD CONSIDER HIM AN EXPERT, AND
14 AN EXPERT AT SOMETHING SO VILE AND DEHUMANIZING DOESN'T
15 DESERVE TO CONTINUE ON TO BE PRIVILEGED ENOUGH TO ENJOY HIS
16 FREEDOM, MUCH LESS ENJOY ANYTHING THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER HIM
17 BESIDES PUNISHMENT. HE DESERVES TO BE KEPT IN A CAGE, LOCKED
18 UP LIKE AN ANIMAL, FOR THE SAKE OF THE SAFETY AND THE
19 PROTECTION OF OTHER INNOCENT WOMEN. I WOULDN'T WISH WHAT HE
20 DID TO ME ON MY WORST ENEMY. I'M SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER. I'M A
21 BIG SISTER. I HAVE GOALS AND DREAMS AND SO MUCH I WANT TO
22 OFFER THIS WORLD. ONE DAY, I HOPE TO BE SOMEBODY'S WIFE,
23 SOMEONE'S MOTHER.

24 I DIDN'T DESERVE TO HAVE MY LIFE PUT ON HOLD AND MY
25 WORLD FALL APART JUST AS I WAS TRYING TO START PIECING IT

1 TOGETHER. WHEN HE CAPTURED ME INTO HIS SCHEME, I WAS ONLY 18.
2 I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A COMMON
3 TREND YOU SEE AMONG GIRLS LIKE MYSELF AT THIS AGE,
4 VULNERABILITY, BEING NAIVE, NOT KNOWING THE TRUE EVILS OF THIS
5 WORLD JUST YET BECAUSE YOU JUST HAVEN'T SEEN THE WORLD.

6 MY FAMILY MOVED WHILE I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF HIGH
7 SCHOOL. I STRUGGLED A LOT EMOTIONALLY FROM IT. I GOT INTO
8 THE WRONG CROWD. I GOT INTO DRINKING AND PARTYING. I GOT
9 INVOLVED WITH DATING A MAN WHO ABUSED ME MENTALLY AND
10 SOMETIMES PHYSICALLY. I NEVER MADE ANY REAL FRIENDS. I GREW
11 APART FROM MY TRUE SELF AND EVEN FROM MY FAMILY AND PARENTS.
12 I WANTED TO RUN AWAY FROM MY LIFE, AND GARCIA SOLD ME ON HOW
13 TO DO JUST THAT, THIS LIFESTYLE, A FREE CHANCE TO GET AWAY AND
14 MAKE MONEY DOING IT.

15 HE KNEW THAT WOULDN'T BE CONVINCING ENOUGH, THOUGH.
16 HE SOLD ME SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN THAT, VALIDATION
17 THAT I WAS PRETTY AND I STOOD OUT FROM OTHER GIRLS, SOMETHING
18 EVERY WOMAN, ESPECIALLY YOUNG, WANTS TO FEEL LIKE. HE
19 RECRUITED ME THROUGH OTHER PRETTY WOMEN, AND ONCE HE FINALLY
20 GOT ME RIGHT WHERE HE WANTED ME, WHICH WAS LOCKED IN A HOTEL
21 ROOM HERE IN SAN DIEGO, HE RAPED ME FOR PROFIT AND FOR THE
22 VIEWING PLEASURE OF OTHERS. HE MADE ME FEEL WEAK. HE MADE ME
23 FEEL UNNERVED. HE MADE ME FEEL LIKE AN OBJECT. HE YELLED AT
24 ME. HE MADE ME FEEL LIKE I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COMPLY, AND
25 IF I DIDN'T, I COULD VERY WELL BE HELD AT GUNPOINT.

1 THE VIDEO GOT SEEN BY MY FRIENDS AND MY PARENTS. IT
2 EMBARRASSED MY BROTHER TO BE RELATED TO ME. IT RUINED THE
3 RELATIONSHIP I HAD WITH MY FATHER. TO THIS DAY, WE STILL
4 DON'T SPEAK. I MISS HIM SO MUCH SOMETIMES THAT IT HURTS. TO
5 BE REJECTED BY MY OWN PARENT WAS WORSE THAN WHAT ANYONE ELSE
6 THOUGHT OF ME, BUT THE VIDEO DID WHAT IT WAS MEANT TO DO:
7 FORCE ME TO RUN AWAY. IT TORE ME APART. I WAS HARASSED BY
8 PEOPLE. I WAS LOOKED DOWN UPON. I LEARNED IN THE WORST WAY
9 POSSIBLE HOW I NEVER WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER HUMAN BEING FEEL.
10 IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT I WAS SEX-TRAFFICKED OR RAPED. PEOPLE
11 THOUGHT I ENJOYED IT.

12 I DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND MOVED AWAY FROM
13 HOME. IT STILL FOLLOWED ME. IT GOT LEAKED TO AN
14 EX-BOYFRIEND, AND HE TOLD ME IF I COULD DO THAT VIDEO, THEN I
15 WAS A WHORE WHO WOULD PROBABLY CHEAT ON HIM AND THAT HE WOULD
16 NEVER SATISFY ME THE WAY THAT A MALE PORN STAR COULD. HE TOOK
17 THE VIDEO FOR FACE VALUE, AS DID LOTS OF OTHERS. IF I GO HOME
18 AND IF I GO OUT IN PUBLIC, PEOPLE STILL REMEMBER ME BY IT. A
19 FEW WEEKS AGO, WHEN I WAS BACK IN MY HOMETOWN AT A BAR, A GIRL
20 ASKED IF I WAS THAT GIRL FROM HER HIGH SCHOOL WHO DID PORN.
21 SHE SAID I HAD NO MORALS. LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW I'VE SPENT THE
22 LAST FOUR YEARS OF MY LIFE SUFFERING MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY,
23 AND THAT'S NOT WHAT SOMEBODY WHO LACKS ANY TYPE OF MORALS
24 WOULD DO.

25 I PUT ALL THE BLAME ON MYSELF. I DID FOR YEARS. MY

1 MOM STILL TO THIS DAY PLACES SOME OF THE BLAME ON HERSELF.
2 I'D RATHER TAKE THE BLAME A HUNDRED MORE TIMES THAN HAVE HER
3 FEEL LIKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS HER FAULT.

4 MY FEW CLOSE FRIENDS HAVE SEEN ME ISOLATE MYSELF AND
5 COME CLOSE TO THE POINT OF HARMING MYSELF JUST TO PUT AN END
6 TO THE NEVER-ENDING STREAM OF INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS AND BLAME
7 THAT I WOULD END UP HOLDING MYSELF ACCOUNTABLE FOR AFTER
8 HAVING THIS HAPPEN TO ME. I SUFFERED PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS LIKE
9 PANIC ATTACKS. AT ONE POINT, I HAD SO MUCH STRESS BUILT UP, I
10 STARTED TO SUFFER SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF A HEART ATTACK.
11 SOMETIMES, I STILL HAVE A DEEP HATRED FOR MEN, THINKING THEY
12 ALL SECRETLY JUST WANT TO USE WOMEN. I USED TO NOT FEEL
13 WORTHY OF LOVE. I STILL CAN'T HAVE INTIMACY WITHOUT FEELING
14 LIKE I'M ONLY THERE FOR THE MAN'S PLEASURE. I COULD GO ON
15 ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DEMONS THAT I'VE DEALT WITH AND THE
16 PAIN THAT MY BODY HAS ENDURED.

17 NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS DID I IMAGINE GOING THROUGH
18 SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. MOST PEOPLE I KNOW
19 AND MOST PEOPLE THAT I WILL MEET IN MY LIFETIME WILL NEVER BE
20 ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS VIDEO HAS LEFT ME WITH SO MANY
21 SCARS, BUT MY SCARS MAKE ME WHO I AM. ALTHOUGH I'M HERE TODAY
22 IDENTIFYING AS A VICTIM, I AM NOT A VICTIM TODAY. TODAY, I'M
23 A SURVIVOR. TODAY, I'M SOMEONE WHO IS STILL HERE TO FIND THE
24 COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK AND TO MAKE SURE THIS
25 SCUMBAG OF A PERSON WILL NEVER BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO

1 TARNISH ANOTHER WOMAN'S LIFE.

2 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

4 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
5 STATES CALLS VICTIM N, AND I WANTED TO LET THE COURT KNOW THAT
6 VICTIMS O AND P HAVE ELECTED NOT TO SPEAK TODAY.

7 THE COURT: OKAY.

8 MR. GREEN: SO, AFTER VICTIM N, THE NEXT VICTIM THAT
9 WE WILL HEAR FROM WILL BE VICTIM Q.

10 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

11 VICTIM N: YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

13 I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE, LIKE THE OTHER BEAUTIFUL
14 LADIES, I FEEL LIKE A HORRIBLE CRIMINAL. I WAS 17 YEARS OLD
15 WHEN I CAME ACROSS AN AD FOR MODELING. MODELING AND ACTING
16 WAS ALWAYS MY DREAM JOB. EXCITED TO TURN 18, I COULDN'T WAIT
17 TO EXPAND MY CAREER. I WAS APPROACHED BY THE DEFENDANT VIA
18 EMAIL SAYING THAT I HAD BEEN CAST FOR A MODELING JOB. FEELING
19 ECSTATIC, I WENT TO THE PLACE HE INSTRUCTED, AND LITTLE DID I
20 KNOW MY LIFE WOULD CHANGE FOREVER.

21 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HORRIFIC EXPERIENCE OF FILMING
22 THE VIDEO WITH THE DEFENDANT, I BECAME DEPRESSED. A YEAR WENT
23 BY AND I THOUGHT THE NIGHTMARE WAS OVER, AND IT HAD JUST
24 BEGUN. I WAS AT HOME ONE DAY WHEN ONE OF MY GOOD FRIENDS
25 CALLED ME. KIND OF CONFUSED BECAUSE IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT, I

1 ANSWERED THE PHONE. MY LONGTIME FRIEND SINCE SCHOOL WAS IN
2 TEARS, SPEAKING VERY RAPIDLY. SHE KEPT REPEATING, YOU'RE
3 TRENDING ON TWITTER. NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS GOING ON, I WENT
4 AND CHECKED MY TWITTER, AND IT SAID SAN DIEGO EBONY TEEN PORN
5 STAR, AND THERE WERE GIFS TO MY CONTENT THAT THE DEFENDANT
6 TOOK FROM ME UNWILLINGLY.

7 I COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL. I COULDN'T BE AROUND
8 PEOPLE. I WOULD PRETEND THAT I WAS SICK SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO
9 SEE ANYONE. I LOST MY FIRST LOVE BECAUSE OF THE EMBARRASSMENT
10 AND ATTENTION THIS VIDEO BROUGHT TO MY NAME, AND FOR YEARS I
11 WAS KNOWN AS THE HEAD GIRL IN MY HOMETOWN, WHICH IS HERE IN
12 SAN DIEGO.

13 THIS HAS AFFECTED MY SELF-ESTEEM AND MY ABILITY TO
14 LOVE, TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS, AND TO EXPAND MY FUTURE
15 CAREER. I AM HARASSED EVERY DAY WITH COMMENTS BECAUSE OF THIS
16 VIDEO. FOR ALMOST A DECADE, THIS VIDEO IS THE FIRST THING
17 THAT POPS UP WHEN YOU GOOGLE MY NAME. I NO LONGER OWN MY
18 NAME. THIS IS THE FIRST THING ASSOCIATED WITH MY NAME. I NOW
19 HAVE CHILDREN WHO WOULD HATE TO GROW UP AND GET MADE FUN OF
20 BECAUSE OF WHAT THEIR NAME IS.

21 I'M SO TIRED AND EXHAUSTED TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO NEW
22 EMPLOYERS, POTENTIAL PARTNERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS I
23 HAVEN'T SEEN ABOUT THE HISTORY BEHIND WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY A
24 PORNOGRAPHY VIDEO APPEARS WHEN YOU SEARCH MY NAME ON THE
25 INTERNET. I'M SO TIRED OF EXPLAINING THIS CHAPTER OF MY LIFE.

1 GIVING ANDRE GARCIA A LONG SENTENCE WILL NOT UNDO THE
2 PAIN HE HAS CAUSED ME AND THE DAMAGE HE HAS DONE TO MY LIFE,
3 BUT, YOUR HONOR, YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO GIVE ME AND THE OTHER
4 VICTIMS SOME CLOSURE. SO, TO ENSURE HE CAN NEVER DO THIS
5 AGAIN, HE ONLY STOPPED BECAUSE HE WAS ARRESTED, AND I HAVE NO
6 DOUBT THE SECOND HE IS RELEASED HE WILL FIND A WAY TO START
7 EXPLOITING WOMEN AGAIN. HE DOES NOT DESERVE ANY OF THIS.

8 THANK YOU.

9 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

10 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
11 STATES CALLS VICTIM Q.

12 VICTIM Q: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR ALLOWING ME THE
13 TIME TO SPEAK TODAY.

14 MY LIFE FEELS LIKE IT WAS STOLEN FROM ME, AND IT WILL
15 NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. AS MUCH AS I WANT THIS NIGHTMARE TO
16 END, I KNOW IT WON'T, BECAUSE WHEN I WAKE UP EVERY DAY, I AM
17 SUFFERING. I'M STILL EXPLOITED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE, AND THAT
18 WILL NEVER CHANGE.

19 I WAS BARELY 18 YEARS OLD AND HAD JUST GRADUATED FROM
20 HIGH SCHOOL, A YOUNG WOMAN FULL OF AMBITION. BECOMING A MODEL
21 WAS A DREAM OF MINE, SO WHEN I SAW THE AD FOR BEGINMODELING, I
22 WAS EXCITED FOR WHAT IT MIGHT BRING. LITTLE DID I KNOW IT
23 WOULD LEAD ME STRAIGHT TO THE DEVIL.

24 I WAS YOUNG AND NAIVE, AND I WAS AN EASY TARGET TO BE
25 TRAFFICKED, RAPED, AND EXPLOITED BY GARCIA. I WILL NEVER

1 FORGIVE GARCIA FOR WHAT HE DID TO ME. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE
2 SECOND I STEPPED INTO THE HOTEL ROOM. HE FORCED ME INTO THE
3 BATHROOM AND LOCKED THE DOOR BEHIND HIM, AND HE FORCED ME TO
4 GET NAKED, AND I WAS TERRIFIED, AND THE TERROR CONTINUED FOR
5 HOURS AND HOURS, AND OVER SIX HOURS, DESPITE THE BLOOD, THE
6 TEARS, AND THE BEGGING, HE WOULDN'T STOP, EVEN THOUGH I SAID
7 THAT YOU'RE HURTING ME.

8 I CAN REMEMBER BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF A TEST AT MY
9 SMALL-TOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I BEGAN TO HEAR EVERYBODY
10 LAUGHING, SO I LOOKED DOWN AT MY PHONE AND I SEE AN EMAIL WITH
11 A LINK ATTACHED TO IT, AND WHEN I OPENED THE LINK, I ALMOST
12 PASSED OUT. I RAN OUT OF THE CLASS CRYING, HYPERVENTILATING,
13 AND EXPERIENCING MY FIRST ANXIETY ATTACK. I LATER FOUND OUT
14 THAT THE LINK WAS SENT TO EVERY SINGLE TEACHER AND HUNDREDS OF
15 STUDENTS. I COULDN'T SHOW MY FACE ANYMORE, SO I DROPPED OUT.

16 BECAUSE OF ALL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION BEING RELEASED
17 ONLINE, I WAS HARASSED FOR YEARS, AND I STILL AM TODAY. I HAD
18 TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT STATE AFTER PEOPLE STARTED SENDING
19 PICTURES OF ME OR PICTURES OF MY HOME, ASKING WHICH WINDOW WAS
20 MY BEDROOM. I BEGAN -- BECAME SEVERELY DEPRESSED AND SUFFERED
21 DEBILITATING PANIC ATTACKS, SO DEBILITATING I WOULD NOT LEAVE
22 MY ROOM FOR WEEKS.

23 I TOOK A JOB AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BUT I WAS LATER
24 FIRED AFTER SOMEONE SENT MY BOSS DIRECTLY A LINK. THEY EVEN
25 BANNED ME FROM BEING ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AS IF I WAS A

1 CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER, AND I WASN'T ALLOWED TO COME NEAR ANY
2 SCHOOL IN THAT VICINITY.

3 A BOYFRIEND WHO DISCOVERED THE VIDEO TOLD ME THAT I
4 WASN'T SPECIAL ANYMORE. HE TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO DATE A
5 PORN STAR, AND HE BROKE UP WITH ME.

6 THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA HAS NOT ONLY TAKEN OVER ME, BUT
7 MY ENTIRE FAMILY. MY 80-YEAR-OLD GRANDPARENTS STILL TO THIS
8 DAY RECEIVE EXPLICIT PHOTOS AND VIDEO LINKS OF ME. SEEING THE
9 LOOK IN MY GRANDFATHER'S EYES WHILE I'M TRYING TO CONSOLE MY
10 CRYING GRANDMOTHER, HER ASKING ME WHY I DON'T LOVE MYSELF,
11 HAUNTS ME TO THIS DAY, AND IT MAKES ME SICK. NOT ONLY DOES
12 THE VIDEO SPREAD AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL IN MY TOWN, IT SPREAD
13 AROUND TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE BY POOR, INNOCENT,
14 11-YEAR-OLD SISTER WAS ATTENDING. SHE WAS TORMENTED DAILY AND
15 SHE WAS HARASSED, AND SHE EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO BECOME
16 HOME-SCHOOLED BECAUSE THE HUMILIATION WAS TOO MUCH. THEY KEPT
17 ASKING HER, ARE YOU GOING TO BE A PORN STAR LIKE YOUR SISTER
18 WHEN YOU GROW UP? BOTH OF MY PARENTS' WORKPLACES WERE SENT
19 THE LINK, AND SOMEONE EVEN HACKED MY DAD'S COMPANY'S FRONT
20 PAGE AND POSTED THE LINK WHERE EVERYONE COULD SEE. MY FATHER
21 AND I'S RELATIONSHIP HAS BECOME EXTREMELY DISTANT, AND I
22 HAVEN'T SPOKE TO HIM IN YEARS. I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT
23 DON'T SPEAK TO ME ANYMORE, AND THEY CALL ME A DISGRACE AND I
24 RUINED THE FAMILY NAME.

25 KNOWING THAT THE VIDEOS WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR IS WHAT

1 SCARES ME THE MOST. I FEAR FOR MY TWO CHILDREN AND HOW THIS
2 WILL AFFECT THEM IN THE FUTURE. I SHOULDN'T FEEL EMBARRASSED
3 TO BE THEIR MOTHER, BUT I DO. HOW CAN I PROTECT MY OWN
4 CHILDREN FROM THIS HARASSMENT WHEN THEY GROW UP? I FEEL LIKE
5 I FAILED THEM. IT MAKES ME PHYSICALLY ILL WHEN I'M SENT
6 PHOTOS OF MY INFANT CHILDREN SAYING THINGS LIKE, I CAN'T WAIT
7 UNTIL YOUR CHILDREN SEE THESE VIDEOS. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO
8 THINK OF THEIR MOTHER? SOME DAYS, I TRULY DON'T EVEN WANT TO
9 WAKE UP, BUT I PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE FOR MY BABIES AND
10 PRETEND EVERYTHING IS OKAY WHEN IT'S NOT, AND I'M REALLY NOT
11 SURE WHEN IT EVER WILL BE.

12 I AM EMPTY INSIDE, AND I WANT MY LIFE BACK. I WANT
13 MY CONFIDENCE BACK. I WANT MY SELF-WORTH BACK. THIS HORRIFIC
14 CRIME HAS PERMANENTLY ALTERED MY SELF-IMAGE, MY SELF-WORTH,
15 AND MY MENTAL HEALTH. TO THIS DAY, I STILL SUFFER PANIC
16 ATTACKS AND SEVERE DEPRESSION BECAUSE OF WHAT GARCIA DID. I
17 OFTEN FIND MYSELF ASKING, HOW WILL I EVER ACHIEVE MY GOALS?
18 WILL MY FAMILY EVER STOP BEING HARASSED? WILL I EVER LEARN TO
19 LOVE MYSELF AGAIN? WILL MY FAMILY EVER RECOVER FROM THE
20 EMOTIONAL TRAUMA, AND WILL I EVER RECOVER FROM THE EMOTIONAL
21 TRAUMA?

22 WHEN I LEARNED I COULD BE HERE TODAY, ME, MY MOM, AND
23 MY SISTER TRAVELED ACROSS THE COUNTRY SO WE COULD ASK YOU,
24 YOUR HONOR, FOR YOUR SALVATION FROM OUR SUFFERING. THE
25 SENTENCE THAT THIS COURT GIVES GARCIA TODAY WILL BE A TURNING

1 POINT FOR ALL OF GARCIA'S VICTIMS IN THEIR HEALING PROCESS.
2 IF THIS COURT WERE TO LET GARCIA OFF EASILY, IT WOULD BE HARD
3 TO STOMACH FOR ALL OF HIS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
4 HOWEVER, YOUR HONOR, IF YOU WERE TO GIVE GARCIA THE LONG, LONG
5 SENTENCE THAT HE TRULY DESERVES, YOU WOULD BE SENDING A
6 RESOUNDING MESSAGE TO ALL OF HIS VICTIMS THAT IT ACKNOWLEDGES
7 THEIR PAIN AND THEIR DESIRE TO HEAL. A LONG SENTENCE WOULD
8 VALIDATE US AS THE VICTIMS WE ARE DESPITE WHAT OUR BOSSES, OUR
9 CLASSMATES, AND EVEN SOME FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE SAID. A LONG
10 SENTENCE WOULD GIVE US THE SALVATION THAT ALL OF US SEEK BY
11 COMING HERE TODAY.

12 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

14 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
15 STATES CALLS VICTIM R, AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO GIVE THE COURT A
16 HEADS-UP THAT OF THE VICTIMS THAT WERE GOING TO SPEAK BY VIDEO
17 CONFERENCE, AT THIS TIME WE'RE ONLY EXPECTING TWO.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 MR. GREEN: SO, ONCE WE'RE FINISHED WITH VICTIMS R
20 THROUGH V, THERE WILL THEN BE TWO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS, YOUR
21 HONOR.

22 THE COURT: OKAY.

23 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU.

24 THE COURT: YOU KNOW, WE WOULD NORMALLY BREAK AT
25 NOON. WE'VE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME DOING THIS. I'M GOING

1 TO NEED A VERY SHORT BREAK BECAUSE I HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS,
2 MEETINGS, AND WHAT NOT OVER THE LUNCH HOUR, BUT I JUST WANT TO
3 KEEP GOING ON THIS. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BREAK, AND I
4 WANTED TO HEAR IF YOU HAD ANY CONCERNS. WE'LL TAKE TEN
5 MINUTES, MAYBE, AT AN APPROPRIATE POINT AND THEN COME BACK AND
6 JUST CONTINUE AND PUSH THROUGH THE LUNCH HOUR UNTIL WE FINISH,
7 IF THAT'S AGREEABLE, COUNSEL.

8 MR. GREEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. WE WOULD HOPE TO FINISH
9 TODAY, AND WE'RE PREPARED TO PLOW THROUGH. I KNOW MANY
10 VICTIMS HAVE TRAVELED A LONG WAY TO BE HERE.

11 THE COURT: WELL, NO, I CAN TELL THAT FROM THEIR
12 COMMENTS.

13 WOULD THAT BE AGREEABLE, MR. RONIS, IF WE TAKE A TEN-
14 OR 15-MINUTE BREAK AROUND 12 AND THEN COME BACK AND FINISH?

15 MR. RONIS: OF COURSE, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: OKAY.

17 MR. GREEN: AT THIS TIME, WE CALL VICTIM R, YOUR
18 HONOR.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

20 VICTIM R: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING.

22 VICTIM R: I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE
23 TODAY.

24 AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ANDRE GARCIA.
25 WHERE DO I EVEN BEGIN? I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT THE

1 SAME STORY YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD, NOR WILL I RELIVE THE TRAUMA
2 I KNOW ALL OF US IN HERE TODAY HAVE EXPERIENCED, A LIVING
3 NIGHTMARE. WE HAVE ALL LIVED OUR OWN VERSION OF THIS HELL,
4 AND I SOLD MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL THE DAY I MET YOU. BUT WHAT I
5 WOULD LIKE YOU TO HEAR IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME AS A DIRECT
6 RESULT OF YOUR LIES, COERCION, AND PIVOTAL ROLE IN ALL OF
7 THIS.

8 YOU LOOKED AT ME AS ANOTHER GIRL, ANOTHER DOLLAR, BUT
9 DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'M SOMEONE'S DAUGHTER, SOMEONE'S
10 STEPDAUGHTER, A GRANDDAUGHTER, A NIECE, AND A BIG SISTER. I
11 WAS KICKED OUT OF MY HOME, OSTRACIZED FROM MY PARENTS, AND
12 TOLD I BROUGHT SHAME TO MY FAMILY NAME. I WAS WORKING HARD TO
13 MAKE MY FAMILY PROUD, ONLY TO DISHONOR THEM WITH THEIR BIGGEST
14 NIGHTMARE.

15 I WAS A SEMESTER AWAY FROM TRANSFERRING TO CAL STATE
16 FULLERTON, ACCEPTED INTO THEIR TEACHING PROGRAM TO PURSUE MY
17 DREAM AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, AND THE WEEK OF MY LAST
18 SEMESTER BEFORE TRANSFERRING MY VIDEO WAS RELEASED, THE VIDEO
19 YOU TOLD ME, LOOKED ME IN THE EYE AND PROMISED ME WOULD NEVER
20 BE ON THE INTERNET.

21 I DROPPED OUT FOR ONLINE SCHOOL JUST TO LATER REALIZE
22 THAT THESE OTHER WOMEN WHO WERE TEACHERS THEMSELVES WERE FIRED
23 FOR THEIR VIDEO BEING RELEASED. BECAUSE OF THIS, I DROPPED
24 OUT OF COLLEGE, AND MY DREAM TO BE A TEACHER WAS OVER BEFORE
25 IT EVEN BEGAN. MY DREAM WAS TO BE IN A CAREER TO TEACH,

1 UPLIFT, AND HONOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF OUR YOUTH, WHEREAS
2 YOURS WAS TO MAKE A LIVING OFF OF THE EXPLOITATIONS OF OUR
3 VULNERABILITY, OUR INNOCENCE, AND TO SABOTAGE ANY FUTURE WE
4 HAD BUILT FOR OURSELVES.

5 AND LASTLY, YOU ROBBED ME OF MY INNOCENCE, ANDRE, MY
6 DIGNITY, MY FAMILY, MY SOCIAL LIFE, MY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS,
7 MY EDUCATION, MY CAREER, AND THE LIFE I HAD BUILT FOR MYSELF
8 AT A RENOWNED ENGINEERING COMPANY, NOT UNTIL SOME NASTY,
9 VINDICTIVE EMAIL WAS SENT TO OUR COMPANY WEBSITE, EXPLOITING
10 ME BY NAME, EXPLAINING THE VIDEO AND INFORMING THE EXECUTIVES
11 I WORKED DIRECTLY FOR. I WAS LATER FIRED AND ABSOLUTELY
12 HUMILIATED.

13 I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SORRY. I KNOW YOU'RE SORRY YOU
14 WERE CAUGHT. SO, ANDRE, AS MY NIGHTMARE IS COMING TO AN END,
15 YOURS IS JUST BEGINNING. AS YOU WAKE UP EVERY MORNING IN THAT
16 CELL, IN A ROOM THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE, STUCK WITH A MAN YOU
17 DON'T KNOW, YOU WILL RELIVE OUR NIGHTMARE EVERY DAY FOR THE
18 REST OF YOUR PATHETIC LIFE AS YOU ROT IN PRISON, AND IN THIS I
19 FIND PEACE.

20 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

22 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
23 STATES CALLS VICTIM S.

24 VICTIM S: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR LETTING ME
25 EXPRESS MY FEELINGS ON MY EXPERIENCES I'VE GONE THROUGH THE

1 PAST SIX YEARS.

2 I WISH I COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND KNOW WHAT I KNOW
3 NOW. I'VE DONE EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO BLOCK OUT EVERY
4 MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN THAT HOTEL ROOM FOR THE PAST
5 SIX YEARS. BLOCKING OUT THE PAIN, BLOCKING OUT THE
6 HUMILIATION, BLOCKING OUT HARASSMENT AND WHAT YOU DID TO ME IS
7 NOT ONLY SCARY, BUT IT'S TAKEN YEARS OF HEALING WITH
8 RELATIONSHIPS, FRIENDSHIPS, AND MYSELF. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO
9 DESCRIBE WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH.

10 I HAVE PUSHED IT OUT OF MY MIND AS HARD AS I CAN
11 BECAUSE IT HURTS ME BEYOND ANYTHING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO
12 ME. I TRUSTED YOU, AND IN TURN YOU PERSONALLY ATTACKED ME.
13 YOU INTENTIONALLY PREYED ON ME. YOU FOOLED ME AND DESTROYED
14 ME, NOT JUST ME PERSONALLY, BUT DOWN TO MY SOUL. AND ON TOP
15 OF THAT, YOU INTENTIONALLY TRIED TO HURT EVERYONE ELSE IN MY
16 LIFE. I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WOULD WANT TO CAUSE SO
17 MUCH PAIN IN ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE, LET ALONE CAUSE THE PAIN
18 TO ALL OF THE OTHER WOMEN HERE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SAME,
19 IF NOT WORSE, SITUATION THAN I HAVE.

20 I WAS YOUNG AND NAIVE, BUT THIS IS WHAT YOU THRIVE
21 ON. TO YOU, IT'S A LIFESTYLE. IT'S FOR YOUR SEXUAL
22 GRATIFICATION AND PROFITS. YOU PROFITED OFF OF ME AND ALL THE
23 OTHER GIRLS TO MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU COULD, EVEN IF IT
24 MEANT DESTROYING MY LIFE AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS.

25 YOU CAN SEE FROM THE VIDEOS THAT I WAS PHYSICALLY

1 HURTING. MY FACE, CHEST, AND ENTIRE BODY WAS RED FROM THE
2 PAIN YOU CAUSED ME. MOST PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE OF THIS, BUT I
3 STARTED MY PERIOD THE DAY THAT I ARRIVED AT THAT HOTEL IN SAN
4 DIEGO. I TOLD YOU I WANTED TO LEAVE, BUT INSTEAD YOU MADE ME
5 CONTINUE ON, INSERTING A LARGE SEA SPONGE TO CONTROL THE
6 BLEEDING. THE PAIN WAS UNBEARABLE. I TOLD YOU THIS, BUT YOU
7 DIDN'T CARE. YOU WOULD NEVER STOP EVEN WHEN I BEGGED TO STOP,
8 AND THEN DELETED THE FOOTAGE OF ME CRYING OR BLEEDING OUT, AND
9 MADE ME ACT LIKE I ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE OR I WOULDN'T GET
10 PAID.

11 YOU HURT ME. YOU HUMILIATED ME. YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE
12 OF ME. AND WORST OF ALL, YOU'VE DONE THIS TO HUNDREDS OF
13 OTHER GIRLS AND NEVER HAD REMORSE. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I
14 NEVER WANT ANOTHER WOMAN TO GO THROUGH WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME.

15 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

17 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
18 STATES CALLS VICTIM T.

19 VICTIM T: YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
20 BE HERE TODAY.

21 I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL WITH THE COURT HOW I LOST SO
22 MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIONSHIPS, BECAUSE IT'S LITERALLY THE
23 SAME AS EVERY OTHER VICTIM HERE. I, TOO, LIKE THE OTHERS,
24 LOST JOBS, MY EDUCATION, AND MY INNOCENCE. INSTEAD, I WANT TO
25 TALK TO ANDRE. CAN I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

1 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY.

2 VICTIM T: MOST LITTLE BOYS DREAM OF BECOMING THINGS
3 LIKE A FIREFIGHTER, OR A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE, OR AN ASTRONAUT
4 WHEN THEY GROW UP. LOOK WHAT YOU BECAME. YOUR JOB WAS TO
5 LITERALLY PREY ON INNOCENT WOMEN ASPIRING FOR A BETTER LIFE.
6 YOUR MISSION WAS TO RUIN OUR LIVES. WHY? FOR WHAT?

7 AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN 2016, I SET OUT TO TRY
8 AND SAVE POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF YOURS BY FILING YOUR BOGUS
9 MODELING ADS ON FACEBOOK AND MAKING POSTS BELOW THEM WARNING
10 PEOPLE WHO YOU REALLY ARE. RATHER THAN COMING CLEAN AND
11 MAKING TRUTHFUL ADS, YOU HAD YOUR SHADY ATTORNEY THREATEN ME
12 WITH A LAWSUIT AND SENDING LETTERS TO -- SENT MY PARENTS A
13 LETTER ATTACHED WITH NAKED PICTURES OF ME. THAT WAS FIVE
14 YEARS BEFORE YOU WERE ARRESTED. AARON SADOCK AND HIS THREATS
15 ALLOWED YOU TO VICTIMIZE HUNDREDS OF OTHER WOMEN, INCLUDING
16 SOME OF THEM HERE TODAY.

17 TODAY, I'M WRITING THIS SO I CAN FINALLY MOVE ON, SO
18 YOU CAN FINALLY LOSE AND I CAN FINALLY WIN. I HAVE SPENT THE
19 LAST SIX YEARS CLEANING UP THE MESS THAT YOU MADE. IN ONE
20 DAY, YOU IRREVERSIBLY CHANGED ME IN COUNTLESS WAYS. YOU HAVE
21 NO IDEA HOW HARD I HAVE WORKED TO REBUILD PARTS OF ME THAT ARE
22 STILL WEAK. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I COULD HAVE EASILY GIVEN
23 UP AND LET YOU WIN, BUT I WAS STRONG BEFORE, AND NOW I'M
24 STRONGER THAN EVER. THIS IS THE BEGINNING FOR ME AND THE END
25 FOR YOU. I HOPE YOU FEEL EVERY SINGLE EMOTION THAT I FELT

1 WHILE SITTING IN YOUR JAIL CELL AS YOU ARE LOCKED UP AND I AM
2 NOW FREE.

3 AND FINALLY, TO THE VICTIMS EVERYWHERE, I AM WITH
4 YOU. WHEN PEOPLE DOUBT YOU OR DISMISS YOU, I AM WITH YOU.
5 YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU ARE IMPORTANT. YOU ARE STRONG. YOU
6 ARE TO BE VALUED, RESPECTED UNDENIABLY EVERY SINGLE MINUTE OF
7 EVERY DAY. YOU ARE POWERFUL, AND NOBODY CAN TAKE THAT AWAY
8 FROM YOU, ESPECIALLY THESE MEN.

9 PLEASE DON'T GO EASY ON HIM, YOUR HONOR. HE
10 CERTAINLY DID NOT GO EASY ON US.

11 THANK YOU.

12 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

13 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, THE UNITED
14 STATES CALLS VICTIM U.

15 VICTIM U: GOOD MORNING.

16 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING, MA'AM.

17 VICTIM U: SO, LIKE ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS, I TYPED UP
18 A SPEECH AND THEN KIND OF FELT A LITTLE BIT WRONG ABOUT HOW
19 CHILLING MY SITUATION WAS TO ALL THE OTHER FEMALES HERE, AND
20 EVEN MORE CHILLING IS TO SEE THAT MR. GARCIA HAS FEMALES IN
21 SUPPORT OF HIM TODAY UNFORTUNATELY HAVING TO HEAR WHAT HE'S
22 DONE TO SO MANY OF US, YOU KNOW, AND THEN IT'S CRAZY BECAUSE
23 MINE STARTS OUT I WAS 18, AND I CAN'T GO THAT WAY BECAUSE I
24 JUST -- I -- I HAVE TO TAKE MY VOICE BACK.

25 AS YOU HEARD, THE DEFENDANT TAKES, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF

1 BROKEN, VULNERABLE FEMALES, AND I DON'T KNOW, YOUR HONOR, IF
2 YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN, IF YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER, OR A SISTER, OR
3 ANYBODY IN THIS ROOM THAT HAS A SISTER, A NIECE, ANYBODY, ANY
4 FEMALE IN HERE, THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM. MR. GARCIA,
5 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE A SISTER, A MOTHER, ANYONE. THIS
6 COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM. WOULD YOU WANT THEM TO MEET
7 SOMEBODY LIKE YOU? THINK ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE I HAVE HAD TO
8 LIVE EVERY DAY SINCE MEETING MR. GARCIA PREPARING MYSELF FOR
9 WHAT I WOULD TELL MY SON, WHO IS 19 MONTHS OLD, AND WE'RE
10 PLANNING A SECOND BIRTHDAY, AND IN THE BACK OF MY MIND EVERY
11 SINGLE DAY I HAVE TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR IF HE EVER SEES THAT
12 VIDEO OR IF ANYBODY EVER BRINGS THAT UP ABOUT HIS MOM.

13 BUT I'M NOT A VICTIM. I'M A FIGHTER, AND I'M HERE TO
14 FIGHT FOR MY RIGHTS BACK, AND I'M HERE AS A PILLAR OF STRENGTH
15 FOR ALL THE WOMEN WHO COULD NOT MAKE IT HERE TODAY, AND I
16 REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WANT TO REITERATE HOW MANY FEMALES YOU
17 HAVE HEARD STAND RIGHT HERE AND TELL YOU THAT THEY ALMOST TOOK
18 THEIR LIFE. I CAN'T PROPERLY ARTICULATE HOW CHILLING THAT IS,
19 BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE GOING THROUGH IT, YOU THINK YOU'RE ALONE,
20 YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FEELING THIS, AND TO HEAR SO
21 MANY FEMALES WHO DEFEAT THE ODDS, WHO GOT TO STAND HERE TODAY
22 AND GOT TO SPEAK THEIR TRUTH THANKS TO YOU AND THE ATTORNEYS
23 ON THIS CASE.

24 LIKE THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY SAID, WHEN YOU'RE
25 YOUNG, YOU MAKE DUMB DECISIONS. YOU'RE NAIVE. IT'S NOT FAIR

1 THAT WE HAVE TO PAY FOR CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIFE
2 WHILE HE JUST GETS TO GO ON, AND I'VE GOT TO BE HONEST.
3 HEARING 151 MONTHS, IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A GUT PUNCH. MONTHS?
4 THIS MAN ALMOST KILLED MANY, MANY, MANY WOMEN. TO HEAR THAT
5 SOMEBODY'S NOT GOING TO GET TO BE A LAWYER AND NOT HAVE
6 CHILDREN BECAUSE OF WHAT THIS HUMAN DID TO THEM? NO, I
7 REFUSE. I REFUSE.

8 YOUR HONOR, I'M BEGGING YOU TO GRANT US THE RIGHTS TO
9 OUR VIDEOS. PLEASE, ONLY THEN, IF WE HAVE THE RIGHTS TO OUR
10 VIDEOS, CAN WE TAKE THE STEPS APPROPRIATE AND HIRING SOMEBODY
11 TO GET AS MUCH OFFLINE SO WE CAN TAKE STEPS IN BEGINNING OUR
12 NEW LIFE. WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ERASE THIS FROM WHO WE
13 ARE, AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS NASTY PERSON WILL BE A PART OF
14 OUR STORIES, BUT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE US OUR VOICE BACK.
15 YOU HAVE POWER, AND I'M BEGGING YOU TO DO THAT, AND I'M
16 BEGGING YOU TO THINK OF YOUR DAUGHTER, GRANDDAUGHTER, NIECE,
17 SISTER, MOTHER.

18 AND TO THE DEFENDANT, IF I MAY.

19 I ACTUALLY FEEL BAD -- AND PLEASE LOOK AT ME WHEN I
20 SPEAK TO YOU. I GENUINELY FEEL BAD FOR YOUR MOTHER BACK
21 THERE, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE FEMALES BACK THERE ARE YOUR
22 SISTERS OR YOUR FAMILY, BUT I -- LOOK AT ME. I HOPE TO GOD
23 THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT YOU ROT IN THAT JAIL CELL YOU THINK
24 OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOU THINK OF WHAT YOU PUT THEM THROUGH. I
25 DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT US. QUITE FRANKLY, IT'S NOT MY

1 PLACE TO SAY WHAT YOUR JUDGMENT IS, BUT I FEEL BAD FOR YOU AND
2 I FEEL BAD FOR YOUR FAMILY. BUT I TRULY HOPE THAT YOU NEVER,
3 NEVER GET TO ENJOY ANOTHER DAY AGAIN.

4 AND, YOUR HONOR, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,
5 PLEASE HELP US GET OUR VOICE BACK SO I CAN TELL MY LITTLE BOY
6 THAT HIS MOM WAS A FIGHTER AND NOT A VICTIM. WE'RE ALL
7 FIGHTERS, AND WE ALL SURVIVED SOMETHING THAT WAS MEANT TO
8 PROBABLY KILL US, AND HE'S MONOPOLIZED ON THIS.

9 SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, AND THANK
10 YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER YOUR
11 JUDGMENT IS, AND BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ALL OF OUR NAMES
12 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO DO REALLY GREAT THINGS. THANK YOU.

13 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

14 MR. GREEN: THE UNITED STATES CALLS VICTIM V, YOUR
15 HONOR.

16 VICTIM V: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR
17 THIS OPPORTUNITY (PAUSE, CRYING) -- FORGIVE ME -- TO MAKE THIS
18 STATEMENT TODAY.

19 YOUR HONOR, IS IT OKAY IF I ADDRESS MR. GARCIA?

20 THE COURT: YES, IT IS.

21 VICTIM V: IT SURPRISED ME HOW IN WRITING WHAT I
22 WANTED TO SAY TODAY ENDED UP BEING NO EASY FEAT. WHERE DO I
23 START? WHAT DO I SAY? DO I DESCRIBE THE PIT IN MY STOMACH I
24 FELT WHEN YOU GUYS FILMED ME AT THE AIRPORT? CATCALLING ME AS
25 I APPROACHED THE CAR. THE CONFUSION I FELT WHEN I REALIZED I

1 WAS NOT GOING TO BE DOING A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO, GOING TO A
2 PROFESSIONAL PHOTO STUDIO THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PITCHED BY YOU,
3 GARCIA, BUT RATHER A HOTEL OF WHICH, UPON ARRIVAL, IT WAS MADE
4 CLEAR THAT I WAS TO MAKE NO EYE CONTACT OR SPEAK WITH ANYONE
5 THERE.

6 OR DO I DISCUSS THE EMBARRASSMENT I FELT WHEN YOU
7 LAUGHED AT ME AND AT MY SUITCASE FULL OF CLOTHES I PACKED FOR
8 THE PHOTOSHOOT? DO I DESCRIBE THE UNFATHOMABLE PAIN I FELT
9 AFTER HAVING 16 HOURS OF NONSTOP SEX WITH YOU? DO I ATTEMPT
10 TO DESCRIBE THE MENTAL GYMNASTICS I HAD TO DO TO DISSOCIATE
11 MYSELF FROM MY BODY THAT WAS BEING VIOLATED, ABUSED, AND RAPED
12 BY YOU? OR DO I GO INTO DETAILS THAT DESCRIBE THE FEAR OF
13 BEING HELD HOSTAGE IN A HOTEL ROOM, THREATENED I WOULDN'T HAVE
14 A FLIGHT HOME, A FLIGHT HOME OR RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION IF I
15 WERE TO CALL AND GET HELP, AND THE CONTENT ALREADY ACQUIRED
16 WOULD BE SENT TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS? SO LITTLE DID I KNOW
17 THAT IT WAS ALREADY PLANNED.

18 OR DO I GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT THE DAY THE VIDEO SPREAD
19 LIKE WILDFIRE, HOW I LEARNED AFTER IT GOT AROUND THE CAMPUS AT
20 THE UNIVERSITY AND THE HOMETOWN I GREW UP IN, AND ALL I WANTED
21 TO DO IN THAT MOMENT WAS TO SLIT MY WRISTS? HOW UTTERLY ALONE
22 I FELT. MY NAME AND REPUTATION A JOKE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

23 DO I DISCUSS HOW ONLY TWO PEOPLE, TWO PEOPLE OUT OF
24 ALL MY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ASKED IF I WAS OKAY, AND ONE
25 OF THOSE PEOPLE IS HERE WITH ME TODAY, MY BEST FRIEND. BUT

1 OUTSIDE OF THOSE TWO PEOPLE AND MY PARENTS, THE ONLY OTHER
2 INTERACTIONS I RECEIVED FOR YEARS ON END WAS INCESSANT DAY IN
3 AND DAY OUT OF ONLINE HARASSMENT, LEARNING THAT ANOTHER
4 INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT WAS MADE WITH EXPLICIT IMAGES AND PERSONAL
5 INFORMATION ABOUT MYSELF, OR EMAILS FROM STRANGERS WITH
6 SCREENSHOTS FROM MY VIDEO, NONSTOP PHONE CALLS SOLICITING
7 OTHER JOBS FOR ME, TO BE BANGED OR FUCKED BY HORSES. THAT
8 BECAUSE OF A VIDEO I WAS SO CLEARLY DRUNK DURING TRANSLATED
9 INTO ME HAVING INTEREST IN HAVING SEX WITH ANIMALS.

10 OR DO I DISCUSS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE FEARFUL OF A
11 MAN'S TOUCH, OR TO TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR FACE HAUNTED MY DREAMS
12 STILL TO THIS DAY? DO I DISCUSS THE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR
13 I PUT MYSELF THROUGH FOR YEARS FOLLOWING AND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
14 BECOME AN ALCOHOLIC AT 20 YEARS OLD, WAKING UP AND GOING TO
15 BED WITH GULPS OF VODKA FROM THE ALWAYS-PRESENT HANDLE OF
16 SVEDKA UNDER MY BED IN A FEEBLE ATTEMPT TO NUMB ANY ONGOING
17 PAIN AND HAUNTINGS FROM THAT DAY?

18 OR SHOULD I DISCUSS ALL THE THREATS I RECEIVED FROM
19 YOU? THE INTIMIDATION AND FEAR YOU HAD INSTILLED IN ME LIKE
20 THE TIME ON THE EVE OF MY SISTER'S WEDDING WHEN I RECEIVED A
21 FACEBOOK MESSAGE REMINDING ME TO STAY IN MY LANE. I BELIEVE
22 THE EXACT WORDS ARE SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES, WE KNOW YOU
23 HAVE A SISTER. WHAT WOULD SHE THINK IF SHE SAW YOUR VIDEO?
24 WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE HAPPIEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE,
25 SEEING MY SISTER GET MARRIED, WAS QUICKLY PLAGUED BY YOUR

1 HAUNTING WORDS AND THREATS.

2 OR SHOULD I DISCUSS HOW MY OWN VIDEO HAS BEEN
3 WEAPONIZED AGAINST ME, USED AS A FORM OF BLACKMAIL? HOW I'VE
4 LOST JOBS FROM IT, TOO SCARED TO MAKE CAREER MOVES AND
5 ADVANCEMENTS BECAUSE OF IT. DO I RECOUNT THE HUNDREDS OF
6 PANIC ATTACKS AND MENTAL BREAKDOWNS I SUFFERED IN PRIVATE,
7 BEING TRIGGERED BY THINGS I DIDN'T REALIZE WAS TRIGGERING, AND
8 THE YEARS OF SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND DEPRESSION THAT STALED MY
9 TWENTIES?

10 DO I DESCRIBE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ABANDON ONESELF, TO
11 HIDE AND ESCAPE THE REALITY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, TOO
12 ASHAMED AND TOO SCARED TO FACE IT, AND HOW THAT'S GREATLY
13 AFFECTED MY INTERACTIONS WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY,
14 COLLEAGUES, AND POTENTIAL LIFETIME INTIMATE PARTNERS? DO I
15 DESCRIBE HOW HEAVY IT HAS BEEN TO CARRY THE BURDEN AND BLAME
16 ON MY SHOULDERS ALL THESE YEARS, HOW FOR THESE YEARS FOLLOWING
17 THE VIDEO I LET FEAR CONTROL MY LIFE? I LET YOU CONTROL MY
18 LIFE.

19 BUT TODAY THERE'S A SHIFT IN THE WIND. TODAY, I GET
20 TO STRIP YOU FROM YOUR CONTROL AND MANIPULATION. DID YOU
21 REALLY THINK YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH THIS, ANDRE? ALL THESE
22 YEARS, I CREDITED YOU AS A BRILLIANT SALESMAN, BUT THAT IS
23 GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS NOT DUE. YOU ARE A BOTTLE OF
24 BARREL SCUM. YOU'RE A RAPIST. YOU'RE A LEECH. YOU'RE A
25 PREDATOR. YOU HUNTED, PREYED AND FED ON YOUNG, INTELLIGENT,

1 INNOCENT, MALLEABLE WOMEN WITH AN EXPOSED ACHILLES HEEL OF
2 WHICH YOU UNASHAMEDLY AND SELFISHLY EXPLOITED.

3 TODAY IS THE FIRST TIME I SAW OTHER ME'S. IT'S THE
4 FIRST TIME I DIDN'T FEEL AN OVERWHELMING SENSE OF GUILT,
5 SHAME, STUPIDITY, AND DISCOMFORT OF BEING ME. IT'S THE FIRST
6 TIME I DIDN'T IMMEDIATELY LOOK AWAY AND AVOID EYE CONTACT,
7 FEARFUL OF BEING RECOGNIZED.

8 I ALWAYS WONDERED, IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
9 YOU ONE LAST TIME, IF YOU'D REMEMBER WHO I AM, OR IF I'M JUST
10 ANOTHER FACELESS COMMODITY IN YOUR ROLODEX OF VICTIMS, BUT NOW
11 THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME ANYMORE. I HOPE MY FACE AND THE
12 FACE OF THE REST OF THESE BRAVE, POWERFUL, FEARLESS, STRONG
13 WOMEN HAUNT YOU IN YOUR EVERY WAKING AND SLEEPING HOURS. I
14 HOPE YOU LIVE A RESTLESS LIFE IN YOUR 48-SQUARE-FOOT CELL,
15 SHACKLED BY THE BALL AND CHAIN OF OUR STORIES, UNABLE TO
16 ESCAPE THE PURGATORY OF OUR PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT TORTURED
17 OUR LIVES OF WHICH YOU CAUSED EACH OF US TO SO UNFAIRLY
18 ENDURE, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. WE WERE YOUR PRISONERS.
19 NOW, YOU WILL BE OURS.

20 YOUR HONOR, I HOPE THE STORIES AND STATEMENTS FROM
21 TODAY IS A REMINDER AS TO WHY MR. GARCIA NEEDS TO RECEIVE THE
22 HIGHEST FORM OF PUNISHMENT, NOT JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST.
23 WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US IS ONLY THE TIP OF AN ICEBERG IN THIS
24 GROTESQUE PANDEMIC OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION, ALL OF
25 WHICH IS HAPPENING RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES. WE'RE ONLY A

1 MINISCULE GROUP OF VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS WHO HAVE BEEN SO
2 UNFORTUNATE TO FIND OURSELVES AS PAWNS, A CROP, IN THIS SICK
3 OPERATION. YOUR HONOR, YOUR RULING TODAY FOR MR. GARCIA'S
4 SENTENCING WILL HOPEFULLY BE ONE OF THE MANY, MANY VICTORIES
5 IN FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE FOR THE COUNTLESS VICTIMS WHO HAVE
6 SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THOSE, LIKE MR. GARCIA, WHO
7 DISILLUSIONALLY THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE UNTOUCHABLE,
8 UNSTOPPABLE.

9 THANK YOU.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

11 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE?

12 THERE ARE TWO VICTIMS PREPARED TO SPEAK.

13 THE COURT: WELL, LET'S GO AHEAD AND LET'S TRY TO
14 HEAR FROM EVERYBODY WHO WANTS TO ADDRESS IN THAT WAY, AND THEN
15 WE'LL TAKE A TEN-MINUTE BREAK AND COME BACK AND I'LL ASK YOU
16 IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SAY. I'LL GO TO
17 PROBATION. I'LL GO BACK AND SEE IF MR. RONIS NEEDS TO SAY
18 ANYTHING, AND THEN IT WILL BE THE COURT'S OPPORTUNITY.

19 MR. GREEN: OKAY. VERY WELL, YOUR HONOR.

20 THEN, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD CALL VICTIM A FROM THE
21 LIST OF VICTIMS IDENTIFIED ON THE VIDEO CONFERENCE LIST.

22 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY WELL.

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: YOU'RE GOOD TO GO, MA'AM.

24 THE COURT: CAN YOU HEAR US, MA'AM?

25 VICTIM A (ZOOM): YES, I CAN HEAR YOU, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO TURN IT UP BECAUSE
2 IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU IN THE COURTROOM.

3 VICTIM A (ZOOM): I DON'T THINK I CAN INCREASE THE
4 VOLUME ON MY END.

5 THE DEPUTY CLERK: I THINK WE'RE GOOD NOW.

6 THE COURT: I THINK WE'RE OKAY. THANK YOU. PLEASE
7 GO AHEAD.

8 VICTIM A (ZOOM): IT HAS BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE MY LIFE
9 WAS TAKEN FROM ME BEFORE IT EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO BEGIN.

10 I REMEMBER COMING HOME AND FEELING DEAD INSIDE EVEN
11 BEFORE THEY RELEASED MY VIDEO. THAT IS BECAUSE GARCIA RAPED
12 ME OFF CAMERA THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SHOOT EVEN BEGAN. HE
13 FOLLOWED ME INTO MY HOTEL ROOM, TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO TAKE
14 ME FOR A TEST DRIVE, AND FORCED HIMSELF ON ME. THE ANXIETY
15 AND ANGER I FELT WHEN I GOT HOME WAS ALL-CONSUMING. LITTLE
16 DID I KNOW THIS WAS JUST THE BEGINNING.

17 WHEN MY VIDEO WAS RELEASED, THE MESSAGES STARTED
18 POURING IN. EVERY BOY IN MY LIFE, PEOPLE I THOUGHT WERE MY
19 FRIENDS, BEGAN ASKING ME FOR SEXUAL FAVORS. MY YOUTUBE
20 CHANNEL, WHERE I POSTED VIDEOS OF MYSELF SINGING AND PLAYING
21 GUITAR, WAS FILLED WITH COMMENTS DIRECTING PEOPLE TO THE VIDEO
22 AND MOCKING ME, AND THE MESSAGES WOULDN'T STOP.

23 MY STOMACH SANK AS REALITY SET IN. THE LIFE I ONCE
24 KNEW WAS OVER. I WANTED TO DIE, AND I CAME UP WITH A PLAN ON
25 HOW I WAS GOING TO KILL MYSELF. IT TOOK ALL OF MY STRENGTH TO

1 NOT FOLLOW THROUGH. THANKFULLY, THE FEELINGS THAT BROUGHT ME
2 TO THE BRINK OF SUICIDE TURNED INTO ANGER AS I CAME TO REALIZE
3 THAT I WAS BEING PUNISHED FOR GARCIA'S ACTIONS.

4 I STILL REMEMBER IN VIVID DETAIL WHAT HAPPENED THE
5 DAY MY PARENTS FOUND OUT. THEY WOKE ME UP AT FIVE A.M., ASKED
6 FOR MY HOUSE KEYS, AND TOLD ME TO LEAVE AND NEVER RETURN. I
7 HAD BEEN DISOWNED BY MY OWN PARENTS.

8 I REMEMBER MY BABY SISTER WATCHING ME WALK AWAY FROM
9 HER BEDROOM WINDOW WITH TEARS IN HER EYES. I WAS HER ROLE
10 MODEL, AND SHE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON. I WAS NEVER
11 GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE. I REMEMBER STOPPING FOR A
12 BRIEF MOMENT, STARING BACK AT HER WITH TEARS STREAMING DOWN MY
13 OWN FACE, AND WE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER WITH EYES FULL OF
14 LONGING. AS I TURNED TO WALK AWAY, THE TEARS CAME EVEN HARDER
15 TO THE POINT I COULD BARELY BREATHE. LITTLE DID I KNOW THESE
16 PANIC ATTACKS WOULD BECOME A REGULAR OCCURRENCE IN MY LIFE.

17 I TRIED TO HIDE. I CHANGED MY HAIRSTYLE IN THE HOPES
18 OF NOT BEING RECOGNIZED ANYMORE. I DELETED ALL OF MY SOCIAL
19 MEDIA ACCOUNTS, WHICH WERE ALWAYS PRIVATE, BUT SOMEHOW ALWAYS
20 DISCOVERED AND SHARED IN THESE FORUMS WHERE I WAS BEING
21 HARASSED. NOTHING SEEMED TO WORK. YEARS LATER, STRANGERS
22 STILL GRAB ME ON THE STREET, TELLING ME THEY RECOGNIZED ME
23 FROM THE VIDEO.

24 COLLEGE WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. THERE WERE TIMES WHEN
25 I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH A

1 CLASSMATE ONLY TO LATER REALIZE THAT THEY KNEW WHO I WAS AND
2 HAD POSTED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ME ONLINE. THERE WAS EVEN
3 AN OCCASION WHERE I WAS RECOGNIZED BY ONE OF MY PROFESSORS. I
4 ALMOST FAILED OUT, BUT I FINALLY GRADUATED AFTER SIX YEARS.

5 I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH SEVERE PTSD BY MY THERAPIST, AND
6 ON THE INSIDE I WAS LONELY AND DYING, NOT ONLY METAPHORICALLY,
7 BUT LITERALLY. I WAS UNDER 100 POUNDS. MY DOCTOR TOLD ME I
8 WAS ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETE LIVER FAILURE.

9 I TRIED TO RECONNECT WITH MY PARENTS AFTER I WAS
10 DISOWNED, BUT THEY DIDN'T REACT THE WAY I HOPED THEY WOULD. I
11 LEARNED THAT MY SIBLINGS WERE IN THERAPY BECAUSE OF THE
12 BULLYING AND HARASSMENT THEY RECEIVED. MY YOUNGEST SISTER
13 TOLD ME ABOUT A GATHERING SHE ATTENDED AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE
14 WHERE ONE OF THE BOYS TRIED TO PROJECT THE VIDEO OF ME ONTO
15 THE TV FOR ALL HER FRIENDS TO SEE. SHE WAS 14.

16 UNFORTUNATELY, MY PARENTS HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO ME IN TWO
17 YEARS, AND NEITHER HAVE MY YOUNGER SIBLINGS. ONE OF THEM IS
18 ABOUT TO GRADUATE COLLEGE, AND MY YOUNGEST SISTER JUST GOT HER
19 DRIVER'S LICENSE. THE PAIN OF WATCHING THEIR LIVES MOVE ON
20 WITHOUT ME IN IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAUNTS ME EVERY SINGLE DAY
21 OF MY LIFE.

22 IT HAS BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE MY LIFE AS I KNEW IT WAS
23 TAKEN FROM ME. I WAKE UP EVERY SINGLE DAY NOT KNOWING WHO I
24 AM OR WHAT I WANT OUT OF LIFE BECAUSE MY ABILITY TO PURSUE MY
25 DREAMS VANISHED. SO DID MY ABILITY TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

1 THINGS THAT ONCE BROUGHT ME JOY LIKE MAKING MUSIC NOW SERVE AS
2 A REMINDER OF THE TRAUMA I'VE ENDURED.

3 THE THOUGHT OF THE MAN WHO ROBBED ME AND SO MANY
4 OTHERS OF OUR LIVES ONE DAY BEING FREED TERRIFIES ME. I HAVE
5 COME FORWARD AND FOUGHT COUNTLESS BATTLES RELIVING THE TRAUMA
6 DAY AND NIGHT TO GET JUSTICE FROM OUR LEGAL SYSTEM, NOT
7 BECAUSE I THINK IT WILL MAKE MY LIFE BETTER. FOR ME, THE
8 DAMAGE IS DONE. INSTEAD, I HAVE CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR THE
9 LAST FIVE YEARS FOR ALL THE YOUNG GIRLS OUT THERE WHO COULD
10 HAVE BEEN TARGETED NEXT, TO SAVE THEM FROM WHAT I HAVE HAD TO
11 ENDURE. NO HUMAN BEING DESERVES WHAT ME AND ALL THE OTHER
12 GIRLS HAVE GONE THROUGH.

13 WHEN ANDRE GARCIA IS RELEASED, HE WILL CONTINUE TO
14 PREY ON WOMEN TO SATISFY HIMSELF. WOMEN ALREADY HAVE TO FIGHT
15 SO MANY BATTLES IN THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN. HAVING TO LIVE
16 WITH THE FEAR OF BEING VICTIMIZED BY PREDATORS LIKE ANDRE
17 GARCIA NEED NOT BE ANOTHER. SOCIETY IS A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT
18 ANDRE GARCIA IN IT, AND I KNOW THAT ANDRE GARCIA RECEIVING THE
19 MAXIMUM SENTENCE WILL AT LEAST MOVE US FORWARD IN THIS FIGHT
20 FOR A BETTER WORLD. AS LONG AS HE IS LOCKED SAFELY AWAY, I
21 KNOW I CAN SLEEP A LITTLE BETTER AT NIGHT.

22 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

24 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, VICTIM B HAS
25 NOTIFIED THE COURTROOM DEPUTY THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE HEARD

1 OVER ZOOM.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 MR. GREEN: SO IT WILL BE VICTIM B, AND THEN I EXPECT
4 VICTIM D AFTER THAT.

5 THE COURT: OKAY. THAT'S FINE.

6 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU.

7 VICTIM B (ZOOM): FIRST, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK
8 YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR GIVING ALL OF US THE CHANCE TO BE ABLE TO
9 SPEAK TO YOU TODAY AT THIS SENTENCING. IT'S VERY PAINFUL, BUT
10 ALSO VERY LIBERATING ALSO.

11 I'M HERE, NOT PHYSICALLY, OBVIOUSLY, BUT I'M HERE TO
12 TELL MY STORY ABOUT HOW ANDRE GARCIA AFFECTED ME, AND I'M HERE
13 BECAUSE HE NOT ONLY RAPED ME, BUT ALSO HUNDREDS OF OTHER
14 WOMEN. AND LIKE ALL OF THESE OTHER SURVIVORS OF THESE HEINOUS
15 ACTS COMMITTED BY ANDRE GARCIA, NOT A DAY GOES BY WHERE WHAT
16 WAS DONE TO ME DOESN'T AFFECT MY DAILY LIFE. AND JUST LIKE
17 EVERY OTHER WOMAN THAT HAS SPOKEN TODAY, I HAVE DROPPED OUT OF
18 SCHOOL. I'VE SELF-HARMED. I'VE SPENT DAYS LOCKED IN,
19 HOSPITALIZED, AND TRIED TO TAKE MY OWN LIFE, AND THE IMAGE OF
20 GARCIA BLOCKING MY HOTEL DOOR WITH FURNITURE SO I COULDN'T GET
21 OUT IS GOING TO BE AN IMAGE THAT IS DEFINITELY WITH ME
22 FOREVER.

23 I'M PREGNANT WITH MY FIRST CHILD, AND THE THOUGHT OF
24 HAVING TO EXPLAIN TO HER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME WHEN I WAS 18
25 KILLS ME, AND TO IMAGINE THE BULLYING THAT SHE MIGHT ENCOUNTER

1 GROWING UP BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE TO ME WHEN I WAS
2 YOUNGER ALSO PAINS ME, AND THEN TO TEACH HER ABOUT THE
3 MONSTERS IN THE WORLD LIKE ANDRE GARCIA.

4 AGAIN, YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ALL OF US THE
5 CHANCE TO SPEAK TODAY AND TELL OUR STORIES OF SURVIVAL. THIS
6 CHANCE TO SPEAK AFFORDS A VOICE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US,
7 AND GARCIA KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING WHEN HE WAS RAPING ALL OF
8 US, AND I FEEL LIKE HE DESERVES THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT,
9 AND DOES NOT DESERVE ANYTHING THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

10 THANK YOU.

11 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD NOW CALL VICTIM D,
13 AND I WAS INFORMED THAT VICTIM E MAY HAVE JUST JOINED THE ZOOM
14 AS WELL AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 MR. GREEN: SO VICTIM (PAUSE) --

17 THE COURT: OKAY. WE'LL TAKE ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO
18 BE HEARD. SO VICTIM D ON VIDEO.

19 VICTIM D (ZOOM): HI, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR
20 LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY.

21 THE COURT: OF COURSE.

22 VICTIM D (ZOOM): ARE YOU GUYS ABLE TO HEAR ME?

23 THE COURT: YES.

24 VICTIM D (ZOOM): HONESTLY, I WISH I WAS THERE TODAY
25 BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO BE THERE. HE HAS TAKEN SO MUCH

1 FROM US ALREADY FINANCIALLY. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SPEND
2 ANOTHER DIME TO GO SEE THIS MONSTER OF A PERSON, BUT THANK YOU
3 FOR LETTING US SPEAK OVER ZOOM. I'M SURE WE ALL REALLY
4 APPRECIATE IT.

5 SINCE MARCH OF 2017, MY LIFE CHANGED. I WAS
6 DEFRAUDED. I WAS LIED TO. I WAS SEX-TRAFFICKED, AND IT
7 WASN'T UNTIL MAY OF 2017, DURING MY FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE,
8 THAT EVERYONE FOUND OUT, BEGINNING WITH MY MOTHER, WHO HAS
9 TOLD ME BECAUSE OF FRIENDS WHO HAVE SEEN THE VIDEO AND
10 INFORMED HER THAT I WAS IN THE VIDEO. FOLLOWED BY THAT, MY
11 FATHER TOLD ME, HE TOLD ME I WAS THE BIGGEST PIECE OF SHIT IN
12 THE WORLD AND THAT HE NEVER WANTED TO SPEAK TO ME AGAIN. THIS
13 WAS VERY DISHEARTENING BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MY DAD'S
14 FAVORITE GIRL, AND I HAD THE MOST CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM
15 OUT OF ANYONE, AND HE WAS MY [INAUDIBLE].

16 NOT ONLY DID THIS MAN RUIN MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH
17 FRIENDS, I ALSO WAS GIVEN AN STD DURING THIS VIDEO. WHEN I
18 INFORMED ANDRE, WHO ALSO CALLED HIMSELF JONATHAN, HE SAID THE
19 SAME IN MARCH THAT HE TOLD MOST OTHER GIRLS: MAYBE IT'S
20 BECAUSE YOU'RE SLEEPING AROUND WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE.

21 FOR THAT, MY LIFE WAS FOREVER CHANGED, NOT ONLY
22 BECAUSE OF THE VIDEO, BUT BECAUSE [INAUDIBLE]. I FEEL THAT
23 NOBODY WILL EVER WANT ME OR WILL SEE ME AS SOMEONE THEY WOULD
24 LIKE TO MARRY OR START A FUTURE WITH.

25 I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS JOBS OVER THE LAST YEAR AFTER

1 GRADUATING COLLEGE AND HAVING TO MOVE AWAY FROM MY LAST YEAR
2 OF COLLEGE OUT OF STATE, TRYING TO CHANGE MY NAME AND TRYING
3 TO GET AWAY FROM ME, ALTHOUGH IT STILL FOLLOWED ME. IT HAS
4 CAUSED ME AN EXTREME FINANCIAL BURDEN HAVING TO MOVE OUT OF
5 STATE AND GO TO COLLEGE OUT OF STATE, WHERE I'M OUT ABOUT A
6 HUNDRED GRAND IN STUDENT LOANS, AND IT WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN 20
7 IF I HAD STAYED IN MY STATE.

8 I'M REALLY DISHEARTENED BY THE SYSTEM THAT
9 (INAUDIBLE) 151 MONTHS BECAUSE HE HAS TAKEN NOT ONLY MY LIFE,
10 BUT HE HAS TAKEN THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF OTHERS, AND HE WILL
11 ONLY SPEND ABOUT 12 YEARS IN JAIL. HIS LIFE SHOULD BE TAKEN
12 FROM HIM. HE SHOULDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A LIFE
13 AND TO WALK THE EARTH AFTER TAKING THE LIVES OF SO MANY
14 PEOPLE. I HAVE SEVERE ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, AND I HAVE A
15 REALLY HARD TIME COMMUNICATING HOW I FEEL EVER SINCE I MET MR.
16 GARCIA.

17 MAY I ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT?

18 THE COURT: YES.

19 VICTIM D (ZOOM): ANDRE, YOU ARE A TERRIBLE HUMAN
20 BEING. I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BECAME THE WAY THAT YOU DID, AND
21 I DO NOT THINK THAT YOU ARE REMORSEFUL. BY YOUR SPEECH THAT
22 YOU GAVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SENTENCING, YOU DID NOT
23 SOUND REMORSEFUL. IT WAS VERY SHORT, VERY SIMPLE. YOU SHOULD
24 HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY TO US AFTER ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING
25 THAT YOU HAVE CAUSED US, AND I HOPE THAT YOU SPEND THE REST OF

1 YOUR LIFE IN JAIL, OR AT LEAST IF YOU GET OUT OF JAIL AT SOME
2 POINT, I HOPE NO ONE EVER GIVES YOU THE TIME OF DAY AND YOU
3 STILL FEEL EMPTY AS ALL OF US FEMALES HAVE FOR YEARS AND YEARS
4 AFTER THE TORTURE THAT YOU CAUSED US.

5 YOUR HONOR, I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU CONSIDER A MUCH
6 LONGER SENTENCE BECAUSE GIVING HIM SO MUCH TIME THAT HE IS
7 SENTENCED TO ADDRESS ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THAT HAS BEEN
8 CAUSED.

9 THANK YOU.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

11 WHO ELSE, MR. GREEN?

12 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE THAT THE FINAL
13 VICTIM MAY BE VICTIM E. I'M TOLD THAT SHE'S ONLINE AND READY
14 TO SPEAK.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 MR. GREEN: I BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST ONE, YOUR
17 HONOR. I WOULD LIKE TO DO A QUICK DOUBLE-CHECK BEFORE WE
18 BREAK.

19 THE COURT: OF COURSE.

20 MR. GREEN: BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST ONE.

21 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, DOUBLE-CHECK AND WE'LL HEAR
22 FROM VICTIM E.

23 MR. GREEN: OKAY.

24 THE COURT: IS THERE SOMEBODY THERE?

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: I JUST SENT HER A MESSAGE.

1 THE COURT: OH, OKAY.

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: SHE HASN'T RESPONDED YET. SHE'S
3 ON, BUT SHE MAY HAVE STEPPED AWAY. DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A
4 BREAK REALLY QUICK? I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.

5 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, MAYBE, MAYBE -- WAIT.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: OKAY, MA'AM, YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND
7 PROCEED.

8 CAN YOU HEAR US?

9 THE COURT: IF WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES,
10 WE COULD TAKE OUR BREAK NOW AND COME BACK AND SEE IF THERE'S
11 ANYBODY ELSE, THE GOVERNMENT COULD CHECK AND SEE IF THERE'S
12 ANYBODY ELSE THAT WANTS TO ADDRESS THE COURT, BUT I THINK
13 WE'RE IN NEED OF A 15-, 20-MINUTE BREAK. LET'S TAKE 20
14 MINUTES IN CASE. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NEED TO GET
15 OUT AND GET BACK IN. SO WE'LL BE IN RECESS FOR 20 MINUTES.
16 THEN WE'LL COME BACK AND WE'LL GO STRAIGHT THROUGH AND FINISH.

17 THANK YOU.

18 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

19 (RECESS)

20 THE COURT: OKAY. SO WE'D LIKE TO HEAR NOW FROM
21 ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COURT, MR. GREEN.

22 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, I THINK THERE'S ONE LAST
23 VICTIM THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COURT. SHE'S LISTED AS
24 VICTIM E ON THE VIDEO CONFERENCE LIST, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
25 SHE'S GOING TO BE SPEAKING VIA TELEPHONE, TELECONFERENCE, TO

1 THE COURT.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. SO VICTIM E FROM THE VIDEO LIST.

3 MR. GREEN: YES. SHE'LL BE DOING IT BY TELEPHONE
4 JUST DUE TO SOME TECHNICAL ISSUES.

5 THE COURT: OKAY.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

7 VICTIM E (TELEPHONE): HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8 THE COURT: YES, WE CAN.

9 VICTIM E (TELEPHONE): OKAY. BEAUTIFUL.

10 HI, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK AND
11 LETTING ALL THESE OTHER VICTIMS SPEAK. YOU KNOW, OUR VOICES
12 ARE ALL WE HAVE, REALLY, AT THIS POINT, AND I APPRECIATE THE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY MY TWO WORDS. AND I DON'T HAVE A STATEMENT
14 WRITTEN. I JUST WANTED TO SAY A COUPLE QUICK THINGS.

15 YOU KNOW, LIKE ALL OF THE OTHER VICTIMS, WE WERE
16 STRIPPED OF OURSELVES AND WHO WE THOUGHT WE WERE WAS EXPOSED
17 IN SUCH A LIGHT THAT, YOU KNOW, IT TOOK AWAY SO MUCH. OUR
18 IDENTITIES, ESSENTIALLY.

19 AFTER THE VIDEO WAS RELEASED, ME, LIKE MANY OTHER
20 GIRLS, TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR QUITE
21 SOME TIME, AND FROM THERE I ESSENTIALLY HAD TO REBUILD MY
22 NAME, REBUILD MYSELF. I DID, IN FACT, CHANGE MY NAME LEGALLY,
23 BUT ESSENTIALLY I JUST HAD TO REBUILD MYSELF ENTIRELY.

24 IT CHANGED MY LIFE FOR SURE. ALL OF MY FRIENDS
25 WERE -- I FOUND OUT WHO MY REAL FRIENDS WERE. I WAS

1 CONSTANTLY HARASSED. I CHANGED STATES. I MOVED, AND
2 ESSENTIALLY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH DEPRESSION, SEVERE
3 DEPRESSION, AND SERIOUS BODY DYSMORPHIC DISORDER, EATING
4 DISORDER, AND I'VE BEEN IN AND OUT OF TREATMENT FOR THE PAST
5 SIX YEARS.

6 AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S INCREDIBLY HURTFUL WHAT HE DID,
7 BUT IT'S SO AMAZING TO HAVE SOME SORT OF CLOSURE WITH THIS,
8 AND I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL FOR THE LAWYERS AND THE TEAM AND
9 EVERYONE THAT'S PUT IN SO MANY COUNTLESS HOURS AND WORKED TO
10 JUST GET TO BE ABLE TO SAY OUR WORDS AND SPEAK OUR TRUTH.
11 IT'S INCREDIBLY POWERFUL TO HEAR ALL THESE OTHER WOMEN, AND TO
12 FEEL SOME SORT OF CONNECTION WITH THEM IS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL
13 AND GIVES ME SOME SORT OF CLOSURE, I GUESS.

14 SO, YES, I'M JUST VERY GRATEFUL, AND I HOPE THAT HE
15 GETS THE BIGGEST PUNISHMENT POSSIBLE. THERE'S NO TAKING BACK
16 WHAT HAS HAPPENED. IT'S ONLY ABOUT MOVING FORWARD AND, YOU
17 KNOW, REBUILDING OUR NAMES AND OURSELVES TO BE STRONGER.

18 SO, THANK YOU, AND I JUST THANK EVERYONE THERE.

19 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

20 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

21 MR. GREEN, DO YOU WANT TO SEE IF THERE'S ANYBODY ELSE
22 WHO WISHES TO ADDRESS THE COURT?

23 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, I'M JUST LOOKING IN THE
24 COURTROOM TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE'S HAD A CHANCE.

25 THE COURT: OKAY. TAKE A MOMENT.

1 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE AT THIS TIME WE'VE
2 HEARD FROM EVERYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

3 THE COURT: OKAY. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ON BEHALF
4 OF THE GOVERNMENT?

5 MR. GREEN: NO, YOUR HONOR. WE SUBMIT.

6 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY WELL.

7 LET ME TURN TO PROBATION. GOOD AFTERNOON.

8 MS. CHALMERS: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. VICTORIA
9 CHALMERS FROM PROBATION.

10 I'M SORRY. THE MICROPHONE WAS APPARENTLY PICKING UP
11 MY PAPER RATTLING, SO IT WAS TURNED AWAY FROM ME.

12 YOUR HONOR, I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD ON BEHALF OF OUR
13 OFFICE. WE FILED BOTH THE PRESENTENCE REPORT AND THE ADDENDUM
14 THAT YOUR HONOR MENTIONED EARLIER.

15 THIS DEFENDANT HAS SERVED 614 DAYS OF PRESENTENCE
16 CUSTODIAL CREDIT BY MY CALCULATION. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS FOR
17 210 MONTHS OF CUSTODY, FOLLOWED BY SEVEN YEARS OF SUPERVISED
18 RELEASE, WITH THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE PRESENTENCE REPORT.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

20 MS. CHALMERS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE FROM YOU, MR.
22 RONIS, BEFORE I IMPOSE SENTENCE?

23 MR. RONIS: JUST BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR.

24 THE COURT: CERTAINLY.

25 MR. RONIS: YOUR HONOR, I REALLY UNDERSTAND AND

1 SYMPATHIZE WITH THE VICTIMS WHO'VE COME HERE TODAY. I'LL JUST
2 SAY THAT ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY FOR PECUNIARY GAIN IS A
3 SLIPPERY SLOPE. I UNDERSTAND THE VICTIMS HAVE CERTAINLY MADE
4 STATEMENTS BEFORE YOUR HONOR THAT THEY FELT, AND I UNDERSTAND
5 WHY THEY FEEL THAT WAY, THAT THEY WERE RAPED. I'LL JUST SAY
6 THIS. THE LAW DOES MAKE A DISTINCTION. MR. GARCIA WASN'T
7 CHARGED WITH RAPE, AND HE HAS, THROUGH COUNSEL, AND HE HAS
8 BEFORE YOUR HONOR, ADMITTED THAT WHICH HE DID, WHICH CERTAINLY
9 RISES TO REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT, I
10 UNDERSTAND THAT, AND BY NOTHING I'M SAYING IT MEANS, DO I
11 INTEND IT TO MEAN HOW THE WOMEN FEEL. IT'S JUST THAT THE LAW
12 HAS A DIFFERENT DEFINITION, AND SO WHAT MR. GARCIA HAS PLED
13 GUILTY TO IS CERTAINLY SERIOUS AND CERTAINLY -- YOUR HONOR'S
14 ABOUT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON HIM AND THE OPTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT
15 LIMITED, BUT HE DOES DENY THOSE, AND HE HAS ALWAYS DENIED, AT
16 LEAST BECAUSE OF THE SUBTLETIES OF LAW, ANY ALLEGATIONS OF
17 RAPE.

18 LASTLY, I'LL SAY -- AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL THESE
19 YOUNG WOMEN HAVE VARYING, MADE VARYING STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT
20 THEY FELT WAS APPROPRIATE. SOME THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY UP TO
21 YOUR HONOR, AND IN FACT IT IS ONLY UP TO YOUR HONOR. BUT
22 VENGEANCE IS NOT ONE OF THE CONCEPTS, CERTAINLY, THAT CAN BE
23 TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENSES FOR
24 WHICH HE'S PLED GUILTY IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE
25 TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND DETERRENCE IS SOMETHING TO BE

1 TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE WOMEN,
2 UNDERSTANDABLY, HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT VENGEANCE, THAT ISN'T PART
3 OF THE LAW.

4 I WILL SAY THAT MR. -- AS THE PROBATION OFFICER JUST
5 OBSERVED -- MR. GARCIA HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS
6 NOW, AND FOR WHATEVER RELIEF IT IS FOR THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO
7 HAVE COME BEFORE THE COURT TODAY, IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS IN A
8 JAIL CELL. IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS, REALLY, IN MOSTLY PROTECTIVE
9 CUSTODY GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES AND THE VULNERABILITY
10 THAT YOUNG, THE VULNERABILITY TO PEOPLE LIKE HIM ACCUSED IN
11 THESE KINDS OF THINGS, HOW THEY'RE EXPOSED TO OTHER INMATES
12 WHO MAY WANT TO DO HARM ON THEM, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE
13 FOREVER.

14 BUT I WILL SAY THAT HE'S BEEN, AND THEY SHOULD
15 UNDERSTAND, THAT HE'S BEEN IN JAIL FOR TWO YEARS UNDER VERY
16 DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, ALMOST ISOLATED, IN A VERY TOUGH
17 ATMOSPHERE OF COVID, WHEN PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF GETTING COVID
18 IN PRISON AND AFRAID OF DYING ALONE IN PRISON AND AFRAID OF
19 GETTING VERY SICK IN PRISON. IT'S BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT
20 HARDSHIP FOR HIM, AND HE'S GOING TO DO SUBSTANTIALLY MORE
21 TIME, AND IT ISN'T GOING TO BE MUCH MORE PLEASANT.

22 I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'LL ULTIMATELY END UP, BUT HE'LL
23 ALWAYS HAVE A MARK ON HIS BACK BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE
24 CHARGES AND THAT FOR WHICH HE'S PLED GUILTY AND THE PUBLICITY
25 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE. AND ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND HOW THE

1 VICTIMS MIGHT FEEL THAT THE MARK ON HIS BACK IS SOMETHING HE
2 DESERVES AND THAT PEOPLE OUGHT TO TAKE HARSHER TREATMENT OF
3 HIM BECAUSE OF THAT, THE LAW DOESN'T OPERATE THAT WAY AND THE
4 LAW DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY, AND SO I HOPE THAT THEY COME AWAY
5 FROM THIS EXPERIENCE AT LEAST CASTING ASIDE THE REQUEST FOR
6 VENGEANCE AND UNDERSTANDING A RATIONAL QUEST FOR PUNISHMENT.

7 AND I'LL ALSO SAY TO YOUR HONOR, AS YOUR HONOR KNOWS,
8 AND TO THEM, THAT HE WILL BE PLACED ON SUPERVISED RELEASE.
9 IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOING TO GET OUT AND JUST START HIS LIFE
10 OVER AGAIN.

11 THE COURT: RIGHT.

12 MR. RONIS: HIS LIFE, FOR WHATEVER REASON, WILL NEVER
13 BE THE SAME AGAIN, WHETHER HE DESERVES IT OR NOT. HE WILL
14 ALWAYS BE MARKED. IN ADDITION TO WHEN HE GETS OUT OF PRISON,
15 HE'LL BE ON SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD
16 OF TIME, AND HE'LL BE REGISTERED AS A SEX OFFENDER FOR THE
17 REST OF HIS LIFE, WHICH HAS CONSEQUENCES UNIMAGINABLE THAT
18 NEVER GO AWAY AND LAST FOREVER.

19 SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I WOULD URGE YOUR HONOR TO
20 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, AND I WOULD URGE THEM TO THINK ABOUT
21 WHEN, WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, IT MAY MODERATE THEIR VIEWS OF
22 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND REALLY WHAT MR. GARCIA HAS
23 FACED AND IS ABOUT TO FACE. IT HASN'T BEEN PLEASANT. IT'S
24 NEVER GOING TO BE PLEASANT.

25 AND I'LL JUST SUBMIT ON THOSE COMMENTS.

1 THE COURT: OKAY.

2 MR. GREEN.

3 MR. GREEN: NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH.

5 THE COURT: OKAY.

6 MR. RONIS, WHY DON'T YOU AND MR. GARCIA APPROACH THE
7 PODIUM, BECAUSE NOW IT'S THE COURT'S TURN TO MAKE A FEW
8 COMMENTS.

9 WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE OBSERVING TODAY FOR THE
10 OBVIOUS REASONS THAT THE COURT HAS BEEN LISTENING TO ALL
11 MORNING, SO I WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT FEDERAL
12 SENTENCING.

13 THE LAW REQUIRES THAT I MAKE CERTAIN GUIDELINE
14 FINDINGS, AND I'LL GO THROUGH A CHECKLIST OF THINGS, AND IF
15 IT'S BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU, IT WILL MAKE MORE SENSE. IF IT
16 HASN'T, YOU CAN ASK THE LAWYERS AFTERWARDS. BUT EVERY OFFENSE
17 HAS A CERTAIN OFFENSE LEVEL, AND WE GO THROUGH THIS, AND WE
18 TAKE A LOT OF THINGS INTO ACCOUNT, LIKE CRIMINAL HISTORY AND
19 UNCHARGED CONDUCT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, ROLE IN
20 THE CRIME, AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ME DO THAT SHORTLY.
21 AND FOR WHATEVER REASON, FEDERAL SENTENCING TALKS IN TERMS OF
22 MONTHS IN CUSTODY AND OFTEN NOT YEARS. SO I HOPE THE
23 CALCULATION MAKES SENSE TO YOU. I WILL EXPLAIN AS I GO
24 THROUGH THIS.

25 WHEN I GET TO THE END OF MY CALCULATION,

1 FUNDAMENTALLY, THE COURT HAS DISCRETION TO GO -- I'LL COME UP
2 WITH A GUIDELINE RANGE. I CAN GO ABOVE THAT GUIDELINE RANGE.
3 I CAN GO BELOW THAT GUIDELINE RANGE. I CAN STAY WITHIN THAT
4 GUIDELINE RANGE. IT'S BASED ON HOW I SEE THE OFFENSE AND WHAT
5 I THINK IS THE APPROPRIATE AND JUST SENTENCE IN A PARTICULAR
6 CASE.

7 SO I'M GOING TO START THE CALCULATION AND EXPLAIN AS
8 I GO THROUGH THIS, BUT I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR. PROBATION IS
9 RECOMMENDING TO THIS COURT A SENTENCE OF 17 YEARS AND A COUPLE
10 OF MONTHS. THE DEFENSE IS REQUESTING A SENTENCE OF SEVEN
11 YEARS AND A COUPLE OF MONTHS, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S AT 12 YEARS
12 AND A COUPLE OF MONTHS. SO, WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO START THE
13 CALCULATION, AND, AS MR. RONIS HAS POINTED OUT, HE'S PLED
14 GUILTY TO TWO CHARGES, AND THOSE TWO CHARGES ARE CONSPIRACY TO
15 COMMIT SEX TRAFFICKING BY FORCE, FRAUD, AND COERCION, AND THEN
16 THE ACTUAL SEX TRAFFICKING BY FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION, THE
17 CONSPIRACY CHARGE AND THE ACTUAL CHARGE.

18 I'VE HEARD A LOT OF THINGS THIS MORNING. AS MR.
19 RONIS CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, THOSE ARE NOT WHAT IS PLED TO AND
20 THOSE ARE NOT WHAT I'M SENTENCING FOR. I UNDERSTAND, I
21 UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS -- WHAT YOU -- WHY YOU TOLD ME AND
22 EVERYTHING. SO LET ME START WITH THE CALCULATION. I'LL DO MY
23 VERY BEST TO EXPLAIN, BUT I KNOW I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN
24 FRONT OF ME THAT ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO FEDERAL SENTENCING
25 GUIDELINES.

1 SO THE BASE OFFENSE LEVEL FOR THE CONDUCT THAT
2 OCCURRED HERE AND FOR WHICH MR. GARCIA PLED GUILTY TO IS A 34.
3 THEN I'M GOING TO INCREASE THAT BY TWO POINTS FOR HIS ROLE IN
4 THE OFFENSE BECAUSE, HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF
5 THIS OFFENSE, MR. GARCIA WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS WHOLE
6 SITUATION. HE WAS A MAJOR PLAYER IN THIS. HE WAS NOT A
7 MINOR, A MINOR PARTICIPANT. SO THERE'S A PLUS TWO ADDED. SO
8 THE ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL IS A 36. EVERYBODY AGREES, AND I
9 UNDERSTAND HOW SOME OF YOU MAY FEEL, BUT HE ACCEPTED
10 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HIS ROLE WAS IN THIS. SO THAT'S A
11 THREE-POINT REDUCTION, WHICH TAKES ME DOWN TO A TOTAL OFFENSE
12 LEVEL OF 33. MR. GARCIA HAS THREE PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY
13 POINTS, AND THAT PLACES HIM IN CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY II.
14 SO, AT 33 OFFENSE LEVEL, CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY II, THAT'S
15 A RANGE OF IMPRISONMENT OF 151 MONTHS TO 188 MONTHS.

16 BUT WE'RE NOT FINISHED AT THIS JUNCTURE. A PLUS
17 THREE IS ADDED BECAUSE OF UNCHARGED CONDUCT, AND THE
18 GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED FOR A REDUCTION, AND THE COURT HAS
19 REVIEWED THAT AND CONSIDERED THAT, AND I'M GOING TO GO WITH A
20 LITTLE BIT LESS OF A REDUCTION THAN THE GOVERNMENT DID. I'M
21 GIVING THAT A TWO-POINT REDUCTION BASED ON WHAT HIS
22 PARTICIPATION WAS. SO, WITH THAT, I COME UP WITH AN OFFENSE
23 LEVEL OF 34, CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY II, AND THAT'S A RANGE
24 OF IMPRISONMENT OF 168 MONTHS TO 210 MONTHS.

25 NOW, HERE'S THE POINT WHERE I GET TO EXERCISE

1 DISCRETION. I CAN GO ABOVE THAT RANGE, I CAN GO BELOW THAT
2 RANGE, AND SO I WANT TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS AND TELL YOU MY
3 VIEW OF THIS.

4 IT'S WITHOUT QUESTION THAT MR. GARCIA WAS ONE OF THE
5 LEADERS. IT'S WITHOUT QUESTION THAT THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED
6 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. THIS WAS NOT A ONE-TIME EVENT; THIS
7 WAS NOT A TWO-TIME EVENT. THIS OCCURRED OVER YEARS, FROM 2013
8 TO 2019. IT WAS CLEARLY PREMEDITATED. IT WAS CLEARLY
9 CALCULATED. THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS, I THINK I JUST HAVE A
10 SMALL PORTION OF THEM IN FRONT OF ME TODAY. I'M SURE THERE
11 WERE MANY, MANY OTHERS THAT MR. GARCIA PARTICIPATED IN AND
12 RECRUITED, AND I THINK THE NUMBER OF VIDEOS WAS IN THE
13 HUNDREDS. I DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN, BUT I THINK IT WAS IN THE
14 HUNDREDS. AND NOTHING WAS TRUTHFUL AS WAS REPRESENTED TO
15 PEOPLE ABOUT THOSE VIDEOS. THEY WERE TOLD, YOU WERE TOLD AS
16 PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIDEOS THAT THEY WOULD NEVER BE POSTED
17 ONLINE, THEY WOULD NEVER BE SEEN IN THE UNITED STATES, AND
18 THAT WASN'T THE CASE. IT WAS FALSE, AND IT WAS KNOWN TO BE
19 FALSE WHEN THAT WAS REPRESENTED TO YOU.

20 NOW, MR. GARCIA, LOOKING AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS
21 AND WHAT IS ON MR. GARCIA'S SIDE OF THE LEDGER, HE'S YOUNG.
22 HE'S ABLE-BODIED. I DON'T THINK HE'S -- I THINK HE'S AN
23 INTELLIGENT YOUNG MAN WHO USED HIS INTELLIGENCE IN PROBABLY A
24 VERY WRONG WAY. I THINK THAT HE DID THE RIGHT THING IN
25 ENTERING A GUILTY PLEA TO THESE CHARGES AND SAVED EVERYBODY

1 GOING TO TRIAL ON THIS MATTER, AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO HIM.
2 SO HE GETS SOME CREDIT FOR THAT, AND I'VE DONE THAT IN THE
3 CALCULATION HERE. THAT WAS THE ACCEPTANCE AND WHAT NOT, AND
4 IT GOES THROUGH HERE.

5 I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME THIS MORNING LISTENING TO
6 PEOPLE WHO WERE VICTIMS IN THIS OFFENSE, AND YOU WERE TREATED
7 IN THE POOREST OF WAYS. YOU WERE DISREGARDED. YOU WERE
8 TREATED AS IF YOU WERE DISPOSABLE COMMODITIES IN SOMEBODY'S
9 QUEST FOR MONEY, AND I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO
10 CHARACTERIZE IT. TO SAY THAT THIS WAS CRUEL AND INHUMANE IS,
11 I THINK, AN ACCURATE STATEMENT. THERE WAS DECEPTION AT EVERY
12 TURN. THERE WERE FALSE PROMISES. YOU WERE THREATENED. IT
13 WAS MALICIOUS. IT WAS CALLOUS. IT WAS BASED ON -- THE ONLY
14 THING I CAN COME UP WITH IS A GREED MOTIVE IN ALL OF THIS.
15 THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS IS BEYOND WHAT WE CAN THINK OF, AND IT
16 WAS VERY HELPFUL TODAY TO HEAR FROM YOU DIRECTLY.

17 WELL, I HAVE READ EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED
18 IN THIS FILE. IT DOES, IT DOES LEND MORE UNDERSTANDING TO
19 HEAR IT FROM YOU DIRECTLY. SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE SAID THINGS
20 LIKE YOU CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE HOW MUCH YOU HAVE LOST
21 THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION IN THIS WHOLE HORRIBLE SITUATION, THAT
22 THE LOSS HAS BEEN STAGGERING, BUT YOU CAME AND YOU TOLD ME
23 ABOUT IT, AND I THINK THAT'S THE GOOD THING.

24 SO WHAT I HAVE IS, I HAVE A TENSION THAT NEEDS TO BE
25 EXAMINED WHEN I SENTENCE. I KIND OF TOLD YOU SOME OF MY

1 THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CASE, BUT WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES WHEN I
2 CONSIDER WHAT'S CALLED THE 3553(A) FACTORS, I CONSIDER THE
3 FOLLOWING. THE NATURE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENSE, AND
4 I'VE TOLD YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON THAT. I HAVE TO CONSIDER
5 THE HISTORY AND CHARACTERISTICS OF MR. GARCIA, AND I'VE TOLD
6 YOU SOME OF THAT. I HAVE TO CONSIDER THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE
7 OFFENSE. I HAVE TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE LAW. I HAVE TO
8 PROVIDE DETERRENCE, BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIFIC, SPECIFIC AS TO
9 MR. GARCIA SO THAT HE NEVER GETS INVOLVED IN THIS SORT OF
10 THING AGAIN, AND GENERAL AS TO ANYBODY WATCHING WHO MIGHT
11 THINK THAT THIS IS THE WAY TO MAKE SOME MONEY. I HAVE TO
12 CONSIDER SENTENCING DISPARITIES SO THAT ANYBODY WHO DOES
13 SOMETHING SIMILARLY SITUATED TO THIS DOESN'T GET TREATED IN A
14 WIDELY DIFFERENT WAY WITHOUT A GOOD JUSTIFICATION FOR IT. AND
15 WHEN I SAY THAT, EVERYBODY IS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL. MR. GARCIA
16 IS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL AS HE STANDS HERE BEFORE ME, AND I'VE
17 BEEN DOING THIS A VERY LONG TIME, AND I CAN TELL YOU I HAVEN'T
18 HAD A CASE LIKE THIS. THIS IS PRETTY UNIQUE. I HAVE TO
19 CONSIDER RESTITUTION. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN A MOMENT. I
20 HAVE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC, AND A LOT OF YOU TALKED ABOUT HOW
21 DO YOU PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THIS SORT OF SCHEME. I'M GOING TO
22 CALL IT A SCHEME AT THIS POINT.

23 SO, WHEN I LOOK AT THE MAGNITUDE OF EVERYTHING BEFORE
24 ME -- I'M AT AN OFFENSE LEVEL 34, WHICH IS 168 TO 210
25 MONTHS -- I CHOOSE TO EXERCISE MY DISCRETION IN AN UPWARD WAY,

1 AND I'M GOING TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE OF 240 MONTHS IN THE
2 CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS, WHICH FOR THOSE OF YOU TO
3 DIVIDE THAT UP, IT'S 20 YEARS IN CUSTODY. I'M GOING TO IMPOSE
4 A TEN-YEAR PERIOD OF SUPERVISION FOLLOWING THAT.

5 SO, WHILE YOU'RE IN CUSTODY -- I'LL SPEAK WITH YOU,
6 MR. RONIS, ABOUT HOUSING AND DESIGNATION AND WHAT YOU MIGHT
7 REQUEST ON THAT IN JUST A MOMENT. WHILE YOU'RE -- I DON'T
8 THINK THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR PROGRAMS FOR WHILE HE'S IN
9 CUSTODY. THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW. DO YOU HAVE
10 ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS IN THAT REGARD, WITH REGARD TO PROGRAMS
11 OR ANYTHING?

12 MR. RONIS: NO.

13 THE COURT: I WAS WONDERING ABOUT RDAP. THERE WAS
14 ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA ALL OVER THE STUFF I WAS READING. I
15 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CONSIDERED A PROBLEM OR NOT.

16 MR. RONIS: WELL, I THINK HE'S EXPRESSED TO ME THAT
17 IT HAS BEEN, AND I THINK IT WAS KIND OF REplete THROUGH HIS
18 CONDUCT, SO I WOULD URGE THAT YOUR HONOR TAKE THAT INTO
19 CONSIDERATION.

20 THE COURT: OKAY. I WILL GET HIM SCREENED FOR RDAP.
21 I DON'T KNOW IF HE WILL QUALIFY BASED ON THE CHARGE. I'M JUST
22 NOT SURE, BUT I WOULD LIKE HIM TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

23 THE RDAP PROGRAM IS A RESIDENTIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL
24 ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM WHILE YOU'RE IN CUSTODY.

25 I SHOULD SAY THAT THIS TIME IS CONCURRENT ON EACH

1 COUNT.

2 WHEN YOU'RE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY, MR. GARCIA, YOU'LL
3 BE ON SUPERVISION FOR TEN YEARS, AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS, IF
4 YOU VIOLATE ANY LAW WITHIN THAT TEN-YEAR WINDOW, YOU COULD BE
5 BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THIS COURT AND YOU COULD SERVE ADDITIONAL
6 TIME IN CUSTODY, UP TO THE MAXIMUM TERM OF SUPERVISION, WHICH
7 IS TEN YEARS. ALL THE STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION
8 APPLY, BUT IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY.

9 AND I ASSUME YOU'VE GONE OVER THESE WITH HIM, MR.
10 RONIS.

11 MR. RONIS: YES.

12 THE COURT: OKAY.

13 SO THE FIRST IS THE COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR TREATMENT
14 PROGRAM AS DIRECTED BY PROBATION. YOU MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO
15 HELP PAY FOR THIS, BUT ONLY IF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SO.

16 THE SECOND IS, YOU'RE NOT TO ENGAGE IN THE EMPLOYMENT
17 OR THE PROFESSION OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT OR PORNOGRAPHY.

18 THE THIRD CONDITION IS, YOU MUST REPORT ALL VEHICLES
19 WHICH YOU OWN OR OPERATE OR IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN INTEREST TO
20 PROBATION.

21 THE FOURTH CONDITION IS A FOURTH AMENDMENT WAIVER, OR
22 A SEARCH CONDITION, MR. GARCIA, THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR PERSON,
23 YOUR PROPERTY, YOUR HOME, YOUR VEHICLES, YOUR PAPERS, YOUR
24 COMPUTERS, YOUR DATA-STORAGE DEVICES TO A SEARCH CONDUCTED BY
25 PROBATION PROVIDED THE SEARCH IS DONE AT A REASONABLE TIME, IN

1 A REASONABLE MANNER, BASED ON A REASONABLE SUSPICION OF
2 CONTRABAND OR EVIDENCE THAT YOU VIOLATED A CONDITION OF YOUR
3 RELEASE. IF YOU DON'T AGREE TO A SEARCH, THAT CAN BE A BASIS
4 FOR REVOKING YOU, AND WHOEVER YOU LIVE WITH MUST KNOW THAT THE
5 HOME IS SUBJECT TO SEARCH.

6 THE FIFTH CONDITION IS THAT YOU PROVIDE COMPLETE
7 DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS FINANCIAL RECORDS TO
8 PROBATION AS REQUESTED.

9 NOW, WE HAVE NOT -- WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TALK ABOUT
10 RESTITUTION. CONDITION NUMBER SIX IS INCLUDED, CONDITION
11 NUMBER SEVEN IS INCLUDED, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE FINANCIAL
12 CONDITIONS ULTIMATELY ATTACHED TO THIS. THE RESTITUTION IS
13 GOING TO BE DETERMINED, SO I'M GOING TO KEEP MOVING, BUT
14 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO NOTIFY THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
15 BEFORE TRANSFERRING ANY INTEREST IN PROPERTY. THAT'S
16 CONDITIONS SIX AND SEVEN, WHICH ARE INCLUDED.

17 CONDITION EIGHT, YOU'RE PROHIBITED FROM OPENING
18 CHECKING ACCOUNTS OR INCURRING NEW CREDIT CHARGES OR OPENING
19 LINES OF CREDIT WITHOUT PROBATION'S APPROVAL.

20 THE THIRD IS -- THE NINTH. EXCUSE ME. THE NINTH
21 CONDITION IS THAT YOU CONSENT TO THIRD-PARTY DISCLOSURE TO ANY
22 EMPLOYER OR POTENTIAL EMPLOYER CONCERNING ANY RESTRICTIONS
23 THAT ARE IMPOSED BY THIS COURT.

24 THE TENTH CONDITION IS THAT YOU HAVE NO CONTACT,
25 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TELEPHONICALLY, VISUALLY, VERBALLY, OR

1 THROUGH ANY WRITTEN MATERIAL OR THROUGH ANY THIRD PARTY WITH
2 ANY VICTIM, VICTIM'S FAMILY, WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF
3 PROBATION.

4 THE ELEVENTH CONDITION IS THAT YOU NOT POSSESS OR
5 REVIEW ANY MATERIALS, VIDEOS, MAGAZINES, PHOTOGRAPHS, COMPUTER
6 IMAGES, OR OTHER MATTER THAT DEPICTS SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT
7 INVOLVING CHILDREN OR ACTUAL SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT
8 INVOLVING ADULTS, AND NOT PATRONIZE ANYPLACE WHERE SUCH
9 MATERIALS OR ENTERTAINMENT ARE THE PRIMARY MATERIAL OR
10 ENTERTAINMENT AVAILABLE.

11 THE TWELFTH CONDITION IS THAT YOU WILL BE IN SEX
12 OFFENDER -- YOU'LL BE EVALUATED THROUGH A SEX OFFENDER
13 EVALUATION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A VARIETY OF TESTS, AND THAT IS
14 DETAILED IN CONDITION NUMBER 12. AND YOU MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO
15 CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF THIS, BUT AGAIN ONLY IF YOU HAVE
16 THE ABILITY TO DO SO.

17 WITH REGARD TO RESTITUTION, THE DATE FOR THAT HAS TO
18 BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT, UNLESS THERE'S TOTAL AGREEMENT, BUT
19 WHAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COURT WAS NOT IN A FORMAT THAT I
20 COULD MAKE AN ORDER.

21 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, WE'RE STILL RECEIVING
22 RESTITUTION REQUESTS, SO WE WOULD ASK, PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 3664, THAT THE COURT SCHEDULE A RESTITUTION HEARING IN
24 APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS --

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 MR. GREEN: -- AT THE COURT'S AND MR. RONIS'
2 CONVENIENCE.

3 THE COURT: OKAY. VERY WELL. SO WE WILL DO THAT.

4 I'M NOT GOING TO IMPOSE A FINE, MR. GARCIA.

5 THERE'S A \$200 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. IT'S \$100 PER
6 COUNT. IT WILL BE IMPOSED, AND YOU CAN WORK THAT OFF WHILE
7 YOU'RE IN CUSTODY.

8 THE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT ASSESSMENT
9 OF \$5,000 PER COUNT WILL BE IMPOSED, AND THAT'S \$10,000.

10 LET ME ASK PROBATION. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I
11 HAVEN'T COVERED THUS FAR?

12 MS. CHALMERS: NO, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13 THE COURT: OKAY.

14 MR. RONIS, DO YOU WANT TO ASK FOR A HOUSING
15 DESIGNATION?

16 MR. RONIS: WELL, YOUR HONOR, HIS FAMILY LIVES IN
17 CHICAGO.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 MR. RONIS: AND SO (PAUSE, OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION
20 WITH MR. GARCIA).

21 THE COURT: THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS?

22 MR. RONIS: RIGHT. THAT'S CORRECT. SO HE REQUESTS,
23 YOUR HONOR, THAT HE BE HOUSED IN A FACILITY TAKING INTO
24 CONSIDERATION HIS FAMILY'S LOCATION, WHICH, AS I MENTIONED, IS
25 CHICAGO. SO THAT WILL BE FINE.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. SO I WILL REQUEST HOUSING AS CLOSE
2 TO CHICAGO AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE FAMILY VISITS.

3 IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?

4 MR. GREEN.

5 MR. GREEN: YOUR HONOR, MR. GARCIA HAS WAIVED THE
6 RIGHT TO APPEAL.

7 THE COURT: OH, OKAY. I HAVEN'T GOTTEN THERE. I
8 WILL.

9 MR. GREEN: THANK YOU.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

11 MR. GARCIA, IN YOUR PLEA AGREEMENT, ON PAGE 16, YOU
12 GAVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL OR COLLATERALLY ATTACK THE
13 JUDGMENT IN THIS CASE AND THE SENTENCE THAT I JUST IMPOSED.
14 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, SIR?

15 MR. GARCIA: YES.

16 THE COURT: OKAY. WE'RE NOW GOING TO HAND YOU, TO
17 YOUR COUNSEL WHO'S GOING TO PASS TO YOU COPIES OF THE
18 CONDITIONS THAT I JUST IMPOSED. YOU SHOULD KEEP THAT
19 PAPERWORK. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE IT FOR YOUR
20 REFERENCE, MR. GARCIA.

21 LET'S ALL JUST CHECK OUR NOTES. PROBATION IS SAYING
22 THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. EVERYBODY, CHECK YOUR NOTES. LET
23 ME CHECK MY NOTES TO MAKE SURE.

24 I SAID CONCURRENT TIME ON BOTH COUNTS.

25 CORRECT, ALEX?

1 THE DEPUTY CLERK: THAT'S CORRECT, JUDGE.

2 THE COURT: I DID. OKAY.

3 WE'RE GOING TO SET THE RESTITUTION HEARING FOR AUGUST
4 20TH, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK. NOW, THAT CAN'T BE A FULL-BLOWN
5 HEARING. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF IT IS, AND I'M
6 HOPEFUL THAT MAYBE THERE WILL BE SOME AGREEMENT. BUT IF
7 THERE'S NOT AND WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN THAT, WE MIGHT HAVE TO
8 SET IT ON ANOTHER DATE AND TIME.

9 IS THAT A FRIDAY, ALEX?

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: THAT'S CORRECT.

11 THE COURT: THAT'S A FRIDAY CALENDAR.

12 MR. GREEN: I UNDERSTAND, YOUR HONOR. WE'LL WORK TO
13 SEE IF WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT. OTHERWISE, WE'LL UPDATE THE
14 COURT.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 MR. RONIS: AND CAN MR. GARCIA WAIVE HIS APPEARANCE
17 AT THAT HEARING, YOUR HONOR?

18 THE COURT: YES, HE MAY. HE MAY WAIVE HIS APPEARANCE
19 AT THE RESTITUTION HEARING.

20 MR. RONIS: CAN WE DO IT ON THE RECORD NOW? JUST
21 (PAUSE) --

22 THE COURT: PARDON?

23 MR. RONIS: I, I --

24 THE COURT: MR. GARCIA, YOU UNDERSTAND RESTITUTION IS
25 THAT SOME OF THESE VICTIMS HAVE SAID THAT THEY'VE INCURRED

1 COSTS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OFFENSES, AND SO THEY'RE
2 ASKING FOR YOU TO REIMBURSE THEM, AND WE DON'T HAVE ALL OF
3 THAT TOGETHER TODAY. SO I'M SETTING A RESTITUTION HEARING FOR
4 AUGUST 20TH, AT 11 IN THE MORNING, AND YOUR COUNSEL IS SAYING,
5 DO YOU WAIVE YOUR PRESENCE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO THAT?

6 MR. GARCIA: YES, MA'AM.

7 THE COURT: OKAY, AND I WILL DO THAT.

8 WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY, MR. GREEN?

9 MR. GREEN: THE ONLY REMAINING THING, YOUR HONOR, IS
10 THAT WE WOULD MOVE TO DISMISS THE REMAINING COUNTS.

11 THE COURT: COME CLOSER.

12 MR. GREEN: I BEG YOUR PARDON.

13 WE WOULD MOVE TO DISMISS THE REMAINING COUNTS --

14 THE COURT: OKAY, THE REMAINING COUNTS.

15 MR. GREEN: -- WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

16 THE COURT: THE MOTION TO DISMISS THE REMAINING
17 COUNTS IS GRANTED.

18 ANYTHING ELSE, PROBATION, MR. RONIS --

19 MR. RONIS: NO, YOUR HONOR.

20 THE COURT: -- MR. GREEN, MISS FOSTER?

21 MS. FOSTER: NO, YOUR HONOR.

22 MR. GREEN: NO, YOUR HONOR.

23 MS. CHALMERS: NO, THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

24 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

25 WE'LL BE IN RECESS.

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