

STATEMENT OF VANESSA LOPEZ

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I finished high school in 1997 and then went to college for 2 years with intentions of a degree in Forensic Science. I have been working since I was 15 years old. At the age of 23 I started modeling. I have modeled for Universal Studios, Hawaiian Tropic, BMG Models and Proctor & Gamble, etc. After my mother became ill with Alzheimer's Disease I moved back home to take care of her full time. I had to put my modeling and life on hold because of her condition.

After caring for her at home for 5 years, I had to place her in a nursing home close to me. I visit her everyday because she is now receiving hospice care and only weighs 60 pounds.

I was never frightened or scared of Shaquille O'Neal before September 29, 2009. My life has changed so much because of what had to endure since then. I used to walk down the street not looking back over my shoulder but now I fear that someone is after me. At home I am constantly looking outside to see if there is a strange car parked outside. I want this to be over. I just want to feel safe again.