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Statement of Shelby Pfeffer

It is my belief that while people do have the right to information, some information deserves to remain private.

The Hard Rock Hotel security video depicts Scott Bennett's assault on me on December 5, 2014 in a public hallway of the Hard Rock Casino. This evidence was important in the conviction of Mr. Bennett and I am thankful that the Casino turned it over to the authorities.

The video depicts me drunkenly falling into an elevator and trying to hold myself up in the door's frame, unable to press any buttons. The doors open and Mr. Bennett appears. Within 9 seconds, he makes physical contact with my body. He picks my hotel key up from the floor and puts it in his back pocket. Immediately I am stuck, wrapped up in the arms of a predator. I make several attempts to leave his possession. His surefootedness stabilized me throughout the video. The

assault occurs in a public hallway, and he then takes me to his room. We emerge from his room almost 40 minutes later, this time my body is even more unsteady than before. He makes several attempts to pick me up and eventually drags me to the 7th floor where he then dumps my body, and carefully places my purse and my boots beside me. He leaps over my body on his way back to the elevator to make his escape.

Prior to the closing arguments of the trial, I had not viewed the hotel security video of my sexual assault. My family has yet to view the video and I would like it to remain that way. I would not want to have to live knowing that it was available for anyone to view at any time. It is a complete re-victimization of me for the video to be placed on the internet where it can be viewed forever.

While I am satisfied with the outcome of Mr. Bennett's criminal trial, his debt to society is only one aspect of this horrible crime. Mr. Bennett's actions have and will continue to have an effect on myself and my family. It is only right that he be held responsible for this.

With my family's support, I have decided to file a civil lawsuit today against Mr. Bennett. I want Mr. Bennett to have to face a jury, not only in the criminal case, but also in a civil courtroom as well.

Shelby Pfeffer
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