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## **Statement of Gloria Allred Regarding Alvin Ray Quarles**

Today we are here to protest the release from prison of Alvin Ray Quarles AKA “The Bolder Than Most” serial rapist. I represent two of his victims, Cynthia Medina and Mary Taylor who were shocked and very distressed when they recently learned that Quarles was scheduled to be released this month after serving only half of his sentence.

In February 1989, as a result of a plea deal, Quarles pled guilty to four counts of rape, six counts of burglary with intent to commit a felony and two counts of robbery. 48 other charges were dismissed in the plea deal.

Quarles was sentenced to 50 years in prison. The victims, whom I represent, were led to believe that there was truth in sentencing and that he would in fact serve 50 years. They found some comfort in the sentence in that he would not be released until he was 77 years old.

Then recently, one of the victims, Cynthia Medina, heard that some prisoners might be released earlier than the sentences that they had been ordered to serve. Concerned, she decided to check to see if Quarles would be released early. She hoped he would not.

To her horror, she learned by contacting victim services at the prison that he would be released on November 16, 2013, after serving only half of his prison term. Mary immediately notified the San Diego District Attorney’s office. Later the D.A.’s office indicated to Cynthia that they only became aware of the imminent early release of Quarles after they had read an interview that Cynthia had given about the early release of Quarles to a local newspaper.

The San Diego D.A.’s office decided to file a petition seeking a civil involuntary commitment of Alvin Ray Quarles.

This morning, Cynthia, Mary and I went to court in San Diego County. Both victims were able to see Mr. Quarles briefly when he was brought into court.

The court scheduled the date for the probable cause hearing in the civil commitment case for December 19, 2013 at 9:00 am PST in Department 11. If, at the conclusion of that hearing, the court finds probable cause that Quarles is a sexually violent predator, then a date will be set for a jury trial in this matter.

Both Cynthia and Mary intend to be present for both the probable cause hearing and the trial.

They both feel that the San Diego D.A.'s office failed to inform them 25 years ago, of the true consequences of Quarles plea and failed to tell them the truth about the sentence he would actually serve as a result of that plea.

These victims were entitled to truth in sentencing, but they failed to receive it.

Initially Quarles had been charged with two counts of oral copulation and one count of forcible rape as to Cynthia. He entered a plea to two counts of armed rape.

Also, initially, Quarles faced three counts as to Mary. He was charged with one count of robbery, one count of assault with intent to commit a felony with a knife and one count of solicitation of murder. He entered a plea only to burglary in the first degree.

At the civil commitment hearing, all of his past crimes, for which he was charged, will be relevant on the issue of whether or not he is a sexually violent predator. In addition, his present mental state and whether or not he presently has a qualified mental disorder that pre-disposes him to commit sexually violent predatory acts will also be relevant.

It will be a battle of the experts, but there is also a possibility that these victims will testify.

If that is necessary, then once again they will find the courage to do so. They testified in this case previously and they are committed to doing everything they can to win justice in this matter.

I am very proud of both of them and the courage that they are displaying throughout this ordeal. They are having to relive the crimes that Quarles committed against them.

I look forward to supporting these very brave survivors in the battle to win justice in this case. The District Attorney must prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt and the jury must be unanimous in finding that this rapist should be civilly committed.

We look forward to a just result.

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