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## **STATEMENT OF GLORIA ALLRED**

We are here today to respond to a press statement published and disseminated to the press this week (June 16,2010) by Nancy Seltzer on behalf of the Dugard Family.

In the statement Terry Susan Probyn confirmed that her daughter, Jaycee Lee Dugard, now 30 years old, is the daughter of Kenneth Lee Slayton.

While we are very happy that Ms. Probyn has affirmed Ken's paternity, the statement then goes on to attack Ken with what he believes are misleading and untrue statements which appear to be intentionally designed and calculated to inflame the public against him and irreparably damage his reputation. Statements for example, that the Sheriff's Department interviewed Ken after her disappearance, and that he showed no interest in her are completely false and we have a witness to prove that it is false,

Ken met Jaycee's mother, Terry Susan Dugard (aka Susan) in August 1979 at Lake Havasu at a campsite. Ken was and is a Vietnam combat veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam. Ken and Susan Dugard had a

brief relationship for approximately 1 month. Then, Susan told him she was pregnant. At that point, Ken did not know if Susan would terminate the pregnancy or give birth, and he was not sure if he was the father. The next day, Ken spoke to his friend Jaime about Susan's pregnancy. He had told Jaime that he would raise the child that he had with Susan if Susan did not want to do it, but Ken never heard from Susan and he did not know where she was.

Ken and Susan lost contact, and about 1 year later a friend told Ken that Susan had given birth to the baby and that the baby looked like Ken. Ken asked where Susan was. The friend also indicated that Susan did not want Ken to know where she lived.

Ken, nonetheless made efforts to find Susan but was never able to locate her. Susan never contacted Ken again to provide any information about where she was living or about Jaycee.

In 1983, Kenneth married Jaime, a longtime friend. Kenneth and Jaime have now been married for 27 years. They have 2 children, Sarah Lee Slayton (age 25) and Brittney Lee Slayton (age 21). Ken also has 2 older children from a first marriage (a daughter and a son).

The day after Jaycee disappeared the FBI came and told Kenneth that Jaycee's mother had identified him as Jaycee's father. Many years later an

investigator for the El Dorado Sheriff also came by and spoke to him about Jaycee and treated him as her father as they searched for her.

In the presence of Jaime, Ken's wife, law enforcement indicated to Ken that Jaycee was probably dead, but that they would like Ken's DNA in order to identify Jaycee's remains in case her remains were ever found. Ken fully cooperated, answered all questions and provided his DNA.

When Ken first learned from law enforcement that Jaycee had been kidnapped, he was shocked and sick about it.

He vowed to himself that if she were ever found that he would try to be a part of her life. At the point that she was kidnapped, however, there was nothing that he could do - except hope and pray that Jaycee would be found alive and that he could then provide her with the love and support that he believed she was entitled to enjoy.

Years passed, and then recently he heard the news that Jaycee had been found and released from her 18 years of torment. Ken was disgusted and upset when he learned the gruesome details about the conditions in which she was forced to live and the predator she was forced to endure.

He also felt that now that Jaycee was found there was a new opportunity to have the relationship with Jaycee that he had never been able to have.

If Kenneth had known that he was Jaycee's father when she was born, and if he had known where she was, he would have provided for her and been there for her from day one.

Since that didn't happen he wants her to know now that he is there for her and that he has another family which includes her sisters and her stepmother and that they all want to provide love and support to her.

He simply wants to provide a positive male role model for her and her children, rather than the role model provided to her by Phillip Garrido. This is especially important for Jaycee's 2 children, because they have never had a positive male role model. They have only had the example of the sexual predator, Garrido.

Since the police found Jaycee, Ken has made extraordinary efforts to establish a relationship with her. He retained me as his attorney to share with the family his hope and desire to establish a relationship with Jaycee. I have spent countless hours in person and through correspondence with her prior attorney and now with her present attorney to reach out and develop a plan to establish communication between this father and his daughter.

Our client has sent a personal letter to Jaycee from him along with photos of her sisters and brother (Ken's other children) so that she would know that there is a family that cares about her and wants to support her and her children (Ken's

grandchildren) in any way they can. Those photos and letters were returned unopened.

Ken, at his own expense, has gone to numerous court hearings in Placerville, California with me, in the hope of talking to Jaycee and her attorney. Although Jaycee never appeared at the hearing, Ken and I were able to have a long conversation with her prior attorney to reiterate his continuing desire to see Jaycee and his grandchildren and to answer any questions that he or Jaycee might have.

Ken has always tried to handle this in an appropriate manner. In fact, we have never even disclosed to the press that we had filed a petition to establish paternity. However, now the family spokesperson for Terry Susan Probyn has chosen to disclose that fact in her press statement. While we are happy that Terry has now affirmed that Ken is Jaycee's father, we are very troubled that many of the statements made by the family spokesperson's press statement are wrong and appear to be a deliberate attack on him by intentionally placing him in a false light.

Ken filed the petition in court last month to establish paternity of Jaycee because we want legal proof (which is a court order) establishing that Ken is the father. The mother's affirmation alone without a court order has no legal force and effect and does not as a matter of law create a legal family relationship with either Jaycee's siblings or their father.

Once there is a legal determination of paternity that declaration establishes a sibling relationship as well. He wants his children (all of Jaycee's siblings) to know that they have sisters and a brother.

Establishment of paternity will also be proof for his grandchildren (Jaycee's children) that he is their grandfather.

We agree that DNA does not make a family. Neither does shutting a father out of his child's life make a family. For the first 11 years he could not find Jaycee and Ken asserts that Jaycee's mother never told him where they were living. Then Jaycee was kidnapped for 18 years. Now Jaycee is healing and he still is unable to find her.

Finally, we must address the extremely misleading and inflammatory statement in the Dugard family press release that suggests that they are "in terror of a process server" because Ken filed a petition with the court to establish paternity. There are ways to avoid being served with process by a process server. The way is for her attorney to accept service and simply sign an acknowledgment of receipt of documents on a Judicial Council form. It is done everyday in millions of cases and we suggested it in this case. In fact, I asked her attorney to accept service for her clients, so that Jaycee and her mother would not need to be served by a process server, and the attorney agreed to accept service on behalf of her clients. We filed a

Petition to Establish Paternity in Riverside Superior Court in May 2010 and we sent it to Ms. Shawn Chapman Holley, Jaycee's and her mother's attorney, with a form for the attorney to sign. We have been awaiting her signature for about a month. If Jaycee's attorney had signed the form or will sign it, there is no need for a process server.

Also, if the mother signs a stipulation which we can send to her attorney agreeing that Ken is the father of Jaycee (as Susan said that he was in her press statement), then neither Terry nor Jaycee ever have to go to court on this matter at all. There will be nothing more for them to do.

Sunday is Father's Day. Our client has missed celebrating Father's Day for 29 years. He is thrilled that his daughter has been found alive and that he has 2 grandchildren he never even knew he had.

Ken wants nothing more than to spend time on future Father's Days with all of his children and grandchildren including Jaycee and her children. There is nothing more important than family and he wants her to know how much he loves her and how he wishes he knew where she was the first 11 years of her life so he could have been a father to her. To be told when she was 11, that he had a daughter, but she was kidnapped and probably dead and then not knowing where she was for another 19 years has been unbearable to Ken. To now be lied about

and shut out of her life based on those lies is devastating to him and completely unjustified.

We have always said that Ken wants to see Jaycee at an appropriate time. However, at his age (64) and because of his health (cancer) time is of the essence.

It is never too late to be a father to your children and never too late for a child to reach out to her father.

Ken, a Vietnam combat vet, is a hero to his country and he has been an outstanding father to his children. He deserves Jaycee's love and she deserves his. The only father figure she had ever known for many years is Philip Garrido, her kidnapper and rapist. It is time for her to have a positive male role model in her life and the life of her children.

We say to Jaycee's mother - whatever anger you clearly have should be put aside for the benefit of Jaycee and your grandchildren. The more love Jaycee and her children have in their life, the better it will be for everyone. DNA does not make a family but neither does shutting a father out of a child's life.

On this Father's Day, we hope that this mother will help her daughter and grandchildren to be united with Ken. He will always be Jaycee's father and grandfather to her children and his only desire is to love, support and protect them in every way possible.



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