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### **Statement of Gloria Allred**

Today was the day that Kanye West was scheduled to either enter a plea in the L.A. County Superior Court or if he did not enter a plea have a date set for trial. He has entered a plea of no contest to one count of battery. The count of attempted grand theft for which he was also being prosecuted was dismissed as part of the plea bargain.

I represent the victim in this case, Daniel Ramos, a professional videographer. We have also filed a civil lawsuit against Mr. West and are vigorously litigating that case which we filed on August 21, 2013 prior to the criminal case being filed.

The lawsuit alleges that on July 19, 2013 Daniel was outside of the Tom Bradley Terminals International Arrivals at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on July 19, 2013, with a number of other professional photographers. Daniel and the photographers were gathered on the sidewalk area in front of LAX to photograph celebrities who might emerge from the terminal. Mr. West exited the terminal and saw the gathered group of photographers. Daniel, who was standing about 10 feet away from Mr. West called out to him and said “Kanye, can we talk to you, Kanye? Daniel then said “What’s’ going on? Why can’t we talk to you? I mean why?”

Daniel asked Mr. West that question because one week earlier on July 12, 2013, Mr. West had shouted at photographers. “Don’t talk to me. I don’t want to hear paparazzi talk to me or anybody I know.”

After hearing Daniel ask on July 19, why Mr. West would not speak to him, Mr. West stopped walking, put his bag down at his car and turned and spoke to Daniel. Then without warning or provocation, Mr. West suddenly attacked Daniel, punching him and attempting to wrestle Daniel’s camera from his hands.

Daniel held onto his camera and fell down onto his knees onto the paved sidewalk with enough force that he sustained injuries to his right hip, was in great pain, and had to be transported in an ambulance to the emergency room.

This incident also resulted in the filing of the criminal case against Mr. West. Mr. Ramos is still suffering from the injuries inflicted on him by Mr. West. Mr. West entered his plea by signing a notarized plea. Because it was a misdemeanor he was not legally required to be in court. Nevertheless, I felt that the LA City Attorney should have required him to show up in court as a condition of offering the plea because Mr. West has appeared on television acting as though it is OK to attack someone who has not physically attacked him. Also this is a clear cut criminal case. Kanye West's attack on Danny Ramos was captured on video which has been broadcast on television and the internet many times. It is clear that Danny Ramos was an innocent victim of Kanye West and that Kanye West had no legal justification for attacking Danny. Also there have been public reports, that since the attack on Danny Ramos, Kanye West has attacked another person. He was not prosecuted for that attack and public reports indicate that the victim and Mr. West reached a civil settlement.

In addition, West went on television and bragged that he was from Chicago. On October 8, 2013, Mr. West made it clear that he thinks that he has the right to attack anyone that antagonizes him by asking him a question that he does not like. He thinks that paparazzi are fair game. In his televised appearance on the Jimmy Kimmel show he sent a message that anyone that crosses him is not safe and that no one should forget that he is from Chicago.

I said at the time that Mr. West's remarks were shameful and added further pain to the injuries he inflicted on Danny Ramos. Further, Kanye West has said he brings "joy to the world". I said that he disgraced his profession and brought shame to his hometown of Chicago when he made reference to being from Chicago as being some sort of threat. I also indicated that he would be held accountable for his actions against Mr. Ramos, both in the criminal justice system and the civil justice system. Today he was sentenced for his criminal act against Danny Ramos.

Danny and I believe that Kanye West should have been sent to jail. He has shown no remorse about attacking our client. In fact, he has bragged about it.

I did speak with both the Deputy City Attorney and her supervisor in reference to this matter and Danny's feeling that West should be required to show

up in court for his plea and sentence hearing and that he should be required as a condition of accepting the plea to do some jail time because Kanye West appears to treat his criminal act against Danny as a big joke. Unfortunately, they did not agree. Also, in the past West has not acknowledged that there are laws that govern his behavior and that he is not above the law. We are glad that West did enter a plea, but given all of the facts and circumstances, we do think that the sentence handed down today was not sufficient. We plan to continue with our civil lawsuit to make sure that Mr. West is held accountable in that case. Danny Ramos has been very brave throughout this case. He has been concerned not only about himself, but about other photographers and member of the press who seek to cover celebrities as is their first amendment right.

As I have said many times, celebrities are not above the law, and they have no right to physically attack someone simply because they were asked a question. Mr. Ramos was just doing his job and trying to make a living and he was deserving of respect and should never have been the victim of violence by Mr. West.

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