Statement of Gloria Allred

Recently, I was contacted by Tracey Carver, who was seen in the "Texas Pool Party Videos" that went viral. That video, which was incomplete because it only showed part of what really happened), shows Tracey in a an altercation after she and her children had left the pool at the homeowners association complex in McKinney, Texas.

Tracey has been in hiding ever since the incident because of death threats which she has received as a result of untrue statements made about her, which falsely accused her of making a racist remark at the time of the incident.

Today, she has decided to speak out for the first time and share what she alleges really happened at the incident on June 5, 2015. She is speaking out here in California, because at this time she feels that she is unable to return to her home in Texas because of numerous serious threats that have been made against her and her family, because of the false rumor that she made a racist statement.

These threats include threats to rape and kill her children and threats to rape and kill Tracey. I am unable to repeat some of these threats because of certain obscenities and profanities.

However, Tracey has made law enforcement aware of the threats of bodily harm against her and the children. Tracey is the mother of 3 children and she has 2 grandchildren. She has lived in McKinney Texas for 11years and has a full time job in Texas. Prior to moving to Texas, she was a resident of Southern California. She owns a home and is therefore a member of the HOA where she lives. She resides in her home with her husband, her children and Aaron Clark (a.k.a. A.C)

A.C., who is African American, has been her husband's best friend since college and is considered by her to be a member of the family. Tracey's mom called him "son" and Tracey considers him her "brother".

He wanted to be here with us today to speak out about Tracey whom he calls his "sister". When he has spoken out previously about her he has been called "an uncle Tom", but those who have called him names do not know Aaron and the relationship that he has with Tracey, her husband and her children. He refuses to cower in the face of these unwarranted verbal attacks and will continue to stand up for what he considers his family, including Tracey whom he has known for many years.

I have been a civil rights lawyer for almost 4 decades and have been involved in the civil rights movement for almost 50 years fighting for racial and gender equality and equal rights for all minorities.

I have agreed to support Tracey and her family, because I am very concerned that the movement for racial equality suffers a serious setback when innocent individuals are wrongly accused of making racists statements based on false rumors and find themselves and their children being threatened that they will be raped and murdered.

Polarization of the races, rather than progress toward equality is the result of false rumors. Lies must be stopped, especially in the case of Tracey Carver who has lived her values of diversity and equality of opportunity through her deeds, not just her words. Tracey and her children need to be able to go home again and live, work and go to school in safety. Those who have lied about Tracey owe her an apology and it is long overdue for them to tell the truth about what really happened on June 5, 2015 in McKinney, Texas.

> Gloria Allred Attorney at Law Representing Tracey Carver June 16, 2015