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Statement of Gloria Allred

We are here today to let Mr. Kelly know in no uncertain terms that he cannot and will not intimidate his alleged victims into keeping silent about their allegations.

Faith Rodgers and her mother are with us at this press conference.

We have evidence that Mr. Kelly has engaged in efforts to intimidate and retaliate against Faith Rodgers. We will present this evidence for the first time today.

Faith Rodgers filed a lawsuit against Robert Sylvester Kelly aka R. Kelly which is pending in the New York Supreme Court detailing what she alleges is Kelly's victimization of her.

In response to Faith's lawsuit, Mr. Kelly retaliated against her by threatening to reveal what he alleges are details of her sex life. In addition, he posted private photos of her.

One threat was contained in a letter Mr. Kelly wrote to Lydia Hills aka Lydia Agu, an attorney for Ms. Rodgers as follows:

"If she persists in court action she will be subjected to public opinion during the discovery process. For example, my law team is prepared to request the production of the medical test results proving the origin of her STD claim, as well as 10 personal male witnesses testifying under oath about her sex life in support of her claim and complete records of her text/face time message exchanges....."

Faith is not the only alleged victim whom R. Kelly has attempted to intimidate into silence.

In response to the allegations of his many alleged victims as contained in the recent Lifetime documentary, Kelly's attorney has appeared to threaten a lawsuit against Lifetime, and according to news reports someone associated with Kelly's team launched a Facebook page called "Surviving Lies" to allegedly discredit his accusers. Reports indicated that the page was "swiftly taken down for violating Facebook's policy on bullying or sharing others' private contact information." News reports also claim that Mr. Kelly is threatening to sue everyone involved in the documentary.

It seems that Mr. Kelly is taking his playbook from Donald Trump who threatened to sue the women who came forward during the campaign to speak about his behavior

towards them. In fact, although it may be a coincidence, Mr. Kelly was recently confronted by the police at Trump Tower in Chicago where he was residing.

Mr. Kelly's attorney, Steven Greenberg, said the singer will "hopefully sue Lifetime" in his first interview with ABC News since the release of Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly." I say to Mr. Kelly and his attorney, be careful what you hope for.

All of these attempts to intimidate and threaten our clients and others will not work. Mr. Kelly, your disgusting tactics will not prevent women who allege that they were victimized from telling their truth.

In addition to Faith's mother, Kelly Rodgers, Ms. Michelle Kramer, the mother of Dominique Gardner, is also with us today. Her daughter, Dominique Gardner, also allegedly suffered for years from Kelly's misconduct. These mothers have an important message which they wish to convey to R. Kelly.

In addition, we have an appointment today with the New York City police department who has asked to meet with Faith in furtherance of their investigation into potential victims of R. Kelly. We will offer our full and complete cooperation in their investigation. Prosecutors in Chicago and Atlanta are also seeking information from potential victims and we plan to offer them our cooperation as well.

Mr. Kelly, you may soon join the ranks of Bill Cosby and Harvey Weinstein. Just as they have been and are being held accountable for their actions, you also must be accountable.

You can look forward to a legacy which will not be your music, but rather the pain and suffering you inflicted on the many vulnerable teenagers and young women who claim they were victimized by you.

You may rest assured that I will do everything in my power to support those who claim that they are victims.

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