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### **Statement of Gloria Allred**

Today, Darren Sharper was sentenced to 20 years in state prison after he previously entered a plea to count of rape of an intoxicated victim and four counts of furnishing drugs. He is also required to register for the rest of his life as a sexual offender.

I represent three victims of Mr. Sharper. Two were in court with me today to give their victim impact statements. The third victim whom I represent was victimized in Las Vegas. We have civil lawsuits pending against Mr. Sharper on behalf of all three victims.

Darren Sharper is a serial sexual predator. He has admitted to victimizing women in four states, California, Nevada, Louisiana and Arizona.

Were it not for the courage of all of the victims who reported Sharper's crimes against them to law enforcement, Mr. Sharper would be free today to continue drugging and raping women.

I am proud of all of the victims who had the courage to cooperate with law enforcement, even though Mr. Sharper was a famous NFL star.

This case should send a message to all predators that even if you are a celebrity sports figure, you are not above the law. Women will not be intimidated by your wealth, fame or power. Instead they will stand up and fight back.

In prison, Mr. Sharper will have many years to reflect on the crimes he has inflicted on women. We hope that he will now understand that such crimes have serious consequences not only for the victims, but for those who have preyed on them as well.

Mr. Sharper was a football star. Now he is a convicted felon. He has only himself to blame for the crimes that he committed, including the gender violence and drugging of women, which left many of the victims with significant harm that they will suffer for the rest of their lives.

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