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Statement of Marcella Tate

In 1975 at age 27 I was a model with Wilhelmina Agency in New York City working in New York and Chicago. There was a group of my friends that frequently met for lunch or in the evening at a Club called Faces in Chicago. I met Bill Cosby through a mutual friend at that club. We saw each other on occasion with friends for lunch or in the evening at Faces. We had no personal relationship. We were just friends through friends.

One afternoon I got a call from him at my apartment asking me to pick him up at the Chicago airport. I agreed. When I picked him up he told me that he was staying at the Playboy mansion and I could drop him off there.

When we arrived at the Playboy Mansion he asked if I would like to see the mansion and have a glass of wine before I left. I went into the living room and sat down. Mr. Cosby brought me a drink and that was my last clear memory.

The next cloudy memory I have is that I was in a different room. I was in a bed. Bill Cosby was next to me and it didn't appear that he was wearing anything. I knew that I was in a sexual situation. I never intended to be in that situation and would never have agreed to any sexual contact with Mr. Cosby, but because I was barely conscious and felt drugged, I was unable to do anything to get out of it.

The next thing I remember is that I stood up and I was holding my head. I said to him "something is wrong with me". I don't know how I left or got home, but I do know that I got home. I believe that I was targeted and drugged by Bill Cosby. I feel that Mr. Cosby has no regard for women or for their safety.

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