Statement of Gloria Allred

Justin Bieber was permitted to plead guilty today to assault and careless driving which are misdemeanors. The sentence that the court imposed was a $750 fine for the careless driving and an absolute discharge on the assault charge. However, the harm that Justin Bieber has inflicted on my clients, Todd Gillis and Sean O’Neill is very serious and had and continues to have a significant negative impact on them. Bieber’s intentional attack on them may have inflicted life-long damage to them.

Additionally my clients have been misrepresented by the Crown and in statements made by the media reporting that they both plead guilty to trespassing on the Bieber property near Stratford the day following the incident in August 2014. Todd and Sean never set foot on Mr. Bieber’s property and were never charged with trespassing on the Bieber property. The Crown has that information available to him.

Mr. Bieber’s criminal conduct should have resulted in serious consequences, but instead he received a light sentence today.

Unless and until courts hand down sentences that are proportionate to the crimes that Justin Bieber has committed, we are very concerned that he may continue to present a risk of harm to others.

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