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Statement of Sarita Butterfield

In November 1977, I modeled for Playboy Magazine. Shortly after the release of that issue I received a phone call from Bill Cosby saying that he saw my picture in the Playboy Magazine and would like for me to join him and his family for a Christmas Eve Dinner at his home in Massachusetts. I was 22 years old and all I thought about was Wow! Bill Cosby invited "me" to have dinner with his family on Christmas Eve. How special was that. He also mentioned to me that he would like to discuss my acting career since I was also an aspiring actress at the time. He paid for my flight and arranged for a driver to pick me up and take me to the airport and then to his home in Massachusetts.

After a celebrity-studded Christmas Eve Dinner at his home with his wife Camille and their children and many guests, he later approached me while I was alone in the guest house. He wrapped his arms around me then roughly grabbed my hair and proceeded to aggressively kiss me and grope my breasts and other parts of my body. I tried to fend him off and said "Stop", "Get Off Me", "Your Family is Here!" but he ignored my pleas until I began to get louder. Then he stopped. He had a look on his face like he did nothing wrong but he was like an "animal that preyed on me and caught me" out of the sight of his wife and children. For the rest of that night I tried to be invisible, I was so ashamed and humiliated. I had to endure a painful night's stay at his home until I could get a flight out in the morning. I trusted Bill Cosby and looked up to him and I never would have imagined that he would invite me to his home in Massachusetts on

Christmas Eve to assault me. That night I could have been safe at home enjoying Christmas Eve with my own family. Bill Cosby continued to pursue me after the incident as if nothing had happened. He offered me a role in his upcoming film, to be my mentor, and to pay my tuition to acting school. I told him I was not interested in him or anything he was selling! I decided to tell no one about this shameful incident and have kept it a secret until I too came forward in November 2014.

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