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Statement of Autumn Burns

It was about 1970 and I was 24 years old and living in Las Vegas when I met Bill Cosby. I was a game starter at the Sahara and he liked to play the tables. I was also doing television commercials at that time. One night at the International Hotel (now the Hilton) Mr. Cosby approached me and introduced himself. He gave me \$500 and said that I should come to his show later. In the meantime I could gamble or do whatever I wanted to do with the money that evening.

I thought he was fond of me and he said all of the right things. He told me that he could get me jobs modeling and acting. I was a fashion model at the time – photography not runway. He was filming the television show “I Spy” at that time. Mr. Cosby invited me to the grand opening of Juliano’s, the second floor VIP restaurant in the Chateau Vegas, which was covered by the press. My family and friends were mad at me back then for hanging out with an older man but my mother accepted it because it was Bill Cosby.

On another occasion, Mr. Cosby gave me another \$500 so I could gamble in the hotel where his show was playing and wait until the show was over to see him. After the show I went up to his suite with him and he made me a drink of scotch on the rocks. I relaxed in the living room and had a cigarette. He told me to take my time and finish my drink while he went into his bedroom. He then called me into the bedroom but I delayed because I was not comfortable going

into the bedroom. I started feeling woozy and not in control. When I finally got up and went into the bedroom the first thing I remember thinking is how his naked body looked on the white sheets. He told me to sit on the edge of the bed. When I did he grabbed me by the back of my neck and stuck his erect penis down my throat. I remember my head was being pounded up and down and then he lifted me on top of him and had sex with me. When he was done I knew I had to leave the room and get home. I felt like everyone on the casino floor was staring at me and had known what happened. The only person I ever told about the rape was my baccarat boss.

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