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Statement of Attorney Gloria Allred regarding the “Tesla Road Rage Driver”

Today I am here with two women who were victimized by Nathaniel Radimak, A.K.A. “The Tesla Road Rage Driver” in Los Angeles County. They will react to his sentencing last week for his road rage criminal conduct in Hawaii.

In 2023, Mr. Radimak was accused of numerous crimes in California, such as assault, criminal threats, vandalism, and elder abuse. He entered a plea in L.A. County, and he was sentenced to 5 years in prison with the remainder of his sentence on parole until August 28, 2026.

His victims, Vivian Romero and Beth Lamprecht, are here with me today. Beth was notified by the California Department of Corrections (C.D.C.R.) that he would be released on parole on August 28, 2024 after serving less than a year of that sentence, because he was given credit for 424 days served while he was awaiting sentencing and 212 days of good behavior.

On the forms sent to the alleged victims by the C.D.C.R. under “inmate proposed community of release”, it stated “unknown”.

We later learned through news reports that Mr. Radimak had relocated to Hawaii and appeared for arraignment on new charges there of “First degree misdemeanor assault for striking an 18-year-old woman and her 35-year-old mother”. A baby was in the car at the time of the incident. Mr. Radimak pled not guilty but remained in custody as a result of his parole violation in Los Angeles. While he was in custody in Hawaii, inmates beat him up.

Last Thursday the defendant pled no contest, and the judge sentenced him to 7 years in prison for 1 felony count of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle and 2 counts of third degree assault. He will receive 1 year credit for time served.

At the time of sentencing of Mr. Radimak in Hawaii, Judge Malimaio stated that “the defendant is a danger to the safety of the public”. The Judge also stated that the defendant had violated his parole in L.A. County by consuming illegal substances while on parole.

Now that Mr. Radimak has been sentenced and sent to prison in Hawaii, the question arises as to whether or not Mr. Radimak will be extradited to Los Angeles for violations of his parole.

I have spent several days since the defendant’s sentencing seeking the answer to that question. It appears that the answer is “no”, even though he has violated his parole in L.A. County because he has also been convicted of crimes while on parole.

His parole does not end until August 28, 2026. However, I was informed by a reliable source in the L.A. County District Attorney's Office that they will not seek to extradite Mr. Radimak for a number of reasons, including but not limited to that he has been sentenced to 7 years in prison in Hawaii, and even if he were to be extradited to Los Angeles, the maximum sentence he could receive for violating his parole is 180 days.

Our hearts go out to the victims of Nathaniel Radimak in Hawaii. Many of the alleged victims of this defendant in L.A. had previously expressed their concern for the safety of others if he did not receive a longer sentence in Los Angeles, and given what happened in Hawaii their concerns were justified.

Reportedly, Radimak was released early in Los Angeles because of overcrowding. If this is true, it is shocking that a violent criminal who was clearly a danger to others was released early, and that he received no meaningful justice until he struck again in Hawaii and was convicted there.

The criminal justice system in Los Angeles County has once again failed victims by denying them their rights, including, for example, their right to give a victim impact statement in court when Mr. Radimak was sentenced here. Had the Judge in L.A. County heard from the victims, perhaps Mr. Radimak would have received a longer sentence and the victimization of women in Hawaii might have been avoided.

When there is no justice for victims it is only a matter of time until others are endangered and subjected to harm by a dangerous defendant who was not forced to face all of the consequences of his criminal misconduct.

We should all insist that L.A. County District Attorney's office enforce victim's rights and not release violent offenders until they have served every day of the sentence handed down by the Court.

Gloria Allred representing Vivian Romero and Beth Lamprecht  
and other victims of Nathaniel Radimak

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