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Statement of Matthew Dawson

My name is Matthew Dawson. I lifeguarded for California State Parks at Bolsa Chica for a number of years and am now a Senior Park Aide. I started working with Kevin Pearsall in 2014 when I was a lifeguard. When our management sat us down for a meeting at work and told us what Kevin did, it was like getting punched in the stomach. There were no words. I couldn't believe it. I couldn't process what was happening. When I was naked and changing into my uniform in the locker room, I remember Kevin directing me to the back area and I never thought anything of it. It just seemed eccentric. Now I feel he was setting me up to undress on camera. I felt my skin crawling.

Later I walked by the locker room, and it suddenly seemed so tainted like I didn't want to step foot in there, not even for a second. My next thought to myself was this is so wrong. After that, I didn't know how to move forward. After much thought, I decided I had to stand up and fight for my right to privacy for myself and others. That is why I am here today.

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