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Statement of Richard Corey

Thank you. My name is Richard Corey. I've been employed with California State Parks as a Senior Park Aide for over five years. And in that time, I have witnessed lifeguards, park aides, officers, Maintenance crews, biologists, scientists, and volunteers do incredible work on behalf of the public. Good work. Lifesaving work. What happened with Kevin Pearsall is the ultimate betrayal of trust. He was not only in one of the highest positions of California State Parks, but he was a sworn POST-certified peace officer. A position of trust. He was sworn not only to protect the public, but also us, his employees. He failed us... and that failure and betrayal hurts. It's still hurting.

I want to make something very clear, the employees I work beside are strong and good people, very good people and they will overcome this in time, but they deserve administrative leaders that put them and the public first and that did not happen. The saddest part about all of this is... is that it did not need to happen. There were warning signs. I still believe in a world where the truth and facts matter. And the truth about Kevin Pearsall and the administrative failures will come to light.

Thank you. If you have questions, please address them to my attorneys.

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