



MEDIA ADVISORY

LARRY NASSAR ACCUSERS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS RESPOND TO GUILTY PLEAS ON STATE CRIMINAL CHARGES AND CALL FOR INVESTIGATION OF MSU OFFICIALS.

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WHAT: Attorneys representing women who accused former MSU and USA Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar of sexual assault will speak to the media following Nassar's plea hearing on Eaton County, Michigan criminal charges.

WHO: **Adam Sturdivant**, Partner, Drew, Cooper & Anding
Rachel Denhollander, former Michigan gymnast who filed first criminal complaint against Nassar.
John Manly, Founding Partner, Manly Stewart & Finaldi
Mr. Sturdivant will be available at the courthouse, Mr. Manly is available by phone or in Irvine, California, Ms. Denhollander is available by phone or in Louisville, Kentucky.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 29, 2017
Following the 8:30am Hearing

WHERE: Eaton County Circuit Court
Honorable Janice Cunningham
Courtroom 200
1045 Independence Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

WHY: On November 22, Larry Nassar plead guilty to seven counts of first degree criminal sexual assault in Ingham County, Michigan. Tomorrow he will plead to an additional 13 criminal sexual conduct charges in Eaton County, Michigan.

MSU and its administrators could have prevented the Nassar scandal if they had simply followed Title IX and the mandatory reporting laws. They ignored complaints of his misconduct going back to 1997. When they finally conducted a Title IX investigation of Nassar in 2014, they botched it and allowed him to continue allegedly molesting dozens of women and girls for two more years, including Team USA gymnasts.

According to published reports, MSU has paid the New York law firm

of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom more than one million dollars to conduct an internal review of the Nassar scandal. The University's refusal to make the results of this review public stands in stark contrast to the actions taken by Penn State University in response to the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal in 2012.

MSU's refusal to make the facts contained in their secret internal investigation public should not be allowed by a public agency, funded by the taxpayers.

MSU's continuing lack of transparency and cover up of misconduct by University administrators demonstrates the need for an independent and thorough investigation of MSU, its Administration and athletic department.