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LARRY NASSAR SURVIVOR AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM'S ADVOCATE RACHAEL DENHOLLANDER PRAISES MICHIGAN SPECIAL COUNSEL REPORT ON MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND CALLS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION OF USA GYMNASTICS AND US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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Louisville Kentucky – Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publicly accuse former Michigan State University and U.S Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar of sexual abuse, praised the report by Michigan Special prosecutor William Forsyth which criticized the University's handling of the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal.

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The scathing report stated, "An institution truly interested in the truth would not have acted as MSU has. MSU's initial decision to hire a private law firm to conduct its internal investigation, its subsequent refusal to release the results of that investigation and waive attorney-client privilege, along with its insistence on having its attorneys attend witness interviews have made it virtually impossible to know exactly what happened at MSU during the Nassar years."

The report also listed the names of 11 Michigan State University employees who were told about Larry Nassar's abuse but failed to report it to authorities beginning in 1997.

"This report is a sad case history of an institution that tried to cover up the crimes of a serial child predator for more than two decades. Investigators executed search warrants, seized MSU computers, interviewed witnesses under oath and have indicted top university officials including former president Lou Anna Simon .A recent investigation commissioned by USOC that revealed that the top leadership of the U.S. Olympic Committee covered up Nassar's crimes and willfully disregarded mandatory reporting laws, yet the FBI and state prosecutors in Indiana have yet to serve search warrants or conduct a meaningful independent investigation. The leaders of USA Gymnastics and the US Olympic Committee will not be held fully accountable until this occurs," said Rachael Denhollander.

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi is the nation's leading firm representing athletes in child sexual abuse cases against school districts, Universities and Olympic Governing Bodies. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a \$500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance Unified School District for \$31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for \$8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for \$14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman. The firm has also settled \$30 million in claims against Redlands Unified School District.