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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY REPORT DETAILS SEXUAL ABUSE BY DR. LARRY NASSAR

Final investigative report by University Office of Institutional Equity validates sexual assault allegations by former gymnast Rachael Denhollender.

The final investigative report by Michigan State University's Office of Institutional Equity released Friday March 17th validates claims of sexual abuse and assault suffered by former gymnast Rachael Denhollender by former MSU physician Dr. Larry Nassar.

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Following a review of Ms. Denhollender's medical records and interviews with a number of witnesses, including Dr. Nassar, the report concluded, "Considering all of the evidence provided, given the consistent statements made by Claimant Denhollender and the witnesses, and statements from other Claimants, OIE (Office of Institutional Equity) finds the Respondent's (Dr. Nassar) denial to be unpersuasive where there is corroborating evidence to support Claimant Denhollender's allegations that the Respondent (Dr. Nassar) penetrated her vagina, penetrated her anus, massaged her genitals, massaged her breast, and had an erection at least once while treating Claimant Denhollender by a preponderance of the evidence."

In an interview conducted by the University's investigator Ms. Denhollender said, "I did not report because I was 100% sure I would not be believed. If I had even the slightest hope of it, I would have reported. But I was very, very certain I would not be believed, and my greatest fear was that he would be empowered to continue if I had tried and failed."

Since Ms. Denhollender filed her complaint last September, more than 100 women have come forward and reported their own abuse at the hand of Dr. Nassar.

Alleged victims of Dr. Nassar have spoken out on national news programs including CBS 60 Minutes and every major national news outlet.

“This is clearly the largest sexual abuse scandal in the history of amateur athletics. Complaints against Dr. Nassar go back to the 1990s. We may never know how many young women were abused that did not come forward, fearing they would not be believed. My message to them is, it’s not too late. Come forward and speak up, your voice will help protect the next generation of young women and girls,” said victim’s attorney John Manly who represents more than 70 alleged victims of Dr. Nassar in lawsuits against MSU and USA Gymnastics.

In November 2016, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette charged Nassar with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13. The charges allege that Nassar repeatedly assaulted a girl between 1998 and 2005, beginning when she was six-years-old.

In December 2016, Nassar was arrested on Federal child pornography charges. The two count indictment states that Nassar possessed “thousands of images of child pornography.” FBI investigators found at least 37,000 images and videos of child pornography in his garbage. According to published reports, some videos show the doctor sexually assaulting girls under the age of 12

In February 2017, AG Schuette charged Nassar with 36 additional counts of criminal sexual conduct, including 22 first-degree counts and 13-third degree counts. The most recent state criminal charges are related to Nassar’s work as a physician at MSU and his treatment of gymnasts at Twistars.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California’s leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US.