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LARRY NASSAR SURVIVORS CALL ON TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST BELLA AND MARTHA KAROLYI.

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WHAT: Former US Women's Gymnastics National Team Coordinator, Martha Karolyi, admitted under oath that former USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny informed her in June of 2015 that team doctor Larry Nassar had been accused of molesting young girls on the National Team. Mrs. Karolyi did not report this suspected abuse at the Karolyi Ranch to Texas authorities as required by Texas law.

Attorneys representing Nassar survivors believe that several Texas Child Protection Statutes may have been violated by the Karolyis and call upon Attorney General Ken Paxton to take action.

WHO: ***Nassar Survivors – Trained at the Karolyi Ranch***
Jamie Dantzcher, 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist. Allegedly molested by Larry Nassar at the Karolyi Ranch, USAG sanctioned national and international competitions and the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.
Jeanette Antolin, former member US National Team gymnast. Allegedly molested by Larry Nassar at the Karolyi Ranch and USAG sanctioned national and international competitions.

Nassar Survivors – Abused at MSU After June 2015

Lindsey Lemke – current MSU student and gymnast. Allegedly abused by Nassar more than 500 times at MSU Clinic, Twistars and Nassar's home beginning at age 9.

Kayla Spicher – USAG gymnast and gymnastics coach. Allegedly abused by Nassar more than 360 times at MSU Clinic, Twistars and Nassar's home.

Autumn Blaney – 17-year-old high school student. She was referred to Nassar by Twistars coach John Geddert and was allegedly assaulted more than 75 times at Twistars, the MSU Clinic and Nassar's home at ages 10-14 years old.

Attorneys

John Manly - Founding Partner, Manly, Stewart & Finaldi. Represents more than 150 Nassar survivors, including Jamie Dantzcher and Jeanette Antolin.

Muhammad Aziz – Partner, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz (Dallas). Represents Nassar survivors in Texas.

Michelle Tuegal – Partner, Hunt and Tuegal (Waco). Represents Nassar Survivors in Texas.

Brittany Nichols – Associate, White Law LLC. Represents Lindsey Lemke, Kayla Spicher and Autumn Blaney.

WHEN: Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:30am [Click here for Facebook Live Feed](#)

WHERE: Office of the Attorney General, Ken Paxton
300 W. 15th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Interviews available following the Press Conference directly across the street from the Office of the Attorney General at:

Double Tree Hotel
Blue Bonnet Room
303 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

WHY: Martha and Bella Karolyi ran the USAG Women’s Gymnastics National Training Center at the Karolyi Ranch near Huntsville, Texas from 1999-2018. Dozens of Olympic and National Team gymnasts were allegedly molested at the Ranch by former team doctor Larry Nassar.

The Karolyis filed a lawsuit against USA Gymnastics and the US Olympic Committee on May 1, 2018. The Karolyis stated in their lawsuit that, “When USAG told the Karolyis in 2015 that Larry Nassar would not be returning that USAG never mentioned the alleged mistreatment was potentially sexual assault nor did they relay the nature of the treatments at issue...The Karolyis first learned of the exact nature of Nassar’s conduct leading to his dismissal – allegations of sexual misconduct – sometime after the 2016 Summer Olympics.

That false statement directly contradicts testimony made under oath in a deposition conducted in May of 2017. In that deposition Mrs. Karolyi was asked directly, “Were you ever advised by any USAG Official in or around June 2015 that they had received a complaint that Dr. Nassar had molested a National Team gymnast at the ranch.”

Mrs. Karolyi answered, “Yes, I did.”
She was then asked, “And who reported that to you?”
Mrs. Karolyi replied, “Steve Penny.”

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