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**STATEMENT OF VICTIMS ATTORNEY JOHN MANLY ON THE INDICTMENT OF LARRY NASSAR
AND DEBORAH VAN HORN IN WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS**

“On behalf of more than 180 victims of Larry Nassar, that I represent, I wish to express profound disappointment in the investigation of this matter by Walker County District Attorney’s office. At least five adults at the Ranch were aware that Nassar had molested children. Ms. Karolyi has testified under oath that she was told by Steve Penny in 2015 that Nassar was molesting young athletes. All of them had a duty under Texas law to report child sexual abuse to law enforcement, they failed to do so, and they are not being held accountable.

They Karolyis did far more than “lease their facility to USAG” as stated by the Walker County D.A.’s office, Martha Karolyi and her husband were the US National team coordinators for two decades. According to many Team USA athletes and Olympic athletes, they have reported that the Karolyis ran their Ranch with an iron fist and the conditions were dreadful. The fact that the Karolyis had one convicted and one alleged sex offender working with children at their Ranch calls into question the statement by the SDA’s office that that they did nothing wrong. Placing all of the blame on USAG and none on the Karolyis is a whitewash.

That is why we asked the Texas Attorney General to take charge of this investigation at an Austin press conference in May. Now it is up to the US Congress, the Federal Department of Justice and the civil justice system to hold the Karolyi’s accountable. We also call upon the US Olympic Committee to demand the resignation of USAG President Kerry Perry and exercise proper oversight over all Olympic Governing Bodies.”

[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. The firm currently represents more than 180 alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar. Michigan State University has settled this case for \$500,000,000, the largest settlement of any personal injury case against a University.