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STATEMENT ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF THE FBI HANDLING OF THE LARRY NASSAR SCANDAL

Irvine, California – Today the Wall Street Journal reported that The Department of Justice has launched an investigation into the FBI’s handling of sexual-abuse allegations against former U.S. gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar. That move followed allegations that agents failed to act on U.S. national-team gymnasts’ complaints about Nassar when they arose in 2015.

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“In July of 2015 the FBI, USA Gymnastics and the US Olympic Committee understood that Larry Nassar had molested two gold medalists and a world champion gymnast. Instead of notifying Michigan State authorities, the Michigan State Medical Board and local law enforcement they concealed it. The questions of who did this and is why remain unanswered. Their inaction allowed Nassar to return to MSU for more than a year and molest another 60 girls before he was finally arrested in November of 2016. That is inexcusable and possibly criminal. A thorough and complete investigation needs to be undertaken. We owe it to these girls and their families,” said victims’ attorney John Manly.

[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.