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Good afternoon,

My name is Leanna Rocheleau and on August 17th 2021 I was sexually assaulted by a massage therapist Daniel Sharfal at the grand resort hotel and spa in Warren Ohio. He still currently works there, with an active license and is now going by the name Carl.

You might ask yourself how?

This question has completely shredded my being and faith in the justice system.

The hotel and spa, management told me nothing could have happened because there was no disruption in service and if something did happen I should have got up and left.

There is fight or flight but there is also freeze. Freeze, which I now know is the most common response in a sexual assault.

I froze

The detective from Howland police department told me, "The prosecutor decided not to pursue charges due to lack of evidence."

What evidence could I possibly have?

There's a viral video going around of someone who asks a woman if she would rather be trapped in the woods with a man or a bear. The woman chose the bear and the top comments of that video were people would believe me if I was attacked by the bear.

3 years I waited for my last source of justice-
The criminal case stalled, civil statute of limitations expired waiting on the recommendation and report . All that was left was Daniel's determination hearing.

I was holding out hope because I wasn't alone this time. Another woman had also made a sexual misconduct report against him.

On January 10th 2024 Daniel got away with suspension pending the completion of a draping and a patient boundaries course. They believed he exposed me but not that he assaulted me.

They let him go with a slap on the wrist. After I went public, more victims came forward. He is now under investigation for sexual misconduct again. He still works at the same spa and he still has an active license.

At what point would you become discouraged ? When would you become angry or depressed? When would you start to feel like no one belied you? When would you give up?

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And yet here I stand in front of you forging on trying to make it better for the next person who stands in my shoes. Don't let me be the only one trying to prevent more victims.

SB 109 would implement an automatic suspension system and Daniel wouldn't be practicing today. Every day, every victim, is in your hands now.

When I look back on my life and if you were to ask me what I would be most proud of. The answer would be my kids and if I made a difference in the world. I hope that's yours too.

Before I conclude I want to ask you when was the last time you genuinely feared for your safety? I hope someone believed you.

Mine was August 17,2021 and today.

I hope you're intentional with your decision and the way your power gets used today.