

JANE M. DOE'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS:

“My reason for pursuing this case is that it’s the only way the law allows victims of this type of abuse to get justice and some type of closure. Just because the physical abuse stops doesn’t mean the pain, suffering and trauma goes away with it. It leaves scars so deep that it affects every aspect of your life, some that you don’t even realize until you become a parent yourself. I am hyper-vigilant when it comes to allowing my children to have normal fun and freedom, every time I take my son to school I think about what may happen to him, I have serious trust issues with authority figures, I struggle with anxiety, depression and immense feelings of guilt because of the other girls that were abused. I also have intimacy issues that affect my marriage. Churches, schools and other organizations that are responsible for the welfare of children need to be held accountable and realize that just because time passes doesn’t mean you are off the hook for abuse that took place during your watch. I would like to show other victims that no matter how long it has been it’s still not ok and encourage them to come forward and get the help they need to start the healing process and take their lives back! My hope is that through this suit examples will be made, policies will be changed (or at least followed) so that this does not happen to another child. Until recently I was not even aware of how many people had a hand in this and could have put a stop to it before several more girls will irreparably scared.”