

## Draft Statement

This statement seeks to clarify the comment I made during a contentious exchange with a reporter. The remark, made in anger, was not intended “for the record.” Though quoted accurately it was too flippant and caustic; the comment conflates many deeply held sentiments in a sentence too short to reflect accurately my views about victims in this case. The quote was directed specifically at “so called victims.” It was certainly not intended to offend *real* victims. *Real* victims and *alleged* victims were among the 30 or so recipients of nearly \$100 million distributed by Penn State.

The remark was made in the wake of Graham Spanier’s trial. That trial was held to determine if Graham (and others) knew the risk Gerry Sandusky’s posed to children sixteen years ago. Instead the trial focused almost solely on the horrors undergone by those children. Jerry Sandusky has been behind bars for four years. The Commonwealth put zero facts in evidence that anyone told Spanier anything sinister about Jerry Sandusky. Absent facts, the prosecution resorted solely to victim-based emotionalism. It took just one week for the emotional fog spread by the prosecution to clear. Now the jury foreman regrets the guilty verdict.

I apologize for any pain the comment may have caused actual victims.

I will note that from this verdict emerged a ‘new’ Penn State—a Penn State determined to consign four honest and honorable men to its politically correct trash heap. The new Penn State is not the Penn State of loyalty and courage where I received the degree which gave me my start in life 50 years ago.

Albert L. Lord (1967)