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## Survivor Statement on the Charges Filed Against Jon Jacobo

*Sasha Perigo and two other survivors have made the following statement on the arrest of Jon Jacobo:*

“There is a culture of impunity when it comes to crimes involving sexual violence. The charges brought forward against Jon Jacobo today represent a meaningful step toward accountability and changing that toxic culture.

“Predators are often able to escape meaningful accountability when it comes to violence and abuse - both through the criminal legal system and outside of it. Especially those who have power and influence - whether that is wealth, political standing, social stature, knowledge of the legal system, friends and colleagues who enable this exemption from consequences.

“We know this all too well because we experienced it firsthand. It took multiple victims coming forward about the sexual and domestic violence inflicted upon them by Jon, and engaging with the criminal legal system over several years for us to get to this point today.

“Many proclaim to ‘believe survivors’ in statements, but the sad reality is that this is often empty rhetoric. In practice, survivors are not believed and often discredited. Survivors face character assassination and retaliation, negatively impacting our personal lives and professional careers. And despite all of this, it is ultimately survivors who are tasked with doing the hard work of battling stereotypes, misconceptions, shame, and power to seek justice and accountability for these crimes.

“Today is an important step in addressing the injuries and harm caused to us. The criminal legal system is not the first choice any of us would have made as the vehicle to hold Jon accountable, but we are committed to this process as the only one available to us, and to prevent other women from facing similar violence and abuse.”

**Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic (CROC)** — CROC is a legal services agency in San Francisco, California that upholds the legal rights and dignity of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking survivors. Sasha Perigo is represented by Elisha Jussen-Cooke, CROC’s Victim’s Rights Attorney who leads The Marsy Project, a San Francisco program that provides free legal services to victims of crime in alignment with California’s Marsy’s Law. Elisha can be reached at 415-830-5672 and [elisha@roclinic.org](mailto:elisha@roclinic.org).

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