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Key Sandusky Victim Emerges

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The victim of a shower-room assault that figured prominently in the Pennsylvania State University child sex-abuse scandal has come forward, lawyers representing him said on Thursday, and claims he was molested numerous other times by Jerry Sandusky.

Mr. Sandusky, a former Penn State assistant football coach, was convicted in June on 45 counts related to abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period. The young man, identified only as Victim 2 in court documents, didn't testify at Mr. Sandusky's trial, and prosecutors had said his identity was unknown.

The lawyers said they "conducted an extensive investigation and gathered overwhelming evidence regarding the details of the abuse he [Victim 2] suffered," which wasn't limited to the shower incident. The attorneys also posted online two voice-mail recordings that are purported to be Mr. Sandusky asking to see the young man and expressing his love.

The young man wasn't identified by name by the lawyers. He also figures in perjury cases pending against two former Penn State officials.

Former Penn State graduate assistant Mike McQueary testified that in February 2001 he saw Mr. Sandusky in a Penn State locker-room shower, naked and pressed up against the boy in an "extremely sexual" position. Mr. McQueary said he described what he witnessed to late head football coach Joe Paterno, who discussed it with other administrators.

Earlier this month, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Louis Freeh issued a report that focused largely on the university's response to the 2001 incident and excoriated four Penn State officials for not reporting it to police: Mr. Paterno; former President Graham Spanier; former senior vice president of business and finance Gary Schultz; and former athletic director Tim Curley. Mr. Freeh said they wanted to avoid bad publicity for the football program.

Messrs. Schultz and Curley are awaiting trial on perjury charges for allegedly lying to a grand jury about what they knew of the 2001 incident. They have maintained their innocence. Mr. Paterno, who was fired in November, died earlier this year of cancer. Mr. Spanier and Mr. Paterno's family have disputed the findings of the Freeh report.

The lawyers for Victim 2, including Philadelphia attorney Matt Casey, said he was abused by Mr. Sandusky before and after the 2001 incident. They said the two recorded messages were left in September 2011, more than two years after the Pennsylvania attorney general began investigating him and less than two months before Mr. Sandusky was arrested. The lawyers allege that the recordings show he was trying to "exert control over our client even as his arrest for child sexual abuse became imminent."

In one recording, Mr. Sandusky apparently asks the young man if he wants to attend a Penn State football game. In the other, he says, "There is nothing really to hide." In both, he expresses his love.

The lawyers for Victim 2 said they intend to hold Penn State accountable "for the egregious and reckless conduct that facilitated the horrific abuse our client suffered."

David LaTorre, a Penn State spokesman, said Thursday that the university "takes these cases very seriously but cannot otherwise comment on pending litigation." He added, "President [Rodney] Erickson and the Board of Trustees have publicly emphasized that their goal is to find solutions that rest on the principle of justice for the victims."

Nils Frederiksen, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, declined to comment, citing "ongoing criminal prosecutions and investigation."

Joe Amendola, Mr. Sandusky's attorney, couldn't be reached to comment. He has said Mr. Sandusky maintains his innocence and plans to appeal his conviction.

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