STATEMENT, NOVEMBER 2026

This statement was originally posted 9/8/26 before our first hearing, however, as of 11/03/26, I have added some updates that have happened since the previous posting. I've also added a few edits to make the timeline flow a bit better.

Important Note: In order to address everything fully and honestly, I will structure our relationship in chronological order. The context of how things happened is incredibly important, and telling everything in the order it occurred is the easiest way for me to explain how this all transpired. I recommend reading this through once, and then going back to click the links to understand what I was referencing.

▪ I've included some repeated screenshots in partially redacted form solely to highlight what I'm referencing in each paragraph. The full version of all the screenshots exist in the document, except where personal information has been redacted; I'm happy to provide unredacted versions where legally and privately appropriate.

▪ This story contains references to all forms of domestic abuse, self-harm, and other sensitive topics that I know might be really hard to read at times. Please feel free to skip this statement if you are uncomfortable with these topics.

Introduction

My ex-girlfriend, Jasmine Reddy, has been making false claims of physical, emotional, verbal, and narcissistic abuse against me, in three different domains: personally among my social circle, on social media, and in the Cook County Domestic Violence Court. This has been, without a doubt, the worst experience of my life, and I cannot express how fundamentally broken I am from this whole experience, and how embarrassing it is to even have to make this post.

I am currently in the midst of an order of protection case against Jasmine, which I filed on June 11th, 2026, which includes a portion of repeated & escalating false abuse allegations. In July, I offered quite favorable settlement terms - I would dismiss the case if Jasmine legally retracted all of her claims, and I would have protections to make a public statement that would not name her or identify her. However, her counsel did not respond until July 23rd. Days later, she started posting more abuse references on her stories, in what I viewed as an attempt to get ahead of this statement.

I have tried everything in my power to resolve this case in a way that is beneficial to the both of us, and I have actively tried to avoid naming Jasmine in this. Since the case began, I have yet to receive a single counteroffer to any of my settlement proposals. This has remained the case through multiple status hearings, despite my repeatedly making increasingly favorable offers intended to improve the terms for Jasmine while keeping the protections I need.

Because she brought this into the court of public opinion nine months ago and I have said nothing, I feel I have no choice but to explain my side publicly, regardless of how the case is resolved. For months, I prayed she would legally retract her claims and settle so I would not have to share the most private details of our relationship simply to defend myself against her accusations. While finally being able to tell my side in my own words means a great deal to me, this is still the worst-case scenario. **There is no winner in this.**

Overview [Updated]

Throughout this document, you will see a recurring pattern of escalating behavior from Jasmine whenever I attempt to stand up for myself. I wanted to wait until I had proper protections in place before making this statement because I assumed any statement would be met with further accusations from her (proven true in the second paragraph above). However, the slow pace of the court system, combined with the lack of cooperation from Jasmine and her counsel in providing settlement terms and sufficient discovery, has drawn this out far much longer than I anticipated.

I would also like to note that Jasmine's false accusations of abuse towards boyfriends/exes has allegedly been a reoccurring pattern for almost a decade spanning multiple ex-boyfriends - of which I was unaware of until months after we broke up. I will go into more detail about this later in this document (see page 23).

I can't continue to wait until the next trial date in December to tell my perspective. I am still being approached by people I never expected to know about the situation; some asking about her posts, others seemingly wondering if I am an abuser. Still as of recently, someone I didn't realize knew about her allegations brought it up to me unexpectedly in public, and I started having a panic attack. I don't even want to go into detail about how embarrassed I felt. Given my plans to resume touring, I've decided to make this statement now rather than face the inevitable questions once I'm back on the road.

This has been immensely stressful over the last eleven months because I have yet to know the full extent of her accusations. It sounds crazy, but I even started tracking the rumors months ago to try and understand how far the rumors have spread. I have been blocked, so all of her allegations on social media were told to me through the grapevine.

Her position as the social media lead at the second-largest promotion company in dance music is particularly concerning to me given that she has been spreading these allegations through social media to our broad network of mutual industry connections. I find it so irresponsible that someone in her position of such professional influence would use social media in this manner in their personal life, especially when those actions have the potential to directly impact my career and reputation within our shared industry.

Even after legally requesting her all her direct or indirection accusations in my request for discovery, as of the writing of this statement, Jasmine has failed to produce:

1. Any social media posts (including stories, reposts, etc), direct messages, or other communications that directly/indirectly mention or refer to me, or could be reasonably understood to be me, and;

2. Any social media posts (including stories, reposts, etc), direct messages, or other communications about abuse, harassment, narcissistic abuse, domestic abuse, romantic relationships, etc. that reasonably be understood to be about me, during and after our relationship.

Given I already have screenshots of some posts and direct messages from third parties that she did not produce in discovery, I believe she is intentionally withholding the requested items. **[SEE PAGE 21 FOR UPDATES REGARDING THIS]**

Unfortunately, time has run out for me - I made it aware the deadline for production was important. This statement should be no surprise to her.

Reasons for this Document

Another reason for this statement is that I want to provide some context as to why I have gone silent, both in my personal life and within the music scene. For reasons I will explain later, I have been under significant financial strain as a result of her repeated false statements, so I could not hire a lawyer. Because thousands of dollars were spent on a lawyer for her case against me, I couldn't afford one for my case, so I've had to represent myself in the current case. I've handled everything on my own - spending months learning courtroom procedure and pro se requirements, properly filing documents, preparing and submitting motions, preparing to testify, negotiating with attorneys, etc.

To say this has been an immense undertaking is an understatement; my discovery production alone grew to roughly three hundred pages and fifty exhibits. I have spent so much time at the circuit court that even the security guards began to recognize me. I also still work a full-time corporate job, leaving me with very little free time outside of this case.

Regarding Northern Road, I made the difficult decision to completely step away from the music scene until this was over. There was simply no way for me to explain the situation to anyone without addressing the weight and implications of the accusations against me. I had no idea how far the rumors had spread until at least one collaborator told me that someone else in the music scene had approached them, asking about my character because they had heard concerning rumors about me. That alone confirmed that these rumors have spread well beyond my immediate professional circle, leaving me unaware of the true extent of the damage. No one, especially in the music industry, wants to be associated with someone accused of domestic abuse; therefore, I felt I had no choice but to step away. I am still unaware of the extent of the damage.

I also want to say that the amount of guilt I feel from ignoring months worth of texts, emails, design inquiries, collab requests, etc. has been a huge burden on me; I hope this provides some context for anyone who feels like I've ignored them on purpose. I will get back to everyone eventually - I will ask for some continued patience as I work through this process, though.

Preliminary Statements

I want to say a few things before I get into this:

1. I have never been emotionally, verbally, or physically abusive toward anyone, including Jasmine. Anyone who knows me personally knows my character, and that I am not that kind of person; I hope by the end of this, everyone reading will understand my character as well.
2. Because there is an active case in litigation, I will be leaving comments turned off on my social posts.
3. All the unredacted evidence in this document has already been provided to Jasmine's counsel.
4. I wholeheartedly understand and am not upset at anyone who believes Jasmine's accusations, even though they are not true. The right thing has always been to stand beside someone you genuinely believe is a victim. While that notion has been weaponized against me, I still wholeheartedly believe in it; however, I do hope this can convince those who believe her that I am not abusive.

5. I never have, and never will, ever wish any harm or harassment toward Jasmine in any way, shape, or form. I also ask that no one harass, retaliate against, or publicly shame her because of anything I discuss in this statement. I have tried to mitigate as much fallout of this for Jasmine's sake throughout this whole ordeal.
6. To reiterate, the only reason I am sharing any of this is because Jasmine will not retract her claims. I've always had to make a statement about this given how far her rumor-spreading has gone; so in order to address every single accusation, I need to provide explicit details and context to show why her rumors are false. **This is the worst case scenario for both of us.**

Additional Background

I was raised in an amazing household where my parents have been together since they were teenagers and remain together today, more than forty years later. I grew up believing that you stayed committed to people you love through anything; that's the definition of family. If you know me personally, you know how much the concept of family is to me.

As I got into my mid-twenties, I started recognizing the same patterns repeating themselves in my relationships, and eventually realized that the only common denominator was me. I wasn't very good at confrontation, so I didn't know how to speak up for what I wanted, and a lot of the time, I didn't even know what I wanted - so around 2023, I made a deliberate decision that I didn't want to be that person anymore. I began deconstructing those patterns and working on becoming a more grounded and confident person, and it was the best decision I ever made. While I was a work in progress when I met Jasmine, this lays the groundwork for the beginning of our relationship.

Relationship

Jasmine and I started dating in February 2024, and as most of these stories start, everything was great for a while. Over the course of that first year, I noticed some red flags, but I naïvely decided to look past them; after all, she had just moved back to Chicago and needed some support in her transition.

However, every once in a while, Jasmine would get irrationally upset over something randomly and start lashing out, usually while drinking. This included calling me names or yelling at me (in both private and public situations). She would repeatedly contact me after I asked to be left alone, calling me repeatedly or sending rambling texts. She would often

threaten to break up with me telling me "I don't care about her," start comparing me to her exes, etc.

She often used therapy terminology in our conversations, repeatedly accusing me of "stonewalling," "gaslighting," "weaponized incompetence," and similar terms.

Ironically, she accused me of gaslighting her so often that I eventually began keeping a diary of our arguments immediately after they happened so I could show her that I, in fact, had *not* gaslighted her. Those logs would become crucial for reasons I will get to later. As the events described throughout this document will show, projection was a recurring theme in our relationship.

Jasmine also believed I had an avoidant attachment style, which by definition involves shutting down emotionally during conflict. When we first started dating, I told her that I recognized some of those traits in myself, but made it clear early on that I wanted to work through them with her (Letter p. 1 ¶2). I had also recognized that I could be defensive and I wanted to work through that with her as well. For a time, I did successfully - that was when our relationship was at its best.

Eventually, however, I fell back into those tendencies; not because I had stopped trying, but because of the way our arguments unfolded (which I will get into in the next section). I became increasingly overwhelmed by conflict and afraid of what would happen when we argued. As I repeatedly found myself feeling like I had to defend myself to prevent an argument from escalating, the defensiveness I had worked through began to return, along with my tendency to withdraw.

This ultimately reinforced Jasmine's original view of me as both avoidant and defensive. Looking back, I think she came to define me by the person I had told her I was when we first met, rather than the person I had worked to become with her. The more our arguments caused those initial tendencies to resurface, the more it validated her original characterization of me, creating a viscious cycle that reinforced itself.

Looking back, I'm unsure if I had a defensiveness problem, but I was conditioned to believe I did have one. There was always some criticism over the smallest things. It even happened in public; after we broke up, someone told me they had noticed Jasmine's jabs and thought, "I can only imagine how bad it is at home if it's this bad around everyone." Still, to this day, people tell me they hated seeing her how she treated me in public; I am always shocked when I hear this because it happened so often that I stopped noticing.

Alcohol often made it worse. I'll never forget coming home from a concert on New Years 2024 and started folding her laundry to be nice; I stopped for a second because I didn't

know where a shirt went, only for her to walk in and start asking me why I stopped. She straight up called me "retarded" and said that a good boyfriend would know where her things go. When I asked her to stop hurling insults at me, she told me to "shut the fuck up" and that "I'd never been in love before" if I had never been told that before. This, in many ways, came to define how conflict worked in our relationship.

Conflict Dynamics

In my view, there are three ways to respond when a conflict starts to intensify:

1. De-escalate and talk through the issue respectfully,
2. Take a break and revisit it once tensions have settled, or
3. Match their escalations, fighting harder until things ultimately blow up.

I learned over time that there was no way to respond in either of these ways when conflicts intensified with Jasmine. Trying to diffuse the situation was interpreted as me being dismissive of her needs. If I decided we should take a break to let emotions fade and then resume the conversation later, she assumed I was avoiding the conversation or abandoning her needs.

Because she has consistently accused me of verbal abuse, I want to address the third option I listed above. On the very rare occasions when I did stand up for myself by matching her rhetoric, it naturally made the situation much worse. Again, even by Jasmine's own definition of me as "avoidant," I avoided conflict. Of course, I'm a regular non-perfect human being, so there were a handful of times when I did; but those moments always came after I had already tried the first two options I listed above. My notes from couple's therapy in June 2025 provide a clear example of this.

A good example of a time when I said something mean to Jasmine was when she was upset that I wasn't standing up for her in a conflict (Letter p. 4 ¶3) between her and our friends that I wasn't there for. She was escalating towards me again, and I remember telling her something like:

"To be honest Jasmine, the reason people think you're an asshole is because it sounds like you were acting like an asshole, like you are now."

While I'll admit it's rude, Jasmine would call me abusive to my face if I said anything remotely close like this. For reasons I will talk about later, I ended up internalizing the few times I stood up for myself this way, genuinely believing I had become abusive. However, I'd brought this up in therapy to address this, and my therapist helped me see that what I was experiencing was manipulative (Letter p. 6 ¶3)

Arguments could arise over the most mundane things and spiral regardless of how I responded. The most common phrase I heard throughout this relationship was “you’re not listening to me,” or “you’re being defensive.” However, at the beginning of the relationship, she was great at apologizing, and it was just sporadic enough that, though my rose tinted glasses, I didn’t see the trends that were developing.

One last thing I would like to point out is that Jasmine seemed to have a very sensitive spot regarding anything to do with family. It is not my story to tell, nor is it anyone’s business, but I want to point this out because it is important to lay down context. I was so proud of her for taking steps to work through her family traumas in therapy over the course of the relationship. However, I realized over time that the more she drank, she got exponentially more sensitive to things surrounding her past. She would lash out at me in arguments by calling me privileged constantly, so much so that I thought she hated being around my family. Here is a diary entry I have which notates this from December 2024.

Example Argument

The perfect example of our argument dynamic is a routine argument we had on June 19, 2025 (transcript here). This is probably one of the cringiest things I’ve ever had displeasure of transcribing, but it perfectly aligns with the trends I’ve discussed so far:

- Not allowing me to speak [0:33]
- Calling me defensive before I even started speaking [1:00]
- “You’re not listening” [1:42]
- Argument initiated with a mention of “trauma” [3:08]
- Dismissiveness accusation [4:54]
- Gaslighting accusations [8:04]
- Getting irrationally upset when I come back from a break [19:00]
- Reverse gaslighting
    - [1:30] Max: It comes down to a miscommunication…
    - [4:30] Jasmine: Like, obviously there’s a miscommunication…
    - [6:16] Max: We’ve already established there’s a miscommunication
    - **LATER**
    - [21:43] Max: But we’ve already agreed there’s a miscommunication…
    - [21:46] Jasmine: It’s not miscommunication
    - [21:49] Max: We’ve agreed there’s a miscommunication already!
    - [21:53] Jasmine: I would not agree this is a miscommunication.
    - [21:55] Max: This is why I recorded our fucking conversation…
    - [21:57] Jasmine: Dude that’s fucking insane. You are like, literally crazy.

For context, Jasmine had told me about having a nightmare where a homeless man climbed a tree and broke into her window. I later used parts of that story to segue into a point I wanted to make about anxiety and evolutionary psychology. Jasmine became so upset that I had repeated elements of her story that it turned into a 24-minute meltdown and ended with me being made to sleep on the couch as punishment for the alleged crime of story theft. My diary entry from that day goes into more detail about how the argument began.

I should also address the 'Nemo' incident Jasmine is referring to here, which is the only accusation of hers that is 100% true. Early in the relationship, I was retelling a childhood story resembling a similar story Jasmine had, with hers involving the movie *Nemo* and mine with some other movie I can't remember. While telling my story in front of friends, I accidentally said "Nemo" instead of the other movie; she became so upset at me for "stealing her story" that it genuinely was a point of contention for her that would pop up every now and again.

On a more serious note, if you can realize the absurdity of how this argument started and devolved, you can probably extrapolate how much worse it became when we were actually disagreeing about something serious without the tape recording. It took me a year and a lot of therapy to recognize the vicious cycle we were in, but it's surreal to hear this recording now and be able to pinpoint the dynamics I couldn't see at the time.

Allegations & Timeline

In order to address all her allegations, I will have to create a timeline of events to accurately lay out the context of which they came from.

September 13, 2024

▪ While staying in a hotel room on 9/13/24, Jasmine and I got into an argument; I'm not sure what we were arguing about. I decided to take a break because the conversation wasn't going anywhere and stepped outside.

I came back and was ready to go to bed; Jasmine was not. We were in the small gap between the hotel wall and the bed, with my back against the wall, Jasmine in front of me, and the bed behind her. Jasmine started slapping me in the face because I "wasn't listening to her." I grabbed her wrists because she was winding up again, and I moved her back onto the bed behind her so I could move past her and get out of the room again.

After sitting outside and returning to the room, I found her with a handful of ibuprofen in the bathroom, telling me she was going to swallow all of them. I grabbed the pills, flushed them, and stayed with her to make sure she did not continue to harm herself.

Here is the only text log I have from that day. I sent these from the first time I took a break outside; when I came back in, that's when she slapped me. I also have this logged in a diary entry from later in our relationship.

April 12, 2025 **[SELF HARM TRIGGER WARNING]**

▪ On 4/12/25**,** we moved into a shared apartment together. I remember it specifically. We were drinking champagne on the floor of our kitchen late at night, and I told her I was excited to be living together and how much work we had done so much to get here. Jasmine replied to this by telling me I actually hadn't done enough work in the move.

This obviously hurt considering I was just trying to share a nice moment, but it was late and I just brushed off that comment. She then reiterated that I didn't do enough work, and I knew that it was going to escalate from here. I looked at the clock and said it was too late to argue, and we can talk about it in the morning. She got more upset, stating I was being dismissive and I didn't want to address my alleged lack of effort in the move.

At this point, it was 2AM after moving two truck loads of furniture up flights of stairs all day. We started going back and forth about how much work I actually had done. After a few minutes of going back and forth, I said something along the lines of "I even coordinated getting my whole family to come help us." This is when she got irate, and at this point, it was time for me to sit outside on the back porch to take a breath.

When I returned after ten minutes, I found Jasmine crying on the couch with a broken noose made from industrial moving wrap around her neck. She also had pills in her hand. I removed the noose, took away the pills, and stayed with her comforting her until she fell asleep. I then had a full-blown panic attack on the floor, and contacted my friends and her mom asking what to do because I was so distraught. I can't fully remember the details of the following day, but I asked her why she had done what she did. I don't remember whether she directly blamed me, but she at least heavily implied that it was because of what I had said about family during our argument the night before.

▪ Jasmine had always told me that she used to have passive suicidal thoughts occasionally, but that it had been a long time since she had experienced them. Watching the woman I loved became actively suicidal in our new home on an important milestone day for us - only to be made believed it was my fault, when I had done everything in my power to not argue, and spending all night hyperventilating on the floor taking care of her - is the worst thing I have ever gone through in my life.

▪ This is the main reason why I have tried so hard to settle this case before I made a statement, so I didn't have to go into detail about this. This moment was the most traumatic thing I've ever experienced in my life, but it's crucial to explain to provide context for the allegations Jasmine starts making in the next paragraph.

It haunts me to this day. I still struggle with whether she did this in an attempt to manipulate me. The feeling I would be responsible for her injuries or death if anything ever escalated makes me physically sick, and given everything that has happened over the last year, I have to put what I learned in therapy into practice by standing up for myself and addressing things directly and sharing it publicly. I know she will be an emotional wreck when she reads this statement. I hate this so fucking much.

May 3, 2025

▪ On 5/3/25, Jasmine made allegations of verbal, emotional, and physical abuse against me to multiple people at a bachelorette party. The following morning, she repeated the physical abuse allegations to another individual when asked for clarification, stating "he has gotten physical with me."

Because I had texted some friends the night of her attempt asking for help, the rumors about it leaked to some of the girls in the group. Because of this, the girls tried to help as best they could to get Jasmine out of the relationship, assuming I was so abusive that I drove her to suicide. However, her story started to change depending on who she was speaking to. Her accounts increasingly contradicted one another, with claims she had repeatedly made later being minimized, creating confusion among everyone who had heard her original allegations.

I was unaware that she said any of this for over a month. During that time, the rumors of my alleged abuse spread even past my friend group; someone had reached out to Jasmine's friends in Michigan, and some of my exes were contacted to see if I had been abusive towards them.

May 7, 2025

▪ I had a cat named Bandit and she had some small behavioral issues. On 5/7/25, I had to give her to the shelter. Jasmine and I disagreed about whether her habit of occasionally spotting on the bed was something that could be managed, and in order for us to move in together, I ultimately had to make a choice; I chose Jasmine.

I'm not blaming her for this; we had discussed it long before we moved in. But I think it's important context for my emotional state at the time, so that's why I'm including this in here. However, I really would have appreciated more grace and understanding in Jasmine's handling of the situation.

Since this has been a heavy read so far, this gives me a good opportunity to share some of my favorite pictures of that weird ass cat I cherished so much. I miss her so fucking much man, I hope she's chilling somewhere warm with a great owner and a lot of birds to watch.

May 2025

▪ Around this time in May 2025, I resumed therapy again based on all the heavy emotions I was feeling at the time. I was feeling grief for losing my cat, guilt about causing my girlfriend's suicide attempt, and a few other things I needed to process.

Jasmine told me that we needed couple's therapy, so we started sessions at this time; we agreed something wasn't working, but I think we had different assumptions as to why. At this time, due to her suicide attempt, I felt as if I was the problem in the relationship, and I couldn't figure out what I was doing wrong. Here are some notes that I prepared for a session that gives a lot of what I wanted to achieve in couple's therapy around this time.

June 9, 2025

▪ On 6/9/25, I found out about all the abuse allegations Jasmine made at the bachelorette party, and the subsequent fallout that had been going on behind my back. Given all the emotions I was feeling at the time that I've listed above, learning of this sent my body into a state of genuine shock.

When I asked her about it, Jasmine downplayed her comments and vehemently denied making any sort of physical altercation comment. This added to the sheer confusion of what was going on, because my friends knew there was a slapping incident, but Jasmine kept telling me she never said anything about getting physical. To this day, she has never admitted to me that she told our friends about that.

Reading through the text log of how I learned about Jasmine's accusations will give good insight on how it happened. For context, the night before, we were all at a music festival, and I got separated for an hour when I couldn't find the group. When I found Jasmine, she assumed I was off with an ex-girlfriend who was also there, when in reality, I had just stopped at a different stage. When I got back with everyone, she started getting increasingly accusatory towards me; that's what is referenced at the beginning of the thread.

That night, the guys in our group had an "intervention" for me at the lakefront that day and gave me a chance to talk about the rumors that were going around. They concluded after hearing my side, along with her increasingly contradictory accounts, that she had to be heavily distorting the truth, or intentionally lying.

Here is an important screenshot of a conversation Jasmine had with one of the girls she made the allegations to at the bachelorette party on this day. There are two things I'd like to point out in these messages:

1. This confirms Jasmine would regularly call me abusive to my face, and
2. In her own words, she knows I don't hold grudges. This is important for later, especially at the timing of when she said this.

Unbeknownst to me until well after we broke up, on that same day, Jasmine sent out a text message that day to some of our friends, while simultaneously telling me to my face she never made those physical claims. However, these messages confirmed:

1. She had previously brought up physical abuse at the bachelorette party - notice the past tense in "I've acknowledged," and,
2. She was confirming the details of the 9/13/24 "physical altercation," while omitting the fact that she was the one who physically struck me during the incident, and,
3. She has been lying to me to this day about never saying anything about physical abuse. An important part of the story later revolves around her refusing to put in writing to me that I never hit her, so keep this in mind.

June 19, 2025

▪ For the sake of chronology, the routine argument I described above happened on 6/19/25. I recorded the conversation for our couple's therapy because I wanted our therapist to analyze how arguments actually unfolded. My mental state at this time was terrible. I have a hard time listening to this; not just because it's so cringey, but my brain starts to go fuzzy in the same way you can hear in the recording. I'm having a hard time writing this paragraph because of it, actually. In the recording, the more I try to rationalize and respond to her, but she doesn't allow me to; you can hear my brain short-circuit in real-time when I start to stutter, and then I start to shut down.

Breakup

We ended our relationship in January 2026. Jasmine technically broke up with me; however, the circumstances require a bit of context. We had been fine for about three months, but we got into an argument the week before (more details are in the (Letter p. 1 ¶2). I decided to spend the week at my parent's house to figure out if I wanted to continue the relationship. I went over to our apartment on January 24 to have a discussion about our future; we talked for a few hours, but I had prior plans to help my friends celebrate their first home they bought as a married couple. Jasmine did not want to come, so I promised I

would come back to our apartment in the morning to continue our conversation. She then texted me while I was at the housewarming, stating our relationship was over.

I moved out of the apartment for the remainder of the lease and ceased direct contact, informing her that any further communication would be limited to the apartment and move-out logistics. Our lease was up April 30, 2026, so we had a little over three months of interacting until we could fully go our separate ways.

While I was staying with my parents and looking for a new apartment, I continued covering the majority of the rent and utilities to make it easier for her. I did this out of genuine niceness, but also, because of the first false allegation incident and her track record of calling me abusive to my face, I was worried she would start to escalate if I didn't treat this delicately.

In early February, she became increasingly difficult to work with over simple apartment-related things like I anticipated, I made two very important decisions:

1). All communication would be through email so there would be a clear paper trail, and, 2). I would bring a third party with me every time I returned to the apartment to collect my belongings.

February 6, 2026

▪ On 2/6/26, I asked Jasmine if I could come to the apartment to retrieve my passport, as I had been unable to find it. She located it and offered to place it in the mailbox for me to pick up. The following day, I realized I also needed to retrieve several other belongings. She agreed to gather them for me, but said that afterward, she wanted us to stop communicating until March and that she did not want to see me. I told her that was fine, but I would need at least a day to go through all my things based on the sheer volume of things that were still there.

She offered me a date to come approximately two weeks later. Because I needed to renew my passport as soon as possible for upcoming travel, I could not wait two weeks, and the conversation devolved into a back-and-forth over finding a time that worked for both of us.

I became slightly annoyed because I believed my request was very reasonable, considering I was operating under her terms of not wanting to see me. Rather than continuing to discuss a compromise, she became frustrated with me and moved my file cabinet into the common area of the apartment. The cabinet contained important documents and personal belongings, including my passport, Social Security card, and family heirlooms, leaving my sensitive belongings exposed to the public. I then had to rush across the city to retrieve it

before someone could go through it. I brought my father with me as a witness in case she confronted me. We retrieved the cabinet and my passport without further incident.

Because of her hostility that day, this is when I decided to start communicating via email only and to bring third parties when I had to go to the apartment. I cut off contact with her by sending her an eleven page letter.

▪ Text Log

March 22, 2026

▪ On 3/22/26, I went to the shared apartment alone; it was the only time I retrieved my belongings without a third party present. The week before, I had emailed Jasmine asking whether I could come by that weekend, and she agreed, explaining that she would be out of state for work. I initially planned to go Saturday but ended up running late, so I went Sunday instead, relying on her statement that she would still be out of state. That morning, I even broke my "email only" rule and texted her to ask what time would be best, as I did not want to interfere with her cat sitter. She did not respond, so I had no reason to believe her plans had changed.

About twenty minutes after I arrived and was organizing my belongings, Jasmine unexpectedly came out of the bedroom. I was so caught off guard that I jumped and immediately apologized. I left the apartment shortly afterward and texted her a screenshot of our email exchange, highlighting where she specifically said, "I will be gone March 22nd."

▪ Text Log
▪ Email Log

March 27, 2026

▪ Starting on 3/27/26, multiple independent friends of mine started informing me that Jasmine had made "concerning" posts about me on social media - the first while at my first official Northern Road set in Philadelphia. This was incredibly anxiety-inducing to me, considering the previous false allegation incident the summer prior. She had blocked me, so could not view any posts directly.

I emailed her on 3/30, and she denied everything except one post - a video of her crying in front of the camera with a caption "I will never let someone make me feel so unlovable again", which she said she would delete. I got reasonably upset, because I did not know why she would post that without the intention of embarrassing me in public. This conversation devolved to her telling me to stop contacting her, without promising me she

would stop posting. I also sent her two voice memos here - while I am upset, I think that was a normal reaction considering the fears I initially had were starting to come true.

Although I initially did not know whether she had named me directly, the volume of people who reached out confirmed that she had been posting and that people understood who she was referring to.

March 30, 2026

▪ On 3/30/26, I received a message from a friend that Jasmine had said some concerning things to a promoter. That next day, I reached out to that promoter, and they provided screenshots from a conversation from 3/25 in which Jasmine accused me of "narcissistic abuse", and implied she was leaving the state to escape harassment from me and my friends. This made no sense to me, because I had already cut off contact and had not lived with her for two months. This confirmed that she was not being honest with me about what she was saying about me online, and that she was beginning to circulate abuse allegations again like I had anticipated.

▪ Full Conversation with Promoter

After receiving these screenshots, I asked a lawyer about my options. We concluded that a cease-and-desist letter was reasonable, given that she was now messaging abuse allegations to people in our shared industry. I started a new email thread, telling Jasmine I would never contact her again if she agreed in writing to refrain from posting about me, our relationship, or our apartment on social media. I also asked her to clarify in writing that I had never physically abused her, concerned she would revive that allegation from the year before.

I also stated that I would reach out to our mutual friends (the promoter) to provide my side of the story. I explained that her social media posts left me with no meaningful opportunity to defend myself and that, while I did not want to escalate the situation, I was taking the matter extremely seriously. Jasmine did not address these requests, saying she would not engage in any further discussion. That was the last time I've ever spoken to her.

Order of Protection, Reddy vs. Foley

On April 2nd, 2026, two police officers arrived at my parents' house with court summons, as she filed a domestic abuse order of protection against me (both ex parte and plenary) with the Cook County Domestic Violence Division. The petition contained multiple accusations that were easily proved to be false; so much so, in my opinion, that I view this as an

attempt to weaponize the legal system against me. Please remember that the claims here are the exact words she used **under oath** to file the petition.

CLAIM 1

“On or around 5/3/2025 I confided to a group of friends about the verbal and emotional abuse from the respondent. The respondent heard from someone that I was saying that he physically abused me. I never made these claims. After this incident, the respondent became increasingly emotionally and verbally abusive towards me in retaliation.”

Rebuttal to Claim:

▪ Jasmine, at minimum, alluded to physical abuse at the bachelorette party, specifically said I got physical with her the next morning when asked for clarification, and texted multiple people about a “physical incident” weeks later.

▪ In the messages she sent to the promoter, she stated I was not physically abusive. She also did not list in the petition that I was physically abusive. Therefore, by her own logic, in the “physical incident” she was referring to, Jasmine was the aggressor who got physical - not me.

▪ In regards to the claim I was retaliatorily abusive towards her, I had been paying for couple’s therapy at this time because I believed I was the source of all of our relationship problems. I was also in my own therapy because I thought I was the reason for Jasmine’s suicide attempt, as well as grieving my lost cat. I had no motivation to be abusive towards Jasmine, because I thought she would hurt herself if I even attempted a conversation that would lead to confrontation.

▪ On the very day I first learned about the allegations, Jasmine told one of the girls from the bachelorette in a private message that I “don’t hold grudges.” I don’t understand how she believed that I don’t hold grudges during the same time I was allegedly being retaliatorily abusive towards her.

CLAIM 2

“On or around 2/7/2026 at approximately 11:23am the respondent accused me of taking his passport which I did not do. The respondent informed me that he was going to come to the residence to pick up his belongings. I offered to let the respondent know when I would not be home so that he could collect his belongings. The respondent refused and repeatedly pressured me to let him come to the residence while I was home. The respondent stated that he could enter any time he wants. This made me feel unsafe. The respondent also gave me an 11 page letter that was verbally abusive.”

Rebuttal to Claim:

▪ I never accused her of stealing her passport, I asked if she accidentally "snagged" it.

▪ Jasmine never clarified how I "repeatedly pressured her to come into our apartment. It is most likely our text exchange where I was getting annoyed over her lack of compromise. By no means did I pressure her to the point where it constituted domestic abuse. I agreed multiple times that I, too, did not want to see her.

▪ If she is stating here that I pressured her to come in when I arrived to pick everything up in person, this validated my reason to always bring a witness with me - my dad came with me on this day. He is planning to testify in my case that no in-person confrontation happened, if this is the argument Jasmine made in the petition.

▪ I spent so many hours on the eleven page letter to specifically make it as un-accusatory and objective as I possibly could. This was the first time I ever truly stood up for myself to her, and I'm very proud of that letter. I even say in page six that I was scared to stand up for myself because I was afraid of her reaction; I was validated in that fear considering she told the court the letter was so verbally abusive it constituted domestic abuse.

CLAIM 3

"On or around 3/22/2026 at approximately 4pm the respondent came to the residence when I was at home asleep, despite us making an agreement on 3/12/2026 that the respondent would come to the residence on 3/21/2026 when I would be out of town. This intentional disrespect of our agreement and my boundaries made me feel violated."

Rebuttal to Claim:

▪ This claim also validated my plan to always bring a witness with me to the apartment. The only time I went alone, nothing happened, but she claimed I intentionally broke her boundaries so much that it constituted domestic abuse.

▪ I felt fine not bringing a witness because I had no reason to believe she would be home. I planned ahead with her, confirmed she would be out of town, and texted her hours before with no response. While you can technically argue that I did say in the email I planned to come the day before, the only mistake I made here was trusting Jasmine's word that she was going to be gone.

▪ While I cannot legally provide the screenshot, I have a message that Jasmine sent to a group chat after this incident that reads:

> ***Sunday, March 22 at 8:11PM***
> "max showed up today in my coma. i like spooked him by being like why are you

here and he shut my bedroom door and then i fell back asleep was too tired to care. so annoyed he showed up today and not yesterday like he said he would”

I only received this screenshot last week. This whole time, I chose to believe it was Jasmine’s mental health that caused her to file the restraining order on me. There is no way I can look at this screenshot objectively without coming to the conclusion that she filed this restraining order petition purposefully as a malicious way to punish me. She is admitting privately that nothing happened and she was too tired to care, yet she said under oath to the Cook County Domestic Violence Court that this constituted domestic abuse.

CLAIMS 4 & 5

Description of what happened:

“On or around 3/30/2026 starting at approximately 12:24pm the respondent sent me multiple emails accusing me of posting things about him online. I denied doing this as I had not done so. I told the respondent to refrain from contacting me about anything other than our shared residence. The respondent continued to email me threatening to take legal action, demanding that I not post anything about him or our relationship, and threatening to contact mutual friends if I did not comply. The respondent sent an email stating that he was giving me a 72hour deadline to stop posting or talking about anything related to him, our relationship, our apartment, or anything that could make him look bad. I felt that the respondent was attempting to manipulate and control me.”

“On or around 4/1/2026 at approximately 12:15pm I received an email from the respondent stating that if I do not respond to his demands or comply that he will reach out to a mutual friend of ours to ‘tell his side of the story’ and ‘defend himself.’ This made me feel the respondent was threatening to involve other people and escalate the situation because I was not doing what he wanted me to do. A few hours later, I received a hostile message from one of the respondent’s friends. This confirmed my fears that the respondent is going to escalate his harassment of me to include third parties.”

Rebuttal to Claims:

▪ Jasmine provided the email threads (3/30) and (4/1) to the court as evidence for these claims. This was the only piece of evidence she submitted to the court throughout the case. An important thing to note is that the thread she submitted contains an admission that she *did*, in fact, post at least one thing about me - yet she “denied doing this as (she) had not done so” in the second sentence. How the court missed this is unbeknownst to me.

▪ Jasmine did receive a message from someone we were both friends with during our relationship, hours after I sent the email. I will let you be the judge of whether his message to her constitutes harassment.

The way Jasmine worded this in her petition makes it seem like I directed my friends to harass her. This is not true, and I can provide the context in which this person sent that message: I had just told our local friend group (the one Jasmine made the first round of false accusations to) about her messages to the promoter on April 1. The person who sent the message also provided some insight later as to why they sent that here. I cannot imagine any sort of judge would rule that wishing someone their socks are always wet is harassment.

Reddy vs. Foley - Case Conclusion

May 29, 2026

▪ Jasmine dismissed the case on May 29th, 2026, in our third hearing. She dropped the case immediately after I told the judge I wanted to have my day in court and fight her allegations.

▪ I believe she filed this restraining order because her lies had grown too far for her to control. I had specifically asked her in the email thread to confirm that she had never hit me because I wanted a traceable, documented confirmation from her if things ever "went nuclear."

I think she realized what I was doing, especially after I raised the possibility of a cease & desist, signaling that this could become a legal matter. At that point, she avoided giving me a clear answer and kept refusing to say it plainly. In order to get one step ahead, she created the very situation I had anticipated, taking the matter to the domestic violence court that night rather than just writing the truth to me in an email.

If she had just written "You have never hit me," I would've held up my part of the bargain and stopped contacting her forever except for the apartment bills - which is exactly what she wanted in the first place. If I do not understand why she could tell other people I wasn't physically abusive, but not be able to tell me.

Order of Protection, Foley vs. Reddy

June 11, 2026

▪ I filed my own order of protection against Jasmine due to the abuse I went through during the course of the relationship, harassment after we broke up, and the use of social media and the legal system to portray me as a domestic abuser when I, in fact, never was.

July 23, 2026

▪ I sent the opposing counsel the settlement terms including protections for Jasmine regarding this statement. Days later, she started posting more abuse references on her stories, in what I viewed as an attempt to get ahead of it.

September 2, 2026

▪ I received Jasmine's production of discovery, which in my opinion, was so woefully lacking in substance and, frankly, made such little sense, that it was borderline unusable. Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 201(k), I reached out to her counsel to attempt to resolve my problems with her discovery. This went unanswered.

▪ One important note here is in one of my interrogatories, I asked for what Jasmine said regarding me at the bachelorette party and the following morning.

"I primarily discussed the emotional and verbal abuse I experienced during the relationship. When asked whether the relationship had ever become physical, I stated that there had been one physical incident."

I would like to point out that in Claim 1 of her petition against me, she stated she never alleged physical abuse, yet she is now stating that she did. Both Interrogatories and her previous petition were under oath, so she has contradicted herself in sworn statements.

September 10, 2026

▪ I filed a motion to compel for the lacking production. Nine interrogatories were not substantively answered at all, two were only partially answered, and five more were incomplete or non-responsive. There were also thirteen requests for production where no documents were produced despite no objections being made, along with potentially privileged material being withheld without any privilege log.

The social media production she sent was also clearly incomplete. Only one TikTok screenshot was produced, even though the requests covered posts, stories, comments, DMs, screenshots, drafts, and deleted or saved content. I already had responsive posts and messages that fall directly within those requests, including some that I produced myself, and 10+ people had separately told me they saw additional posts concerning me.

September 21, 2026

▪ Jasmine nor her counsel appeared in the motion to compel hearing, even though I let her counsel know that I was filing a motion to compel, mailed them the motion, as well as offered to remedy the situation as required by Illinois Supreme Court Rule 201(k). It was rescheduled to a week later.

September 22, 2026

▪ My Linktree was taken down due to a bunch of spam harassment claims, which I'm guessing was someone in her orbit.

September 25, 2026

▪ I learned this day that Jasmine deleted her Instagram account, which I viewed as attempting to delete evidence before I had a chance to make my argument to the judge regarding the motion to compel. This happened after her original production was sent over to me, yet after the motion was filed and she was notified.

September 28, 2026

▪ I had the hearing on my motion to compel and made the judge aware that I believed she was hiding or deleting evidence. The motion was granted, although with some restrictions. Because this is an order of protection case and not a defamation case, the judge limited the production to social media abuse allegations and direct messages directly naming me through June 11, 2026; this was incredibly disappointing, however, the sheer amount of people that have reached out after June 11th still makes me believe she was posting about me (at least indirectly) up until I posted this statement.

October 5, 2026

▪ I received the supplemental production that the judge ordered after the motion to compel. However, it was done incorrectly again. The judge granted the motion for **all social media posts** and **direct messages** from the time period above **directly referencing me** - Jasmine stated in her supplemental production that "she never posted anything that *named*" me, and provided nothing else - not even addressing the direct messages portion. This is the second time she has avoided directly answering the interrogatory requests I sent, now even after a judge ordered her to do so.

I have at least one round of direct messages she sent via social media DM's to someone from within that time period (from February 25) in which she names me as an abuser that she did not provide to in her first or second discovery productions. **These messages are exactly what the court ordered her to produce, yet she did not.**

She deleted her Instagram account after I filed my motion to compel, and she has already made a new personal account (@jasminexcolette) - it is clear to me that she has been deleting and withholding evidence, even after the court's rulings.

I am genuinely exhausted by having to address repeated contradictions in her sworn testimony and potential evidence tampering, even after court intervention.

October 8, 2026
▪ We had a plenary hearing in which I began my testimony, yet I was only able to get through three exhibits and none of my witnesses. This case is now being pushed back to December. It is clear to me that their only strategy is to attempt to overwhelm me by objecting erroneously to my testimony - so much so that the judge grew frustrated with them. They have provided zero defense to any of my claims in discovery, so I can only imagine this is their strategy. The eight people in my family/friend group who came to the courtroom to our hearing can verify this.

It's incredibly frustrating to feel like my pro-se representation is being taken advantage of, especially when the only reason I am representing myself is due to the financial strain I am under because of this (see next section). Plus, I'm the one who has to bring these issues to the court's attention while simultaneously testifying about the abuse I endured; it's made an already painful process that much more overwhelming than it ever needed to be. I am so fucking tired.

Additional Important Notes [Updated]

▪ By the time of our first court hearing on April 21, 2026, Jasmine had already moved to Michigan, yet she never disclosed this to the court. She continued extending the emergency protection order for two months and through multiple status hearings, maintaining that she was in immediate danger from me, all while living hundreds of miles away.

I was legally barred from entering our apartment without a police presence, meaning I had to push back my April move-in date back a month because I couldn't enter our apartment to grab the rest of my essential things. This resulted in me having to pay rent for both my old apartment and new apartment, all while I couldn't live in either.

I also ended up getting an email from our landlord stating she didn't pay her portion of rent for that month of April. This did eventually get resolved, however, this added another layer of immense stress on me at one of the most stressful weeks of my life.

▪ The lawyer I hired for my defense case cost $5,000 - and I barely got to use him, because Jasmine dismissed the case as soon as I decided to litigate. I had also paid off Jasmine's credit cards as a Christmas gift days before we broke up, as well as having to pay for all the added moving costs; these are the reasons why I decided to represent myself in my case. I could not afford to hire another lawyer.

Overall, since we broke up, this ordeal has cost $10,729.47 in direct losses, $2,300 in projected earnings for my music career, and $1,250 worth of rescinded offers for Northern Road bookings for a grand total of **$14,279.47**.

▪ I have been warned of a PIP at my corporate job twice now due to the toll this has had on my mental health. as well the amount of time I have had to take off to go to court hearings. This happened first in April when she filed her restraining order on me, and now again at the end of September.

▪ Jasmine claimed in her petition and in the promoter conversation that she had feared harassment due to false narratives I caused. When I was finally legally allowed to contact her family when she dismissed her case, I sent her dad a letter explaining the situation. I didn't have his contact info, but I'd been at their house for the holidays a few times, so I felt that a letter was the only way I could plead my case to him. He somehow found my contact info and emailed me with this exchange. I don't need to point out the irony here.

▪ Jasmine would say one thing to me, and then tell people the complete opposite behind my back. The worst example of this was regarding children. I told Jasmine early on that I did want kids one day, and Jasmine told me that "I was the only man she's ever been with that she ever considered having kids with," maintaining that throughout the relationship - all while telling my mom behind my back she isn't ever going to have kids.

I'm continually shocked by what people have told me since we broke up. Because it happened so often, I became blind to how she treated me in public, but other people picked up on it way before I did. After we broke up, a couple even told me that if Jasmine and I ever got married, they'd be hesitant to let her around their child because they had seen how she treated me firsthand.

▪ What I experienced with Jasmine has allegedly been a consistent pattern for years. After she dismissed her case against me, I was able to get in contact with one of her ex-boyfriends and asked about his experience with her. To my absolute shock, he described in detail the exact same things I had experienced - only from his perspective, dating her years earlier. And not only that, I wasn't the first ex-boyfriend to contact him about his experience with Jasmine.

The only part that doesn't align with my experience is that I didn't "save" Jasmine from her last abusive boyfriend. When I met her, she was living in Grand Rapids - I did not want to do long-distance, but she told me she was moving to Chicago, which was why I was willing to date her. I also made it clear before I asked her out that I didn't want her moving here for me; I didn't want that pressure on the relationship or for her life to be uprooted if we broke up. However, later in the relationship, she would not give me a straight answer about whether that had actually been her plan, which led me to believe she had lied to me about it (Letter p. 7 ¶Aa).

Anticipated Clarifications

▪ In the eleven-page letter, there are two times where I reference my reactions in arguments, and I want to clarify what I meant by that. The first reference is in the third paragraph: "Did I have issues reacting in arguments that were unjustified? Yes." This was referring to my lack of communication, withdrawal, and occasional defensiveness.

▪ The second time I reference the "mean things I would say in arguments to hurt you" (Letter p. 6). This was in reference to the rare times I would argue back against Jasmine's escalating words by saying something mean back to her, which I've spoken about in the 'Conflict Dynamics' section.

▪ I'm assuming Jasmine will argue that I, too, brought this situation up on social media. I have only shared one private story, on June 11, through my private personal Instagram account. I shared it with a tailored list of people who either knew about her restraining order against me, or whom I had reason to believe were aware of it. The post consisted of screenshots of notes I had written; see the copy and list of viewers here.

While I've redacted everyone for privacy, the viewers closely match my rumor spread log I had been using to track the rumors. There were a few people I forgot to remove though that did inadvertently see it, though. Instagram deletes who viewed your story after 48 hours, but I figured I'd need this for evidence so I made sure to record who viewed it before it disappeared.

I will also note that I tried to be as non-accusatory as possible in this statement, and tried to mitigate risk of the post for her (e.g., the "I'm asking for discretion for both my sake & her sake").

Closing Thoughts

Over the two year relationship, I internalized Jasmine's consistent reminders of her perceived flaws she saw in me, and I spent a great deal of time trying to become the person I thought I needed to be. Yet the more I grew and the more confident + grounded I became, the more she crossed my boundaries. When I finally began speaking up about it, my reaction to those crossed lines was always treated as the problem; she could never address the role she played. When I finally realized this when she blew up on me when I got home after this conversation on January 16, 2026, I knew it was time to leave.

Based on every dynamic I've hopefully made clear in this document, I subconsciously knew that when I eventually got out of this relationship, it was going to get way worse. It wasn't until that "cabinet" incident in early February that I realized that my instincts that she would "go nuclear" were true. Ironically, I completely forgot about this journal entry until I was preparing for my defense in her case against me.

What I did not realize, however, was that our usual conflict dynamic was also going to play out in court. Like usual, Jasmine had the upper hand as the petitioner, and I was on defense as the respondent. Before a status hearing on May 29, my lawyer had been insisting that I settle this case, and the week before the hearing, he told me Jasmine was open to negotiations.

An hour before the hearing, I realized this was my first real opportunity to stand up to her accusations to show the actual truth - in an arena where it was a crime for her to lie. Halfway through the hearing, I told the judge we wanted to litigate instead of settling. Jasmine seemed flustered, and immediately asked the judge to dismiss the case. Even the judge seemed caught off guard, responding with something along the lines of, "Well, that's unexpected."

I know I've said I had a lot of bad days in this statement, but this day was, by far, the actual worst day of my life. I had spent months preparing for that exact moment - preserving documents, securing witnesses, meticulously analyzing years of our text messages, spending dozens of hours building my case, all ready to be litigated with a good defense attorney; yet our same relationship dynamic played out all over again. I'm pushed into a corner, unable to do anything and Jasmine walks away like nothing happened. I had a near-mental breakdown that day. It was, by far, the deepest sense of hopelessness I had ever experienced.

Reflection [Updated]

Beneath everything, I believe Jasmine is a deeply wounded person. For a long time, I struggled to understand the hostility towards me when I had tried my best to care for her in every way she needed. Eventually, I came to believe that much of her malice was rooted in fear: fear of rejection, and fear that the insecurities she struggled with were true. As I moved on with my life after we broke up, it seemed to reinforce those fears, and I believe she needed to project those feelings onto me publicly since I was no longer physically there.

I think she struggles with defining people, much like she described to me in one of our couples therapy sessions. When we first started dating and I told her about the flaws I was actively working on, she seemed to reduce them to something simpler: I was avoidant, or I was defensive. I also think, subconsciously, she was jealous of my family, and that became another label: privileged. And once she began interpreting my attempts to talk about family and trauma as attacks on her, I became the abuser that I still am defined as to this day.

While I'll never truly know her motivations for all of this, and I'm not going to pretend like fully I do - I have spent so long trying to make sense of everything that this is the only understanding I came to that has allowed me to accept it so I can begin to move on.

However, her pattern is so repeatable and predictable that at the same time, I cannot look at this without feeling as if she is doing this as a malicious way to punish me solely so she can feel better about herself *(see Page 18 "Rebuttal under Claim 3," or Page 23 "Ex-Boyfriend Conversation")*.

Everything that had been said about me since that day in May 2025 has mirrored what I had experienced throughout our relationship; what makes that especially suffocating is feeling as though I've always been made to answer for all of her definitions of me while simultaneously being denied the opportunity to explain anything. The more I sat with that, the more I realized this wasn't something that started after we broke up; I had spent much of our relationship being misinterpreted and misrepresented, while somehow being held responsible for that perception of me that I was never given the opportunity to explain or even understand.

I struggle deeply with the fact that, following our relationship, her accusations spread through social media and word of mouth, reaching everyone from people I went to high school with to idols I've looked up to in the music scene. Yet, to this day, I've been denied the opportunity to even know the full extent of what was said about me, as she has since

deleted her social accounts with all the evidence (after a judge's orders) and falsely claimed under oath that she never posted anything about me in the first place. I experienced this level of gaslighting from her in her first round of accusations when she lied to me about never claiming I physically abused her, yet now, the gaslighting I'm experiencing is on such a larger scale that my brain seriously struggles to understand it.

In a genuine act of good faith, I had already tried to warn her of the path she is taking in the final words of my letter to her. Unfortunately, she did not take this advice; I didn't realize that I, too, would be personally affected by that decision.

She began this with a slap in 2024, and a chain reaction of her self-perpetuating distortions of truth and consistent falsehoods eventually have led us here today. I hope that this shows her that this statement was never something I wanted to make, but is only necessary because she has never acknowledged the truth. I hope she finds the courage to confront that; in my eyes, the peace she so desperately craves in her life can only come from making peace with the truth.

Conclusion [Updated]

Thank you to everyone who has stood by me so far throughout this process: my parents, my sisters, my close friends, the six witnesses who came to court with me to testify on my behalf, my former girlfriends who wrote official character letters for me, my therapists, my manager, all music friends & collaborators who stood up for me, and everyone else who knew and supported me in this process. While this is still ongoing, I'm incredibly grateful to know that the people who know my true character; if there is a silver lining in all of this, it's knowing that I have such a strong group of people who are willing to stand up for me.

As I stated before, I never wished harm or harassment toward her in any way, and I still feel that way today. And even in her own words, I have never been someone who holds a grudge. I have never been, and never will be, that kind of person. Jasmine is such a beautiful and wonderful person to be around when her inner wounds aren't getting the best of her. I loved her so much; both the good parts and the parts she didn't like about herself. I was so proud of her for taking the steps to start going to therapy, and it was an honor to watch her talented media career grow while we were together. While I tried my best to help her see the good beneath her insecurities, I ultimately failed - but I'll never regret trying. While I will always regret ever meeting her, I'll always be proud of the partner I was to her.

I hope I have proved my case in the court of public opinion with this statement. I'm still open to settling my legal case, as long as Jasmine agrees to retract her allegations. I've also promised to replace this statement with a redacted version of the retraction. I've already promised to use her retraction solely for the purpose of correcting the public

record, and not to use it to pursue monetary damages in a defamation case. I also added a specific clause promising that I will consider this chapter of my life closed so that we can both move forward.

I want to be able to go to a social event without having to defend my character or panicking when someone asks me about Jasmine. I want to go to a show without people looking at me uncomfortably because they've heard rumors that I'm an abuser. I want to stop wasting my limited free time drafting court documents, negotiating with lawyers, or going to Cook County Domestic Violence Court to file paperwork next to battered women crying about how their husbands beat them.

I want to stop reliving it every day by meticulously going through the messages from our relationship, searching for any piece of evidence I can find to prove my case. I want to stop hyperanalyzing every word I've said to everyone in my life, worrying about what people think of me. I want my brain to feel like it's functioning properly, without having to second-guess every thought or struggle to articulate the reality of what actually happened. I want my body to stop physically reacting whenever people ask me about this situation, and I want my panic attacks to stop.

I've felt such a profound loss of agency over my own life ever since I met Jasmine, but that changes today. I do not fear her; I have nothing to hide, and I never have. I have lost almost three years of my life to this. All I want is to be in control of it again.

- Max / Northern Road

Important Resources

- DARVO: How to Spot It, How It Works, and How to Protect Yourself