

## Supporter #1 Party Events Testimonial

Supporter #1 is a schoolteacher at a High School in California. He is originally from the west coast of Florida near Tampa and is a semi-pro volleyball player. In approximately 2006 or 2007, he was invited to play in a 5 to 6 day volleyball tournament taking place at Nygard Cay, Bahamas. He recalled that 16 male and 16 female semi-pro volleyball players were invited. He received this invitation through a volleyball friend who was in touch with Nicole ("Nikki"), who worked for Nygard. Supporter #1 first met Nygard during this trip.

While at Nygard Cay, in addition to the volleyball tournament, there were different "theme nights." Specifically, Supporter #1 recollected there was a poker night, a dance night and a cruise night. Local Bahamians were also invited to Nygard Cay for certain events. For instance, there were approximately 100 guests at one party during which a Junk-a-noo band played. Supporter #1 described this trip as "awesome." Other than Supporter #1 paying for his own plane fare, Nygard covered the cost of everything else. Supporter #1 did not recall anything inappropriate occurring during this trip, which he described as "young volleyball players having fun." He has never returned to Nygard Cay.

In approximately 2008 or 2009, while Supporter #1 was still living in Florida, he applied for a teaching job in California. After being hired by a school in Beverly Hills, he packed up his car and headed to California.

Immediately after he arrived, he telephoned Nikki telling her that he was in Los Angeles. She informed Supporter #1 that she was with Nygard at his Marina Del Rey property ("MDR property") and invited him to come play volleyball, which he did. He recalled that after volleyball Nikki invited him to stay for dinner.

He agreed and she told him that she'd need to "check him in." He was then asked to fill out a registration form and have his photograph taken. He believes a picture of his identification was also taken. That was the only time he was required to register at the MDR property.

Following dinner, Nygard – who remembered Supporter #1 — asked him where he was staying and Supporter #1 replied that he was going to check into a hotel until he found a place to live.

Nygard invited Supporter #1 to stay in one of the apartments across the street from the MDR property, which Nygard owned. Nygard further told Supporter #1 he was welcome to stay there until he found a place. Supporter #1 accepted Nygard's offer and stayed at the apartment, free of charge, for a couple of weeks before he found his own apartment.

Supporter #1 advised that Nygard left the MDR property the next day after Supporter #1 had arrived. Even so, Supporter #1 was invited to have dinner every night at the property, which he did. He told the investigators that he was very grateful for Nygard's generosity.

Since that time, Supporter #1 has come to the MDR property for Sunday pamper parties 2 or 3 times per year. He has also gone to the MDR property for dinner parties during weekdays. A dinner party would start with volleyball between 5 and 7 pm followed by dinner. These dinner parties were held only when Nygard was present at the MDR property. Supporter #1 said that Nygard's focus at the dinners would either be on "business people" if they were there, or his girlfriend.

Supporter #1 has never seen anything inappropriate occur at these events in the 12 years he has been attending them.

Supporter #1 described for the investigators the parties that he attended at the MDR property. He would usually be invited by Angela through a phone call. On occasion he would receive a text invitation from Ashley or Biehare, who worked in the office. For pamper parties, guests would usually arrive at approximately 2 pm and play volleyball. This would be followed by food and drinks and then by approximately 7 pm the guests would listen to music or watch videos. At around 8 pm a poker game would start, which went for a couple of hours, until the guests departed. Supporter #1 said that recently, the videos played by Nygard at the parties seemed to all be about his work with stem cell research.

At the parties, there were male and female volleyball players, "Hollywood girls" and friends of friends.

Steve Powers was one of Nygard's personal friends who was at the parties quite often. 3

Supporter #1 understood that Nygard had various women who lived with him. Some of the women were around Nygard long term, included Yves, Jasmine, and Nikki Midwin. He believed that other women were coming to the parties hoping to be one of the women with Nygard.

Supporter #1 has never seen any underaged girls at these parties. He explained that on occasion there might be a woman who appeared to be 18 or 19 years old present, but he suggested that this was no

different from what you would see in any nightclub. He stated that he has "definitely" never seen any females who appeared to be 14 to 16 years of age at these parties.

Supporter #1 was shocked when he read the news articles about Nygard.

He has known Nygard for 12 years and never saw anything inappropriate at any of the parties he attended. He believed that there were "money hungry" woman coming to the parties in hopes of getting close to Nygard. He explained that coming from Florida it wasn't typical for him to see what he said is common in Los Angeles -- young women flocking to rich men. Supporter #1 said it's not unusual in Los Angeles to see rich older guys with younger women. For example, in Los Angeles you could see a 65 year old doctor, in his Bentley, with a 22 year old girlfriend or wife. It's also not uncommon in California to see guys with "big money" supporting many others around him.

Supporter #1 said that, in hindsight, he doesn't recall anything out of the ordinary suggesting Nygard was involved in the conduct described in the allegations against him. Supporter #1 has never heard a woman complain about being treated inappropriately by Nygard, and he has never heard any stories that would suggest that was the case. He has no knowledge of Nygard coercing or forcing women into sex. He knows Nygard since 2006, and Nygard appears to Supporter #1 to be someone who "really cares about other people" and is a "very giving person." Nygard appears to want to make his guests have the best experience they can have. Supporter #1 believes that the allegations against Nygard are inconsistent with his own observations of Nygard.

Supporter #1 was mindful that Nygard could yell at staff if something was done wrong. He added, it wasn't done "cruelly" and he never saw Nygard yell at his girlfriends or guests. Supporter #1 knows some of the staff at the MDR property, including Marten (the property manager), Alex (maintenance), Kevin (construction), Aram (chef), and Biehare and Ashley.

Sorrentino has heard rumors about Nygard's neighbor in the Bahamas trying to ruin Nygard because of an ongoing feud.