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## Defamation Lawsuit Against Actor Robert Knepper by Longtime Hollywood Costume Supervisor.

On February 28, 2018, the civil rights and employment law firm of Alexander Krakow + Glick LLP filed suit in the Los Angeles Superior Court, on behalf of Susan Bertram, a Costume Supervisor, against Robert Knepper, an actor known for his roles in “Prison Break”, “iZombie”, and “Homeland”. Ms. Bertram’s Complaint alleges that Knepper sexually assaulted her in 1991, when she worked on a film titled “Gas Food Lodging” and that Knepper defamed her when he issued public statements that the sexual assault allegations were false.

During a time when sexual assault and sexual misconduct in the entertainment industry is under a microscope, this lawsuit focuses on the experiences of a woman who works behind the scenes on television and film. Marvin Krakow said, “We believe that this lawsuit will encourage other victims of sexual assault and sexual misconduct to come forward and make their voices heard NOW.”

The Complaint alleges that The Hollywood Reporter published an article on November 8, 2017 that detailed Ms. Bertram’s account of Knepper’s sexual assault in 1991. It also alleges that, in direct response to The Hollywood Reporter article, Knepper denied the allegations and claimed that he was “falsely accused.” The Complaint further alleges that Knepper’s denial was published on his Instagram account and in The Hollywood Reporter article.

The Hollywood Reporter published another article, titled “Four More Women Accuse Actor Robert Knepper of Sexual Misconduct,” in which it described four separate, sexual assaults in detail. The Complaint alleges that in response to the December 5 article, Knepper told The Hollywood Reporter “I need to reiterate that these accusations against me are false.” Bertram’s Complaint claims that Knepper’s public, false statements have damaged her reputation and hindered her ability to find work. The Complaint also states that Ms. Bertram has been mortified and humiliated by the statements and had to refute Knepper’s false statements to friends, family, potential employers, and co-workers.

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