Ron Jeremy Accusers Reach Global Settlement with Rainbow Bar

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Ron Jeremy appears for arraignment at Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in 2020 in Los Angeles *David McNew/Getty Images*

The famed Sunset Strip bar repeatedly sued over claims it allowed adult film star Ron Jeremy to prey on its female patrons has reached settlements with the alleged victims, lawyers revealed at a court hearing Tuesday.

The global deal involving at least nine women suing the Rainbow Bar & Grill means many of Jeremy's accusers will receive financial compensation and some measure of justice after the porn star was found not competent to stand trial in his related criminal matter involving more than 30 felony counts of sexual assault and 21 alleged victims.

"This has been a really long road for my clients," Aaron Osten, a lawyer representing two Jane Does who gave grand jury testimony and are now set to receive financial settlements, tells *Rolling Stone*. "This is pretty much as close to closure as we can get for our victims."

Osten says his clients – who claim Jeremy cornered and attacked them at the West Hollywood bar in 2016 and 2019, shoving his hand down their shirts, grabbing their breasts and aggressively pinching or twisting their nipples without consent – have never wavered in their pursuit of justice for themselves and others. The women say staff at the bar knew Jeremy, born Ronald Jeremy Hyatt, was a predator and either enabled him or chose to look the other way.

"They went through a lot. First, they testified for the grand jury. Then they were let down when they learned Ron Jeremy was being released and let go based on his mental state. But they stuck at it and pursued the civil case," Osten said. "They were committed to making sure someone was held responsible. It's a testament to how passionate they were about getting justice – not just for themselves, but so this won't happen to other people down the road. Hopefully Rainbow learned their lesson and won't allow this to happen ever again."

Osten declined to share the amounts of the settlements, saying they were confidential. He called the global resolution a "group effort."

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Hyatt, 72, was initially charged in 2020 with raping four women. The case quickly exploded with additional

allegations. He <u>was indicted in August 2021</u> on 34 counts of sexual assault involving 21 victims, including minors. The charges, dating as far back as 1996, involved women and girls ranging in age from 15 to 51.

Though Hyatt's criminal case was short-circuited by his medical condition, the lawsuits against Rainbow Bar & Grill, owned by a company called Rockin' Horse, moved ahead. At a hearing in Santa Monica, California, on Tuesday that was meant to consolidate the cases for trial, the lawyer for Rockin' Horse announced the breadth of the settlements.

"These cases all went to a mediation, and they have all been settled," atrorney Michael Moss told Los Angeles County Judge Mark Epstein. "The settlement agreements in all these cases have already been prepared to send to the plaintiffs' attorneys. But it will take a little time for everybody to finalize the paperwork and send the settlement checks."

After the hearing, Moss said the Rainbow Bar & Grill still "strongly denied any wrongdoing" and "strongly contested the plaintiffs' liability and damages contentions." In a statement, the company said it reached the confidential settlement as a "business decision, taking into consideration the cost involved in connection with litigation." "There has never been a finding, either civilly or criminally, that the Rainbow Bar & Grill did anything wrong or caused or contributed in any way to any alleged incidents involving Ron

Jeremy while he was a patron at its establishment," the company said.

Lawyers for the other Jane Does who sued Rockin' Horse did not immediately respond to requests for comment from *Rolling Stone* on Tuesday. A source tells *Rolling Stone* that Rockin' Horse was covered by insurance in the matter.

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"There were so many victims out there. I don't think Rockin' Horse had any argument to make that they didn't know this was going on at their establishment," Osten said. "That can be a problem in these types of cases, when you sue an establishment. They say, 'How on earth could we know?' But when there are dozens of victims with the same perpetrator under the same circumstances, it's pretty clear what was happening."

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The lawsuits filed against Rockin' Horse accused the famed watering hole of negligence. They claimed key staff at the establishment knew Hyatt was a danger to the clientele and still allowed him to enter the premises and even gain access to restricted areas such as the employee bathroom. Prosecutors previously said eight of Hyatt's alleged criminal assaults took place at the Rainbow Bar and Grill.

Hyatt's criminal case was terminated last year after a judge determined "there is no substantial likelihood that the defendant will be restored to competency." He's still facing a civil lawsuit from a woman who alleges he drugged her at the Rainbow Bar & Grill and then led her out of the bar and past a bouncer while she was clearly intoxicated. The woman claims Hyatt assaulted her at an apartment. A trial in the civil case is set for December 2026. The lawyer representing Hyatt's estate did not respond to a request for comment.