

USC Agrees to \$852M Payout in Sex Abuse Lawsuit

“The University of Southern California has agreed to an \$852 million settlement with more than 700 women who have accused the college’s longtime campus gynecologist of sexual abuse, the victims’ lawyers announced Thursday,” reports Stefanie Dazio in *StarTribune’s Nation*.

“It’s believed to be a record amount for such a lawsuit. When combined with an earlier settlement of a separate class-action suit, USC has agreed to pay out more than \$1 billion for claims against Dr. George Tyndall, who worked at the school for nearly three decades.”

“Tyndall, 74, faces 35 criminal counts of alleged sexual misconduct between 2009 and 2016 at the university’s student health center. He has pleaded not guilty and is free on bond.”

“Hundreds of women came forward to report their allegations to police but some of the cases fell outside the 10-year statute of limitations, while others did not rise to the level of criminal charges or lacked sufficient evidence to prosecute. Still, he faces up to 64 years in prison if convicted.”

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