

PRESS RELEASE:

Statement from Clayton Echard

March 7, 2024: In response to media inquiries, Mr. Echard has authorized the release of this statement:

Clayton Echard vehemently denies ever having intercourse with L.O. and her correspondence (part of the 500 pieces of communication that predicated the Maricopa County Superior Court granting an Injunction Against Harassment against L.O.) confirms the same. Clayton immediately realized he did not want a relationship shortly after a consensual non-intercourse encounter with L.O. He promptly attempted to distance himself from L.O. both personally and professionally. Five (5) days after their non-intercourse encounter, L.O. started suggesting she may be pregnant. Six (6) days after that she claimed she had confirmed she was pregnant. Within weeks, she claimed she was carrying twins (male and female).

Mr. Echard was beyond incredulous of the pregnancy because the performance of fellatio does not cause pregnancy. Her rapidly evolving yarn did not comport with obstetric timelines. Her claim of “twins” (with assigned genders less than 8 weeks into the “pregnancy”) did not comport with medical science.

The consequence of Clayton ignoring communication with L.O., refusing to enter into her “dating contract” and demands to meet with him *privately* to discuss a parenting plan for the pretend “twins,” was that she vindictively contacted *The Sun*, *Page Six*, and *NY Post*. *The Sun* first reported the apocryphal story without knowledge that L.O. has been accused of fabricating pregnancies and doctoring medical evidence as a means to extort relationships several times, dating back ten (10) years.

The byproduct of the media coverage L.O. initiated was the unification of some prior victims who have shared their experiences. The commonalities included medical images hijacked and photoshopped from the recesses of the internet and confounding attempts by L.O. to get them to agree to date her in exchange for her discontinuing sham pregnancies.

Clayton, confident he was being extorted as he did not have intercourse with L.O., demanded she produce evidence/disclosure. To avoid the anticipated claims about placing the imaginary twins up for pretend adoption, Clayton reached out to Arizona’s Putative Father’s Registry.

Boxed into her fable after being captured on camera jumping horses during her “high risk” pregnancy and then on court video weeks later with what appeared to be a fake moon bump claiming she was “24 weeks pregnant” by Clayton, this bizarre fish tale came to a head. In December 2023, L.O. cryptically claimed she was “no longer” pregnant and wanted to dismiss

the action and avoid sharing any disclosure regarding her malignant faux pregnancy. After failing to appear at her deposition, the Court set a status hearing. At the status hearing the world learned that she claimed she miscarried before her November testimony. L.O. was deposed on 3/1/2024.

As the matter is being prepared for trial and these are both public persons, Clayton provides the following statement:

1. Private medical records will not be shared publicly. However, *some* “medical” records are already part of the public domain as L.O. sent what she claimed were her medical records to the media and shared the same on social media platforms.
2. L.O. has since denied that a sonogram (received from her and posted by her to the internet) is her medical record. Again, L.O. emailed the sonogram to multiple journalists in addition to Mr. Echard.
3. Records from Southwest Medical Imaging (SMIL) were tampered with by L.O. L.O. admitted that she altered medical records and falsely attributed them to SMIL. Southwest Medical Imaging did not image L.O. for pregnancy and their legal department is fully aware of the arts-and-crafts forgery that she circulated under their trademark. Use of this image was a fraud on the court to the extent the records were used in the collateral proceedings.
4. Despite L.O. testifying in the collateral proceedings to having attended appointments with various “high risk” pregnancy/obstetric providers, there will be no records confirming because no obstetric care was ever sought.
5. Claims of a doctor “confirming” the pregnancy are patently false. A tele-med (video) appointment with a neurologist is not pregnancy confirmation.
6. The Press has reached out regarding the identity of other individuals (in addition to the two who have had public cases involving similar allegations) who were victims of pregnancy fabrication. Clayton appreciates that the job of journalists (and the will of the lay army of investigators captivated by this saga) is not something he can control. He requests that journalists and investigators (professional and amateur) realize that Clayton and L.O. (a self-help podcaster and TEDx speaker) are public people. Others who have been impacted by her serial pregnancy fraud may not be public persons and understandably may not want their private matters discussed.
7. Clayton asks that the public refrain from any behavior that L.O. could claim is harassing or bullying.

Clayton trusts the legal process and is appreciative of his family and community (especially Bachelor Nation) who have continued to offer support.