

Top Silicon Valley venture capitalist is forced to quit after 'trafficking victim' claims he kept her as a sex slave for 13 years, forced her to call him 'King' and sexually brutalized her to near-death

- Michael Goguen left Sequoia Capital last week after 20 years with the firm
- He resigned after a woman claimed he kept her as a sex slave for years
- Amber Baptiste said he met her when she in a strip club in 2001
- He 'promised to help free her from the traffickers that brought her to US in exchange for lurid sexual acts that lasted 13 years', her lawsuit claims
- In 2012 he allegedly left her bleeding in a hotel after suspected violent sex
- She claims he also infected her with HPV, forced her to call him 'king'
- Goguen denies the claims, claims they had a romantic relationship

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One of Silicon Valley's top venture capitalists has been accused of violently raping, emotionally tormenting, and drugging a 'human trafficking victim' who he kept as a sex slave for more than 13 years.

Michael Goguen, a 20-year partner at Sequoia Capital, parted ways with the company which backed Apple, Google, Youtube, PayPal, and DropBox after his alleged victim filed a lawsuit in California last Tuesday.

Amber Baptiste claims she met Goguen in a strip club in Texas after she was trafficked to America from Canada at the age of 15 in 2001.

According to legal papers, Goguen - who was married with two children - offered to save her from her traffickers if she agreed to have sex with him.

But over 13 years, she claims, he habitually raped her, forced her to call him 'king' or 'emperor', and infected her with HPV, and sodomized her for six hours at a time.

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Michael Goguen (left), a 20-year partner at Sequoia Capital, parted ways with the company last week after his alleged victim filed a lawsuit in California on Tuesday. He is pictured with Donald Trump's ex Marla Maples (center right) and musician Won-G (right)

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In a bid to dispel Baptiste's victim image, Goguen has filed a counter-claim that includes four risqué photographs of Baptiste in lingerie that she allegedly sent to him in 2013 (pictured, above)

In 2012, she was forced to have emergency surgery after Goguen sodomized her so violently that he ripped through her anal canal, causing a seven-inch tear, then 'left her bleeding and alone on the floor of a hotel room in a foreign country... nearly hemorrhaging to death', the lawsuit claims.

The detail is one of many lurid allegations of torment, violence and degradation in the 26-page lawsuit filed to California's San Mateo County Superior Court.



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According to Baptiste, Goguen signed a contract to give her \$40 million in exchange for her silence about the 2012 incident - but he allegedly only paid \$10 million and refused to pay the rest.

Now, she is suing Goguen for breach of contract - and laying bare all her allegations against him.

Goguen, a Stanford and Cornell graduate, has denied the claims. He has counter-sued, citing claims of extortion and invasion of privacy, insisting the pair enjoyed a loving relationship.

Sequoia - an early investor in Apple, Google, YouTube, PayPal and Dropbox - has acknowledged the existence of the lawsuit, saying: 'We understand that these allegations of serious improprieties are unproven and unrelated to Sequoia. We decided that Mike's departure was the appropriate course of action.'

Goguen's work, including sitting on the board of more than a dozen companies, has been transferred to another partner at Sequoia.

According to the lawsuit, Goguen repeatedly asked Baptiste out for dinner when he met her in 2001, pleading to let him help her escape her traffickers.

After months of persistent requests, Baptiste allegedly agreed.

That night, she claims, he 'lured [her] to his hotel room under the pretenses that he needed to finish a few calls before dinner. Ms Baptiste arrived at his room to find Mr Goguen nude and touching himself.

'He immediately cornered her and insisted that she have sex with him.

'Ms Baptiste told him she was a virgin and would not have sex with him.



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Goguen was previously married to model and Naked Princess boutique owner Jordana Woodland. She is pictured in May, 2015

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'I KNOW IT FEELS REALLY GOOD WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER': THE MESSAGES BAPTISTE SENT TO GOUGEN THAT HIS LAWYERS SAY PROVE SHE WASN'T A VICTIM OF ABUSE

Goguen's lawsuit contain's a number of messages Baptiste allegedly sent while she says he was being abusive.

His legal team believe the correspondences show she was far from being a victim of abuse and was actually involved in a mutual relationship.

They include:

'The love that I hold in my heart for you was instant. It is a perfect love. And to me it is the perfect way to love someone. It is forever and unconditional;'

'I love our visits. I feel so blessed to have met you and have been able to maintain a special relationship with you. I can only hope that it continues;'

'I know it feels really good when we are together and to me it feels so perfect and I never want to let go of you;'

'I feel like it is the most perfect beautiful interactions two people could ever experience;'and

'I could never even make love to you enough times to show you how special you are to me.'

The document also contains what his lawyers described as 'erotic emails', some of which allegedly included 'provocative photos':

'I want you to feel comfortably [sic] sharing with me every fantasy you have ever had. When we come together I want it to be completely [sic] comfortable and relaxed and for exploration of all fantasy reality and erotica to take place wherever we decide that may be;'

'Can't wait for night 3 of our ardent liaison amoureuse:);'

'I would like to move this sexual energy more often. And sexual energy equals creativity so the more amazing sex we have the more creative we will become;'

'You can ask me to do anything with you I want you to experience anything that you have ever wanted to experience with me. I don't want you to be shy;'

'I don't really require variety in hotels. I come there with one thought in mind which is making love to you; and'

'I miss you so Much. My Body Misses you so Much. I love you so Much.'

They also included a list of 'affectionate monikers' they say she used.

Such as:

'Prince Charming;'

'My Sweet Sweet Sunshine;

'My Beautiful Love;'

'[A]n Angel to my life'

'[T]he most wonderful man in my whole world.'

His attorneys also added a number of alleged messages she sent Goguen when she was away from him. The suit reads: 'Far from being a sexual slave, Ms. Baptiste told Mr. Goguen how much she missed him when they were apart and desired to see him again, with endearing phrases.'

They included:

'1 Million Kisses and Hugs Forever;'

'You have got to be the sweetest man in the world. I can't wait to see you.'

'Miss you Bunches;'

'I miss you and I hope you are well; and'

'Can't wait to kiss you.'

'He continued pressuring her, moving her hand to touch his penis and grinding against her leg.'

'Mr Goguen finally let her leave after she broke down in tears.'

Goguen divorced his wife, the mother of his two children, in 2001 then remarried a few months later - while allegedly pursuing Baptiste. Later that year she agreed to his 'offer', her lawyers claim.

He divorced his second wife in 2006 and promised to devote himself to Baptiste, the suit claims.

No matter how many times she cried or begged him to stop, he would demean or verbally abuse her until he was finished

Amber Baptiste's lawsuit claims

However, he remarried just months later and had another three children - but allegedly kept them a secret from Baptiste. He later divorced his third wife.

One of the women he married was model and owner of the Naked Princess boutique, Jordana Woodland.

Baptiste claims Goguen said she was his only sexual partner. However, when she discovered she had contracted HPV, she claims, she confronted him and he admitted he had lied.

Meanwhile, she claims, the abuses persisted.

'Mr Goguen continued to dangle the prospect of helping Ms Baptiste out of the grip of the human traffickers in exchange for increasingly debasing acts,' the suit claims.

These 'acts' included grovelling for Goguen to masturbate on her and ejaculate in her mouth 'causing her to choke or vomit', according to Baptiste's legal documents.

Almost every time, the suit claims, he would sodomize her for hours on end, feeding her alcohol and drugs to endure it.

'No matter how many times she cried or begged him to stop, he would demean or verbally abuse her until he was finished, only to seek forgiveness week later and repeat the cycle,' the papers allege.

Goguen has since filed a counter-suit, claiming he has 'an enormous amount of evidence, including messages that span years and show that she pursued me romantically and professed her love, respect and appreciation for my kind and compassionate treatment of her.'



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We understand the allegations about Michael Goguen are unproven and unrelated to Sequoia. Still, we decided his departure was appropriate.

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'The reality is that Ms Baptiste was an exotic dancer, first looking for a payday, and later revenge,' Goguen's suit claims.

'Mr Goguen was generous with Ms Baptiste and wanted to help her to have a better life. Over the years, he provided her with hundreds of thousands of dollars. This enabled her to quit her job as a "dancer" and pursue her interests without needing to worry about finances, or even having to work.'

He describes Baptiste as a Canada native who entered into a sham marriage in 2002 to get US citizenship and now lives in Los Angeles.

And in a bid to dispel her victim image, Goguen includes four risqué photographs of Baptiste in lingerie that she allegedly sent to him in 2013.

'In addition to her written seductions, Ms. Baptiste repeatedly sent Mr.Goguen sexually provocative and pornographic photographs of herself, unclothed or scantily clothed, in furtherance of her efforts to convince him to see her more often,' the suit claims.

Above the pictures, Goguen's lawyers describe them as 'a few of the milder photographs', explaining they were sent 'after she claims to have been raped, abandoned and hemorrhaging foreign country following hours of forced sodomy, and intentionally infected with a STD.'

Below, the lawyers write: 'It defies logic and common sense that an alleged victim of "rape," "abuse," and "sexual slavery," would send such provocative photos to the alleged perpetrator.'

Addressing Baptiste's claim that he left her to die after sodomizing her in a hotel in 2012, he claims they enjoyed a night of consensual sex, and her injury was minor.

'Far from being "forcibly sodomized" and "left bleeding alone on the floor of a hotel room... nearly hemorrhaging to death," the supposed [injury] was so minor that Mr. Goguen was unaware of it until

Ms. Baptiste emailed him after the fact gushing about how wonderful the night was and noting that she was scheduled to have a "small surgery" that was "not a big deal", he claims.

He said she emailed him the next day saying: 'I would never erase that night for anything. It was beautiful each and every moment.'

'The last night together was really incredible for me. I could feel so many things moving between us that I have not felt before. Hopefully I will feel you again soon.'

Hitting back at her claim that he infected her with HPV, Goguen claims 'it is virtually impossible to determine the source of the virus.'

His attorney Diane Doolittle said in a statement to Daily Mail Online on Wednesday: 'This lawsuit is a vile collection of lies and a transparent attempt to destroy the reputation and good name of Mr. Goguen.'

'The overwhelming evidence — as cited in our Cross Complaint for extortion — shows that she is a disgruntled former lover who had a consensual relationship with him starting in her 20s.'

'This isn't a case of human trafficking, but an age old story of a jilted lover looking for revenge. We are eager to fight these defamatory and outlandish allegations and tell the truth. We look forward to our day in court, where facts trump fiction.'