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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 12 Days to Election Day; New Herschel Walker Allegation]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Less than two weeks from the final midterm votes and a second woman came forward claiming Georgia Republican Senate candidate Herschel Walker paid for her to have an abortion as early voting numbers in the state break records.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Herschel Walker Facing New Abortion Allegation; Woman Claims Georgia GOP Senate Candidate Paid for Her Procedure]

STEPHANOPOULOS: We go to politics now and with the final midterm votes just 12 days away, Herschel Walker is facing a new abortion allegation in the key Senate battleground in Georgia. Congressional correspondent Rachel Scott is tracking the race. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Hey, George, good morning. And I can tell you this is hardly what Herschel Walker wants to be talking about so close to Election Day. His campaign rocked by controversy yet again. This time from a second woman. She says, even though Walker claims to oppose abortion, that he paid for her to have one. Republican Senate candidate Herschel Walker is a staunch opponent of abortion, but a second woman has now come forward claiming he also paid for her to have an abortion. The woman is remaining anonymous because she says she fears retaliation.

WALKER ACCUSER: Herschel walker says he is against women having abortions. But he pressured me to have one.

SCOTT: During a news conference held by her attorney, Gloria Allred, she said on speaker phone that she and Walker were in a relationship when she became pregnant in 1993. The woman, whose claims have not been verified by ABC News, says the former football star gave her the money to have an abortion. She says she traveled to a clinic in Dallas, but couldn't go through with it. She says Walker was upset and drove her back to the clinic the next day, allegedly waiting outside for hours while she got the procedure. The woman and her lawyer released a voicemail, photo receipt, and card saying its evidence of her relationship with Walker, but did not provide evidence of the abortion itself. Walker strongly denying it all.

HERSCHEL WALKER: I'm done with this foolishness.

SCOTT: Earlier this month, another woman — the mother of one of Walker's children — said that Walker paid for her to have abortion. Walker denying that in an interview with ABC's Linsey Davis.

LINSEY DAVIS [TO WALKER] [on 10/11/22]: Did you ever, to your knowledge, give money to pay for the cost of an abortion?

WALKER [on 10/11/22]: No.

DAVIS [TO WALKER] [on 10/11/22]: Is she lying?

WALKER [on 10/11/22]: Yes, she's lying.

SCOTT: The first woman provided multiple news outlets receipts from the abortion clinic and a copy of a \$700 check she says Walker gave her for the abortion. Walker has acknowledged giving her the check, but said it was not for an abortion. Walker is locked in a tight race with Democratic Senator Raphael Warnock. In a statement, his campaign says Walker has a problem with taking responsibility for his actions, but even with all this controversy, this race remains a dead heat, George.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; All Eyes on Pennsylvania; Fetterman & Oz Hit the Trail With 12 Days to Go]

STEPHANOPULOS: And Rachel, in Pennsylvania, both John Fetterman and Dr. Oz return to the campaign trail yesterday after the debate on Tuesday night and Fetterman admitted that the debate was not easy for him.

LT. GOV. JOHN FETTERMAN (D-PA): To be honest, doing that debate wasn't exactly easy. [SCREEN WIPE] I may not get every — every word the right way, but I will always do the right thing in Washington, D.C.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel, Democrats increasingly worried about the race.

SCOTT: Yes, they are, George. And his campaign tried to lower expectations before the debate, but both campaigns felt like their candidates did what they needed to do on that debate stage. But, look, this is still a very close race. We're told plans are coming together for President Biden to travel back to the state and former president Donald Trump will be there too right before election day, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel Scott, thanks very much.