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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Abortion Allegations]

GAYLE KING: Georgia Republican senate candidate Herschel walker denies new allegations from another woman who says he helped her get an abortion.

HERSCHEL WALKER [on FNC's *Special Report with Bret Baier*, 10/26/22]: They're desperate right now, and I've said this is a lie. And they want me to play these guessing games and all this, but I'm not.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Walker Abortion Allegations; Second Woman Says Sen. Candidate Paid for Her to Get an Abortion in '93]

KING: But we begin with new allegations against Georgia Republican Senate nominee, that's Herschel Walker, less than two weeks before Election Day. A second woman now says that he paid for her abortion and even drove her to the clinic after she initially decided not to go through with it. Now, he was married at the time, and the woman says they were having an affair. Walker calls the allegations a lie. He also terms it foolishness. This comes in the midst of a very tight race that could help determine control of the Senate. Nikole Killion is on Capitol Hill. Nikole, good morning to you.

NIKOLE KILLION: Gayle, good morning. Herschel Walker is doubling down on this new claim, saying it's not true. But the accuser insists that this is not politically motivated and says she has proof.

WALKER [on FNC's *Special Report with Bret Baier*, 10/26/22]: I'm not going to stop. This seat is too important.

KILLION: GOP Senate nominee Herschel Walker hit the airwaves Wednesday night hours after a second accuser claimed he pressured her to get an abortion.

WALKER: I'm done with this foolishness.

GLORIA ALLRED: That's not a denial.

KILLION: Attorney Gloria Allred represents the woman who she identified as Jane Doe.

WALKER ACCUSER: He encouraged me to have an abortion and gave me the money to do so.

KILLION: The woman described a six-year relationship with Walker while he was married and playing in the NFL. She says that in April, 1993, she found out she was pregnant and told walker she couldn't go through with the abortion.

WALKER ACCUSER: He was upset and said that he was going to go back with me to the clinic the next day for me to have the abortion.

KILLION: While her lawyer did not present receipts from the clinic, she did provide what she claimed was other evidence of the relationship from a photo to handwritten cards and a recorded message purportedly in Walker.

“WALKER” [in voicemail]: I want to say I love you, and I was thinking about you.

KILLION: The woman said she decided to come forward due to Walker's anti-abortion rights stance.

WALKER [on 10/14/22]: I believe in life.

KILLION: And following other allegations by another woman that he paid for her abortion in 2009.

WALKER ACCUSER: Herschel Walker is a hypocrite, and he is not fit to be a U.S. Senator.

WALKER [on FNC's *Special Report with Bret Baier*, 10/26/22]: What I'm saying is there is a lie, and I have said it once, and I moved on, my campaign.

SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM (R-SC): This stuff needs to stop. You're trying to ruin people's lives.

KILLION: On the campaign trail, many of Walker's supporters seem wanted unfazed, although a new poll found Walker with a 52 percent unfavorable rating among Georgia voters, a number that's gone up since last month.

WALKER SUPPORTER: I think what he stands for is the truth. I — you know, everybody has done bad things in their life. I mean, even me. And I — I'm pretty darn good.

KILLION: Well, that woman told us she's already voted for Walker. In fact, more than a million people have cast their ballots in early voting in Georgia, shattering records. Walker's Democratic opponent, Senator Raphael Warnock, called the latest allegations part of a troubling pattern. Tony?

TONY DOKOUPIL: Yeah. And the question is, do voters believe it and how much do voters care if they do believe it? Nikole Killion for us once again. Nikole, thank you very much.