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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Accusations; Senate Candidate Responds]

HANNAH BATTAH: The candidate who may be critical to Democrats chances of winning back the Senate, now responding to new accusations about his treatment of women.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Platner's Past]

BATTAH: New accusations against the man trying to help Democrats take back control of the U.S. Senate this fall. He's responding to new claims about his treatment of women. This morning, Graham Platner, Maine's Democratic candidate for Senate, faces new scrutiny after a *New York Times* report detailed allegations about his past treatment of women. According to the article, three women who previously dated Platner described "volatile and 'toxic' relationships that were unsettling and at times emotionally wrenching, and in at least one case, even physically threatening." Platner responding, saying he's been transparent about his past struggles, but he denies any claim of physicality, suggesting the claims are politically motivated.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Candidate in Key Senate Race Faces New Allegations]

GRAHAM PLATNER [on MS NOW's *All In With Chris Hayes*, 06/04/26]: In this piece, there's a lot about my struggling, not being a good boyfriend, certainly self-medicating with alcohol, and I've been very upfront since the beginning of this campaign that that was a pretty dark period of my life after I came back from my combat service, and so, there are things that I absolutely will take responsibility for, but those serious allegations are just not true.

BATTAH: It's the latest controversy for Platner, the presumptive Democratic nominee fighting to unseat Republicans Susan Collins. It's a race that could help determine which party controls the Senate. *The New York Times* article comes just days after reports claimed Platner sent sexually explicit messages to women while married. Platner saying he made mistakes at the start of his marriage years ago. He's also faced questions about his tattoo resembling a Nazi symbol, which he later covered up. He insists he was unaware the tattoo was associated with Nazi imagery until it was brought to his attention last year.

PLATNER: I had that tattoo for 17 years. It's a skull and crossbones. Any statement saying that I did know is – this – again, totally false.

BATTAH: Maine's primary election is Tuesday.