

# Shia LaBeouf is seeking 'long-term inpatient treatment' after FKA Twigs abuse allegations, attorney says

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Shia LaBeouf was charged with assault again in 2020. Axelle/Bauer-Griffin/FilmMagic

Shia LaBeouf is seeking "long-term inpatient treatment" and acknowledged that he "needs help" amid a lawsuit from his former girlfriend, FKA Twigs, according to his attorney.

Earlier this month, [FKA Twigs filed a bombshell lawsuit in Los Angeles County](#) against the "Honey Boy" actor that accused him of "relentless abuse."

FKA Twigs, born Tahliah DebreTT Barnett, accused LaBeouf of sexual battery, assault, and infliction of emotional distress during the course of their relationship, which lasted just under one year.

Karolyn Pho, a stylist and former girlfriend of LaBeouf, accused him of similar behavior in the lawsuit.

In a statement to [Variety](#), LaBeouf's attorney said the 34-year-old was "actively" seeking out treatment to address his behavior.

"Shia needs help and he knows that," said Shawn Holley, a celebrity attorney who previously served on OJ Simpson's defense team.

"We are actively seeking the kind of meaningful, intensive, long-term inpatient treatment that he desperately needs," Holley added.

Bryan Freedman, an attorney for FKA Twigs, told [Variety](#) that the lawsuit was formally filed after LaBeouf was allegedly "unwilling to agree to get appropriate help."

Freedman told the outlet that FKA Twigs and Pho attempted to resolve the matters privately beforehand.

"This isn't about Shia's career," Freedman told [Variety](#). "This is about making sure the trauma and pain inflicted on my clients and others doesn't happen again. Shia is an admitted abuser and he needs to get meaningful help that addresses his violent behavior."

Holley, however, pushed back against Freedman's remarks in a statement to [Variety](#).

"When these allegations first came up a year ago, Shia immediately accepted responsibility for the many things he had done wrong and expressed his willingness to do what Twigs wanted him to do, almost all of which were perfectly reasonable," Holley said.

Holley told the outlet that LaBeouf had "paid for, scheduled, rescheduled" mediation set up by the singer's lawyer, which was ultimately canceled.

"Shia's position has never changed and I have reached out to Mr. Freedman to see how things might get back on track," he said.

## The fallout from the lawsuit was immediate for LaBeouf after the news broke on December 11.



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FKA Twigs and LaBeouf first met on the set of "Honey Boy," a 2019 film that detailed the former Disney star's childhood with his father and later his struggles with addiction.

In the lawsuit, FKA Twigs said LaBeouf knowingly gave her a sexually transmitted disease and allegedly grabbed her so hard that her skin bruised. Other allegations included LaBeouf shooting stray dogs with a gun to get into character for his 2020 film, "The Tax Collector."

"What I went through with Shia was the worst thing I've ever been through in the whole of my life," FKA Twigs told [The New York Times](#) this month.

"I don't think people would ever think that it would happen to me," she added. "But I think that's the thing. It can happen to anybody."

In a statement to the [Times](#), LaBeouf said that "many of these allegations are not true" but he owed the women "the opportunity to air their statements publicly and accept accountability for those things I have done."

"I have no excuses for my alcoholism or aggression, only rationalizations," LaBeouf said. "I have been abusive to myself and everyone around me for years. I have a history of hurting the people closest to me. I'm ashamed of that history and am sorry to those I hurt. There is nothing else I can really say."

In the wake of the lawsuit, some who have previously worked with LaBeouf, including "Honey Boy" director [Alma Har'el](#) and the singer [Sia](#), voiced support for FKA Twigs.

[Netflix removed mentions of LaBeouf from its award campaign](#) over the allegations.

[LaBeouf was fired](#) from Olivia Wilde's next film, "Don't Worry Darling," over "poor behavior," according to [Variety](#).

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