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Discrimination Suit Filed Against City of Riverside

By Marisol Martínez

The former or current African American employees of the City of Riverside have filed a discrimination and harassment lawsuit against the City of Riverside. The new lawsuit alleges various forms of discrimination and failure to promote African American employees. This brings the total of 14 African American employees of the City of Riverside who have filed discrimination charges against the City of Riverside.

In an earlier lawsuit filed by Rioml Dunbar, a former employee, and Alfred Thompson, a current employee, the following was alleged against the City:

1. Using lay-off procedures to force African American employees off the work force.
2. Transferring African American employees to jobs with less pay and responsibility.
3. Systematically denying and barring promotion opportunities.
4. Retaliating against African American employees through demotion, termination, transfer, and demotion, among other civil rights.
5. Creating and condoning a work environment hostile to African Americans.

Even though the Court has denied Class Certification in the Douglas/Dunbar lawsuit; the African American employees continue their fight against the City of Riverside for discrimination in their employment practices and an all-Black work environment.

NOTE: Recently, Black Voice News was approached by another high ranking Black official in the City of Riverside who requested that we not question the City Manager, John Holmes, about the apparent mistreatment of the City Manager, the state goals of the Mayor, the City Council and the police of Riverside.

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We Must Not Give Up

THREE VOLUME REPORT

The Black Voice News had the opportunity to review the first two volumes of the national study regarding the Tyisha Miller homicide. The information contained in this study is a must-read that demands a copious volume of information on Miller, the counselors report and interviews with the officers. From this report, one would get the impression that Miller was a criminal rather than a victim when gunned down by the same officer sent to help her. Upon reviewing the report, it is apparent that the DA’s investigation waslop-sided given that his office did not see the county Grand Jury to interview the police officers involved in the shooting, which this case could have done. District Attorney Oliver Dowdick did subpoena other witnesses who were irrelevant to the shooting utilizing the county Grand Jury. The question to Grover Trask is, why would you not call the police to the Grand Jury?

TYISHA’S CLOTHING

It was reported that Miller was in gang clothing, nothing could be farther from the truth. Her clothing was the typical clothing most youth wear on our streets today. She had on a “halter top” and baggie pants that were black in color, boots and a Pendleton shirt. Her dress gave no resemblance to the gang members except for shots fired; someone then every Black kid is in danger of being shot on site. However, this had nothing to do with the shooting and is irrelevant to the victim because all of the information about her was gathered after the fact.

GUN DID NOT FIRE

It was reported that Miller fired at the police first. Nothing could be farther from the truth and they know it! She fired the gun she had in the car in a matter of fact the gun would not and did not work according to the police and district attorney’s report. The officers didn’t know that when they left the scene for 20-30 minutes to get their stories straight. There are very few reports of the investigation of the Miller shooting by the police department and the review by the District Attorney’s Office. This can be explained by the police Law that allows the police to collect information irrelevant on the victim, make the victim a criminal and nothing on the shooter, who committed the crime. Then they make the information public; is a crime. I can understand the need to protect the employment rights of the police but not to allow them to be interviewed by a third party for inaccurate details other that “I feared for my life” is ridiculous. Most know that this is nothing more than a legal way of allowing us who are afraid of Blacks to shoot on sight.

We must not let this incident go unnoticed. The law on police shootings must be changed. We must not stop demonstrating until the officers are terminated. We must not give up until every police force looks like and current state of all prayed, that justice will prevail in the brutal slaying of our beloved daughter since the day it happened, and we will not give up the fight. On May 6th, the men who killed our daughter since the early 1900s built a beauty of Miller fired at the police first. Nothing court, and prisons) and all the other places young people gather. The authorities were called via 9-11. Atty. Trask stated to protect themselves. Ca Iifornia crime. We are shocked and judge, and editor of the Edgefield Advertiser Newspapers. Control of the common good while the economic strength promises to be the Ken Chenaults and the wealthy and politically elite. But if they come in behind them. Of course, (Chenault’s) great wealth and success, it is also Black. “Of course, (Chenault’s) great wealth and success, it is also Black. Wealthy and powerful, the Miller family speaks out.

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Millionaire Millers family speaks out

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The fifteenth annual event, co-sponsored by The Press-Enterprise, the Riverside County Chamber of Commerce, honors extraordinary women who have exemplified the ideals of the YWCA mission through their active involvement in our community projects that support and empower women, and who have made noteworthy contributions to the civic, economic and cultural life of Riverside County.

Threat at Redlands School

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and the other left the area for Northern California with a single parent father in their mobile home. 'Kids must understand they can't go around making these kinds of threats in the climate in which we live,' said Kempie.

Nairn was upset with the way the note was handed out at the school. her grandson had to ask, for one. And the fact the note appeared to be a hoax because it was not on school letterhead nor was it signed. Kempel said hate caused her to make the errors. "I had a visiting school student that I had to deal with out on the football field. I felt the emanate danger was over because the threatening students were no longer on campus and they were in the hands of the legal system," she told Black Voice News. According to Nairn the students whose parents answered Nairn's proposal to Kempel to meet to hear what happened. Nairn said most of the parents were not informed and accused the principal of again doing things in haste. The 6 parents attending the meeting said they were scared. Some said they will take their students out of Clemont School especially after last Friday. It was reported in the Tuesday meeting one of the students returned to the office and said he was still going to return and get the Black.

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Feeling Like A Leper?

Dear Dr. Leveston: I have been a pack a day smoker for 20 years. My ultimate humiliation and final resolve to quit came recently while making plane connections in Chicago. I found myself jammed in a designated "smoking area" a smoky, glass enclosed room filled with back-couching, addicted victims of this horrible habit. I felt like a modern day leper. I have tried to quit but failed. What stop-smoking ads would you recommend? P.M.

Dear P.M.: Like any addiction, kicking the nicotine habit depends largely upon your will power. Your resolve may be traced by humiliation, health, education, family or peer pressure and a whole host of other factors. However, you will not quit until you are ready.

We all know why we shouldn't smoke. Some 45,000 deaths from smoking-related illnesses each year according to the American Lung Association. Smoking is a hard to kick addiction. Nicotine smokers say they would like to quit most fail on the first try. Research suggests that though Blacks smoke fewer cigarettes per day than Whites, they inhale much more nicotine per cigarette and are less likely to succeed at quitting. But following the over-the-counter and prescription products, especially when combined with counseling or a support group, can help you kick the habit for good. Check with your insurance provider for coverage.

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Tyisha Miller's Family Speaks Out

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in a court of law, if they are charged. We cannot allow the police to continue investigating themselves. This is in no way acceptable to us. We will not sit down and let them sweep this under their bureaucratic rugs. The blood of our daughter is on the hands of those officers, and we will not stop crying out until justice is served.

We, the people of these United States are bound to, and live by the Constitution. Police officers, on us off duty, are not exempt from this. Tyisha was young, vibrant, innocent, and loved by many. She was petite, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weighed only 120 pounds. She had a smile that could light up a whole room, and she wore that smile every waking day of her life. She did not deserve the brutal and inhumane shock that she endured. The 12 bullets that hit her, entered from the back, and exited her body from the front. They literally blew her away, as she lay unconscious, in a locked car.

As the family of Tyisha, we cannot allow her death be in vain. On behalf of Tyisha, our family demands that her dignity be restored, and all persons responsible for her brutal and entirely deceitful and cover-up be dealt with accordingly. The eyes of the nation are on Riverside in the wake of this tragic incident, and we have waited long enough for some positive action to occur. Our cries for justice can go unheard any longer. We need some closure and we need it now. The Miller/Butler Family

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F.A.C.S.F.A.C.P.

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Riverside's Public Utilities Operations Center was selected as the winner of the 1999 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE) Technology Award in the Commercial Building Design category. Mathaud Engineering

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the design firm for the project, submitted the winning entry at the May 4 City of Riverside Council meeting. Brooks Mathews, presented the award to Mayor Roy Lorvirstead, Riverside Public Utilities Director Bill Canavan and Assistant Director Mike Baldwin. Baldwin was also the project manager for the design and construction of the Utilities Operations Center. The ASHRAE Technology Awards program recognizes successful applications of innovative design, which incorporates ASHRAE standards for effective energy management, indoor air quality and mechanical design technology management.

"We were very excited about this award. This building incorporates state-of-the-art energy and water features that go beyond the minimum building code requirements. The center's central heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit serves as a showcase for our customers, enabling them to see it in operation through sensor portals and the use of separate meters," said Mike Baldwin.

The 28,600 square foot, two-story building includes the central operations control center and computer room (which operates 24 hours per day), administrative and engineering offices and clinical and conference rooms (which operates 10 hours per day). Future plans call for the possibility of an additional 5,000 square feet of office space. For more information contact Mike Baldwin. (909) 782-5504.

"Knowing where my next meal is coming from means knowing someone cares."

Like many seniors across the country who are not able to provide for themselves, Lelon Hill knows that waiting can be the hardest part.

"I was out of work so I couldn't help but to watch the city employees standing on the balcony around me, some were laughing and jeering at the protesters. This has been reported to Black Voice before but this time was more evident. Dell Roberts, community activist, was concerned enough to make the comment, 'If they are standing out there on the balcony, they are on my time.' Other retired employees from the LA newspaper wasSpacer in the lack of respect and the action of city employees. "We can understand why Riverside city officials feel we should bow down to the Black Voice because downtown will be closed. Anyone wishing information on what will replace the downtown rally call Rev. Manford, New Joy Missionary Baptist, (909) 779-0884. Protest organizers are not giving the strategy of their next move but they do plan to take it to another level. Dr. King used several strategies and we plan to take it to another level," said Butler.

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cause... we are committed to do
across the continent," continues
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the inhumane and brutal acts
ministries to the forefront
during the previous semester. What
struck me was that none of the
were different essay
and sustainable.
we celebrated their achievements
and the excellence of their work.
Nearly forty years ago, Martin
Luther King described a world in
of their character. While we are not
yet there, those young people standing
on stage tell us it is possible.
As Mayor, I pledge to work
with you defining and
celebrate the culture of the
and its vision
of all of us into the 21st
Century.
Our commitment and work gives
witness extraordinary, a defining
statement of what community
building is all about.
In closing, it is time to make
Riverside a better and safer place
for all its citizens. It is time for this
city to aspire to the highest and best
ideals of Martin Luther King for
equality and justice for all its
residents.
It is time to work together
so that we can and will
continue to be a good and
diverse community.
These are my commitments and
dreams for Riverside.
May 21, 1999. Thank you.

Riverside Mayor Loveridge MLK Speech

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Three Strikes & You're Out Airs on PBS

By June of 1998, 20% of all inmates in California prisons were sentenced under Three Strikes. Of that group, 71% are African Americans or Latino and 41% have been sentenced for non-violent crimes.

By the numbers: 7,000 sentences per year. 20% of California prisons. 71% African American or Latino.

California Department of Corrections, Los Angeles Times, 7/16/93

San Bernardino, July 1993: Concerned neighbors crammed rooms, corridors and hallways of the San Bernardino Police Department with their children, their birthright. "I can't imagine what it's like to risk your life," a worried mother told the officers. "Our children don't deserve this." "Three Strikes and You're Out," the public awareness campaign that led to tough approaches to prison sentencing began in San Bernardino. Mike Reynolds, an activist, started the campaign after his daughter was abducted at gunpoint from her suburban California home in 1989. "I've had enough of the life and death violence on the streets," Reynolds declared. "I'm not going to let it happen to my children."

KACE Kicks Off In Our Community

The broadcast service from the University of Redlands in Redlands, CA 92373... (909) 792-0721

Los Angeles, April 27, 1993: "Three Strikes and You're Out" is not a new movie or a new television series. It's a movement, a political campaign that is growing in strength every day. Mike Reynolds, whose 17-year-old daughter, Kimber, was abducted at gunpoint from a suburban California home in 1989, was one of the first to speak out against the "Three Strikes" law when it was passed in 1994. Designed to keep repeat offenders off the streets, "Three Strikes" succeeded in putting "tough on crime" policies in front of the media and our increasing interest in the problems of crime in our society.

KACE-FM radio station (101.9 FM) "kicked off" their most talked about public affairs show, "In Our Community" this past April at 10 p.m. in a mix of supportive, anxious and outright angry listeners. Some of the topics discussed in this arena that would become his life. Mike Reynolds, whose 17-year-old daughter, Kimber, had also been murdered by a paroled felon, transformed his own loss into a crusade for justice as the citizen proponent of the "Three Strikes" law. A tough-on-crime initiative which called for harsh sentences for repeat felons. Initially rebuffed by legislators, he launched a signature drive to qualify "Three Strikes" as a voter initiative, but with equally frustrating results. Then, when...
WOA Honors Women Who Make A Difference

Cheryl Brown and Woman of Achievement Committee member, Charlotte Ellison award Mary Figueroa for promoting racial harmony.

Women who make a difference in their community by promoting racial harmony were saluted by the Black Voice Foundation Inc. last Friday at the annual Woman of Achievement Awards held at the UCR Extension Center. Honored in front of a crowd of over 200 people were: Rev. Cynthia Cain, Mary Figueroa and Sue Strickland. This year's National Awardee was presented to Dr. Ernest Wilson. Because of unforeseeable circumstances Wilson was unable to attend, she was represented by Jurnee Smollett, 12, famous for her work on the Cosby Show, Eve's Bayou, In Our House and other performances.

As the music played and the women were introduced one by one the crowd clapped and showed approval of the honorees.

This year the Dr. Rosemary Schrarr Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Ernest and Chris Levister. In the Schrarr tradition they help sponsor college students to get through college. They are both totally unselfish in what they do and not many people know that they buy their clothes, pay for airline tickets, see that the student gets the necessary tutoring before taking exams and anything pertaining to education. If the student will do the work then they will do what is necessary for their success.

Cain was saluted because she has promoted racial harmony through rebuilding BlacK burned out churches in the South, her encouragement of the Dickens vs Slavery debats in her church. Her work with Hope and Help a non profit organization that works with Black children on the Eastside. Her uniting efforts in finding justice in the Tysh Miller case.

Mary Figueroa was awarded because of her rational voice. When the United Way wanted to find a way to promote racial harmony they called Mary. She worked on serious issues of minority police officers and fought for power for the LEPAC. She will be in the forefront of the growing problem facing Blacks and Hispanics. Everything she does speaks to her promoting racial harmony without losing her ties to the community.

Sue Strickland is the same. She is a third generation Riverside. She was among the first to integrate Riverside City Schools. She has a special way of promoting love and friendship to all people. She draws people to herself. When she realized there were no Blacks involved the City Museum instead of getting mad she got involved. Through that involvement she was able to get multicultural programs going. Now every culture is recognized and appreciated for their contributions. She is also still involved in her own community. She doesn't let her volunteer work disenfranchise her from her community.

Nancy Wilson, was recognized for the love she shows her fellowman. She has enough awards and commendations to fill the walls in two houses. But she was awarded for the things she has had to endure and the things she does to help her fellowwoman. We shared the Nancy whose husband had to fight the racism to get her a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Nancy who has helped countless people of all races, the San Gorgonio Girl Scouts, and even a young Arsenio Hall. Arsenio use to open for Nancy and soon the management decided they didn't want to pay him anymore. Nancy saw something in the young comic that no one else saw, so they told her if you like him so well then you pay him. She did and she never looked back. The only problem was he didn't know she paid his salary until just a couple of years ago. He cried as he asked her for forgiveness at the Urban League tribute to her. You meet the same people on your way up as you do on the way down. Nancy was represented by Jurnee who wowed the crowd with her acceptance speech. She was also represented by husband Wiley and daughter and son-in-law Samantha and Niem.

Awards were also presented to scholarship winners by Kwakill L. Dober. Awarded were: Kendall Clark, Zadkiel Elder, Roxanne Elliott, Wade Ford, Tamika Hinton, Nadiyah Jones, Adena Scruggs, Alyana Scruggs, and Anetha Scruggs.

Rev. Cynthia Cain during her acceptance speech

Marcia McQuern, Publisher, Press-Enterprise is given a certificate for her sponsorship of WOA.

The crowd enjoying the luncheon.
Cheryl and Hardy Brown congratulate the events Gold Sponsor, Parkview Hospital. Accepting for Parkview is Norm Martin, CEO.

Dr. Jim Erickson welcomes and congratulates honoree Mary Figueroa. She is escorted by Tim Burgess.

San Bernardino Mayor, Judith Velazquez, last year's winner of achievement, welcomes and congratulates this year's recipients.


Actor Bill Cobbs give words of welcome and congratulations.

Honoree Sue Strickland struts through the audience upon her introduction with her guest and husband of 42 years, Reggie Strickland.

1999 Scholarship recipients: Kendall Elaine Van Cleave, Nadiya Jalen James, Zachete Dr. Elser, Rosanne Marie Elliott.

Dr. Jim and Jan Erickson are retiring this year. They have been great supporters of the WOA program. Dr. Erickson is given a certificate for University of California Riverside sponsorship of WOA.

Rev. Wiley Burton was joined by his daughter Samantha, son-in-law Nlem (not pictured) in the awards ceremony.
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June 4, the United States Department of Commerce will designate the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians property as a Native American tribe to hear an office of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service on their property. A ribbon cutting ceremony will mark this historic occasion. For more information or directions contact (909) 625-6974.

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June 25-27, Taste of Orange County, Southern California’s Premier Food and Music Festival celebrates its eleventh year anniversary when it returns for the fourth consecutive year to the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro. Admission is $8.00 for adult and children 12 and under admitted free. For general information contact (714) 753-1551.

June 26, Hearthrob David Cassidy will take the Caesars Tahoe stage, for one show only. Showtime for Cassidy’s Caesars Tahoe performance is 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 and $30. For more information, call Caesars Tahoe at (901) 667-3353 or visit any Ticketmaster outlet.

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