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Inhumane Prison Conditions in U.S. Perpetuate Slavery, Says UN Panel



According to a new report by the United Nations, prison conditions in the United States represent the “worst version of a racist criminal legal system” that perpetuates slavery to the present day. (hrw.org)

On Oct 3, 2023, a panel appointed by the United Nations (UN) issued a staggering report documenting what it described as “shocking” violations of basic human rights that highlight—not surprisingly—what it defined as “devastating” racial disparities. The report declared its findings places the criminal justice system in America in a “singular category” on the world stage.

Published September 26, 2023, the report states in part that prison conditions in this country represent the “worst version of a racist criminal legal system” that perpetuates slavery to the present day.

It specifically cites certain inhumane practices in U.S. prisons that include actions as wide ranging as shackling women during childbirth to the use of unpaid forced labor. The panel called these policies “affront to human dignity.”


The investigation was based on visits made by members of the UN panel to prison facilities in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Minneapolis, New York

and Washington, D. C. The visits were made between April and May, 2023. The group also held meetings with civil society groups and a range of government and police authorities. In addition, the results also include testimonies of 133 individuals affected by the inhumane practices.

Sadly, most of the information revealed in the report is not new, including data showing Black people in America are three times more likely to be killed by police than whites, and 4.5 times more likely to be incarcerated.

The report further called America out for the 1,000 cases of officer involved killings each year that result in only 1% of the involved officers ever being charged for the deaths. The panel declared, “If use of force regulations in the US are not reformed in accordance with international standards, many of these killings will continue.” Panel member Tracie Keese stated, “In all the cities we went to, we heard dozens of heart-breaking testimonies on how victims do not

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IN THE NEWS

Mothers of Color Can't See if Providers Have a History of Mistreatment. Why Not?



While pregnant with her son, Selam Solomon Caldwell of Los Angeles combed review sites for an OB-GYN but couldn't find how nearby physicians and hospitals might treat a Black woman like her. (Lauren Justice for KFF Health News)

Sarah Kwon | KHN

When Selam Solomon Caldwell and her husband learned she was pregnant last year, the stakes for finding the right OB-GYN felt high. Caldwell, a Black woman, had heard stories from family and friends of maternity care providers who ignored their requests or pressured them into cesarean sections without clear medical justification.

As a relative newcomer to Los Angeles, the recruiter, now 31, knew few Black people who could recommend doctors who had treated them with respect. She combed review sites, including Google reviews and Healthgrades, but couldn't find how nearby physicians and hospitals might treat a Black woman like her.

"It's hard to tell if it's a fellow Black person who's giving the review," Caldwell said.

Consumer ratings sites rarely identify patient experiences by race or ethnicity and hospitals are under no obligation to reveal the racial and ethnic breakdowns of their patient satisfaction scores. Yet that information could be instrumental in holding maternity care providers and hospitals accountable for treating patients inequitably and could empower expectant mothers like Caldwell in finding quality obstetric care.

"You can't change what you don't see," said Kimberly Seals Allers, founder of Irth, an app allowing Black and brown women to find and leave reviews of maternity care providers. She's one of a few entrepreneurs developing new tools for collecting feedback from mothers of color.

A steady drip of new research over the past several years has spotlighted racial

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Shakeara Mingo | Staff

From 1869 through the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of Native American children were removed from their homes and placed in boarding schools.

The Indian Act Fund of 1819 and the Peace Policy of 1869 in coercion with several denominations of the Christian church endorsed an Indian boarding school policy that imposed a cultural genocide on future generations of Native Americans.

This policy removed hundreds of thousands of American Indian and Alaskan Native children from their homes and placed them in boarding schools operated by the federal government and several churches.

Children as young as four years of age were taken far away from their homes and placed in these schools. They were often beaten for speaking their native language and/or for acting in a way that might be seen to represent their traditional or cultural practices.

Many of these children suffered physical, sexual, cultural, and spiritual abuse and neglect, and experienced treatment that in many cases, constituted torture for speaking their Native languages. A large number of children never returned home and their fates have yet to be accounted for by the U.S. government.

The federal boarding school system consisted of 408 federal schools across the U.S. with four of them being located in California.

Fort Bidwell School

Fort Bidwell Indian School was established



Fort Bidwell Indian School in Modoc County, California, was established in 1898. (source: calisphere.org)

The Shameful History of Indian Boarding Schools in California



America's Indian boarding school policy imposed a cultural genocide on future generations of Native Americans. (source: en.wikipedia.org)

in 1898. The school was known for being intentionally strict. The school code of Fort Bidwell boarding school was intentionally strict. Native children were subjugated to absurd rules such as marching perfectly or keeping their hands in the correct positions. These rules were part of a federal attempt to assimilate Native Americans into Western culture.

The school closed on March 1, 1931. During its time of operation, it served the Pit River and Paiute Indians of Modoc County. Fort Bidwell School also served as an agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Greenville School

The Greenville Indian Industrial School was opened in 1898, near the town of Greenville in Plumas County, California.

The school enrolled Indian students aged 5 to 16 years during the school year which lasted from September 1st to July 1st.



The Greenville Indian Industrial School was opened in Plumas County, California in 1898. (Source: calisphere.org)

Students spent half their time learning industrial occupations and the other half in the classroom. The school closed in 1922 due to a fire.

The school enrolled Indian students aged 5 to 16 years during the school year which lasted from September 1st to July 1st.

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Phyllis Kimber Wilcox | Staff

Ethnic Media Services (EMS) in association with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) hosted a series of media briefings to inform the public on how to protect themselves from online and telephone scams.

The latest in the series, facilitated by Sandy Close, Executive Director of EMS, and Rosario Mendez, an attorney with the FTC, explored recent trends in telecommunications scams.

The FTC is the governmental agency tasked with, according to Close, “protecting American consumers from deceptive and unfair business practices.”

The speakers included Lois Greisman, Associate Director of the FTC’s Division of Marketing Practices and Sophia Siddiqui, FTC attorney from the Division of Marketing Practices.

Telephone Scams

According to Greisman, behind scams perpetrated via social media, “The next biggest area [for scams] is the telephone. Phones continue to ring off the hook . . . unwanted calls . . . fraudulent calls, we have a lot of law enforcement working on that,” she explained while further acknowledging, “There’s always more to do”.

“Interestingly, what you see is that the median loss per person on the telephone is incredibly high. It shows how effective the telephone is at getting a person to part with their money to a scammer,” she concluded.

The panel experts also shared how scammers use telecommunications technology to cast as wide a net as possible in order to facilitate call volume. In this net scammers catch as many unsuspecting uniformed people as they can before disappearing with their money.

“I thought it would be useful to just to show visually where the greatest dollars are lost to scammers. It is interesting to see that scammers like certain types of payment because they can take the money easily and run and leave very little trail. And for the consumers, it is [all] but virtually impossible to get their money back,” Greisman stressed.

Payment Methods Telltale Sign

Protect Yourself from Telephone Scams: Tips from FTC Experts



Following scams perpetrated using social media, the next biggest area of concern for consumer scams involves the use of the telephone. (Chris Allen, VOICE)

Panelists went on to describe how the different types of payments fit into the types of scams being perpetrated, noting how scammers ask you to pay, may give you insight into what kind of scam is being attempted. According to Close, “payment methods are telltale signs of a scam.” This includes payments from familiar apps such as Cash app, Venmo, Zell, as well as gift cards and crypto currency.

Telecommunications companies, law enforcement and the federal government are

very aware of how scammers use technology, however with the cost of calls being incredibly cheap, the telephone scam pays, making it very popular and difficult to stop.

According to Greisman, “There is a lot of call blocking that goes on, by the Verizons, the Sprints, at the network level, and also there are devices you can put on your phone that will block certain calls or that will screen them. I know from our work millions of [these calls] are

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discrimination by maternity care providers and the role it may play in one of the country's most vexing health disparities: Black women experience the worst birthing outcomes, a gap not explained by income or education, according to a KFF analysis. In 2021, they were nearly three times as likely to die of pregnancy-related causes as white women.

Mothers of color, especially Black women, report that they do in fact experience discrimination. They are more likely than white women to say that their care providers ignored them, scolded them, or pressured them into treatments they didn't want. The extent to which discrimination is reported varies widely by survey, but one recently published report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found roughly 30% of Black, Hispanic, and multiracial women reported mistreatment during maternity care, compared with 20% of women overall.

It's unclear how many hospitals track survey responses by race, and, even if they do, they rarely reveal that information. And the federal government requires generic reporting on how patients say they were treated, making it difficult to pin down and address incidents of bias in maternity care.

Funding and Regulations Lag

Currently, the results of the industry's standard patient experience survey, known as the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, are made publicly available by the federal government to help patients compare hospitals. They incentivize hospitals to improve care and are included in the rankings of many hospital ratings sites, such as U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals. But it doesn't ask about maternity care or discrimination and has low response rates, particularly among people of color.

These flaws can also make the survey inadequate for improving birth equity. "We know it's insufficient," said Amanda P. Williams, an OB-GYN and clinical innovation adviser to the nonprofit California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative. Hospitals, she said, could fill in

the gaps by collecting feedback from maternity care surveys and breaking the results out by race and other demographic information; they could also talk to patients through forums such as town halls or focus groups.

Joy Lewis, senior vice president for health equity strategies at the American Hospital Association, said many hospitals do this work, both generally and in obstetrics.

However, Williams believes it isn't happening

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If your overall C-section rate is fine, you might think everything's hunky-dory... But if you see that your Black people are having 50% higher C-section rates than your white and Asian patients, there's very important work to be done.

- Joy Lewis

Senior Vice President for Health Equity Strategies,
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enough in maternity care.

She said there are some pockets where people are doing these activities but that they are not yet widespread. At a national conference of 200 hospital executives this year, Williams said, only a few raised their hands when asked if they break out their maternity outcomes data. "If your overall C-section rate is fine, you might think everything's hunky-dory," she said. "But if you see that your Black people are having 50% higher C-section rates than your white and Asian patients, there's very important work to be done."

Then there are barriers to participation.

Studies have found many in the Black community distrust the health care system.

Fearing retaliation and being seen as an "angry Black woman," Ta-She-Ra Manning, a maternal health program coordinator in Fresno, California, said she didn't provide any critical feedback when her OB-GYN dismissed her concerns about unusual symptoms during her 2021 pregnancy.

Meanwhile, new funding to measure disparities has been slow in coming. President Biden's 2023 budget proposed \$7.4 million to develop a supplemental survey aimed at reducing maternal health disparities, among other steps. But Congress did not fund the item. Instead, an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services is developing it with its own funding and estimates the work will take less than five years, according to a statement from Caren Ginsberg, who directs the agency's surveys.

Still, the public likely won't see changes anytime soon. After a survey's measures are created, it can take several years for the results to be publicly reported or tied to payment, said Carol Sakala, senior director for maternal health at the National Partnership for Women & Families, an advocacy organization.

"This molasses level of movement contrasts acutely with all the things hitting the news about people not getting the right care and attention and respect," Sakala said.

Amid growing interest in health equity, traditional ratings sites are grappling with how much to share with the public. For its birthing hospital ratings, U.S. News & World Report recently started assessing whether hospitals tracked racial disparities in maternity outcomes measures, but it withholds actual results. Healthgrades is taking time to think through how to collect and display sensitive information publicly, said spokesperson Sarah Javors in a statement.

Black Innovators Fight for Better Data

Some Black women are trying to fill the void by creating new feedback mechanisms that could be more trusted by the community. Allers

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Nikole Hannah-Jones Keynotes the State of Black IE Symposium, Assemblymember Jackson Announces \$1 Million to Black Equity Fund

by Aryana Noroozi

During the inaugural gathering of the State of Black IE Symposium, Assemblymember Corey Jackson was at the forefront of the day's discussions about social justice, the economy, reparations, Black entrepreneurship, and Black health— including infant mortality. The symposium served as a point of connection for, and discussion of, the most critical and prominent issues faced by the Inland Empire Black community.

"I realized there is no central event that brings Black folks together to talk about what the data says about the state of our people. I want to make sure that every year people have the most up to date information possible," said Assemblymember Jackson.

The event was held Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Moreno Valley Conference Center and concluded with a discussion between Assemblymember Jackson and Pulitzer Prize winner Nikole Hannah-Jones, author of the 1619 Project. Much of their discussion focused on understanding and unpacking the historical and social structures and implications of systemic racism in the U.S.

Jones touched on the division created through political parties and policy which she said disadvantages millions of people of all races. "Whiteness is just something that they made up to order our political and economic and social relations. That's about power, that's not about your ethnicity, and white folks have to give that up," Jones declared.

Jones also spoke of the Bacon Rebellion held by Virginia settlers from 1676 to 1677, where "exploited unfree laborers, [white] indentured servants, joined with enslaved Black people to challenge the white elite." She said this alarmed the white elite.

"So they create special privileges for whiteness, where no matter how poor you might be, you'll never be as low even as the highest Black person," Jones said. "So we have to be



Assemblymember Corey Jackson presents a check for \$1 million to the Black Equity Initiative of the Inland Empire, which has the IE Black Equity Fund at the Inland Empire Community Foundation. Grants from the Fund will continue supporting Black-led and serving organizations throughout the region. IECF staff and board members Nefertiti Long, Paulette Brown-Hinds, and Charee Gillins, join BEI leader Dina Walker. (Photo by Carl Dameron)

able to convince our brothers and sisters, that we actually are brothers and sisters, that we all are united in the same struggle."

Jones ended the conversation with a focus on unity-driven solutions.

Preceding Jones and Assemblymember Jackson's conversation was an Elected Officials panel discussion between State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond,

Assemblymember Jackson, Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson, Joseph Williams of the San Bernardino Community College District, San Bernardino Council Member Kimberly Calvin and Nalaisha Burnett of the San Jacinto School Board.

Black Voice News captured the event through photographs. Check them out on the next page!

FEATURE STORY





State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson, Joseph Williams of the San Bernardino Community College District, San Bernardino Council Member Kimberly Calvin, Nalaisha Burnett of the San Jacinto School Board and Assemblymember Corey Jackson clap as the Elected Officials panel moderated by Regina Wilson at the State of the Black IE Symposium concluded. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)



Attendees of the Black IE Symposium clap after Hannah-Jones' keynote conversation concludes. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)



Pulitzer Prize winner Nikole Hannah-Jones, author of the 1619 Project, engages in conversation with Assemblymember Jackson during her keynote presentation. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)



Assemblymember Corey Jackson poses for a portrait after the Black IE Symposium concludes at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on October 2, 2023. Assemblymember Jackson was a driving force behind the symposium, maintaining, "There is no central event that brings Black folks together to talk about what the data says about the state of our people. I want to make sure that every year people have the most up to date information possible," he said. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)

Far top left: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson, Joseph Williams of the San Bernardino Community College District, San Bernardino Council Member Kimberly Calvin, Nalaisha Burnett of the San Jacinto School Board and Assemblymember Corey Jackson engage in the Elected Officials panel during the State of the Black IE Symposium at the Moreno Valley Conference Center on October 2, 2023; Top middle: Pulitzer Prize winner Nikole Hannah-Jones, author of the 1619 Project, speaks during her keynote presentation during the State of the Black IE Symposium. The conversation was moderated by Assemblymember Jackson and focussed on unpacking the historical and social structures and implications of systemic racism in the U.S. "We have to be able to convince our brothers and sisters, that we actually are brothers and sisters, that we all are united in the same struggle," Hannah-Jones said; Far bottom left: San Bernardino Council Member Kimberly Calvin listens to fellow speakers on the Elected Officials panel; Bottom middle: Attendees of the Black IE Symposium engage in conversation in between programming. (All photos by Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)

Gov. Newsom Signs Sen. Steve Bradford's Ebony Alert Bill Into Law



Antonio Ray Harvey California Black Media

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the “Ebony Alert” bill to help locate missing Black youth and Black women in the state of California, according to an Oct. 8 written statement from his office.

Senate Bill (SB) 673, authored by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Inglewood), provides a notification system to address the often ignored or lack of attention given to Black children and young Black women that are missing in California.

“I am signing Senate Bill 673,” Newsom said in an Oct. 8 statement. “I thank the Legislature for highlighting this important issue, addressing well-documented disproportionality in the number of children of color who go missing every year.”

SB 673 authorizes a law enforcement agency to request that an Ebony Alert be activated if that agency determines that it would be an effective tool in the investigation of a missing Black youth or young Black women between the ages of 12 and 25 years.

The U.S. population is 14% Black. Black children are disproportionately classified as “runaways” in comparison to their White counterparts who are classified as “missing” and, therefore, many Black children do not receive the Amber Alert.

“It's very important to have the Ebony Alert because far too often when Black Women and children go missing there is little to no publicity which hinders the effort to find them,” said Kellie

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I applaud Senator Bradford for bringing this forward and the Governor for signing the Ebony Act into law. Now we have to be diligent to ensure it is implemented effectively into practice.

*- Kellie Todd Griffin
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Todd Griffin, CA Black Women's Collective Empowerment Institute.

“I applaud Senator Bradford for bringing this forward and the Governor for signing the Ebony Act into law. Now we have to be diligent to ensure it is implemented effectively into practice.”

According to the Black and Missing Foundation Inc. (BAMFI), 38% of children reported missing in the U.S. are Black. BAMFI is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring awareness to missing persons of color. It provides resources and tools to missing person's families and friends and educates the minority

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Power of the Press Black Voice News @ 50 Exhibit

Open through March 3, 2024

Commemorating 50 years of service as a source for community news and information in the Inland Empire, **Power of the Press: Black Voice News @ 50**, documents the transformation of the **Black Voice News** from a printed community weekly newspaper to a digital solutions focused, data reporting news organization.

The exhibit highlights not only the organization's work as local government watchdogs but as recorders of Black life in the Inland Empire, including profiles of leaders making a difference in communities across the region, coverage of community events, mapping community assets, and reporting on the fight for social justice and racial equity.



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Systemic racism against people of African descent pervades America's police forces and criminal justice system, and US authorities must urgently step up efforts to reform them.

- UN International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in the Context of Law Enforcement



get justice or redress. This is not new, and it's unacceptable."This is a systemic issue that calls for a systemic response."

The report cited the need for alternatives to armed police officers being the "default first responders" to every social issue in the US, ranging from mental health crises to homelessness, as well as being responsible for things like controlling traffic or discipline at schools.

It further called for police agencies to address issues of systemic racism against Black law enforcement officers and issues of white supremacy that permeate many sheriff/police departments.

The panel also cited "profound concern" over Black children being sentenced to life in prison, and as noted above, pregnant women in prison being chained during childbirth and "plantation-style" prisons which constitutes a contemporary form slavery, as well as the travesty of people being held in solitary confinement for up to 10 years.

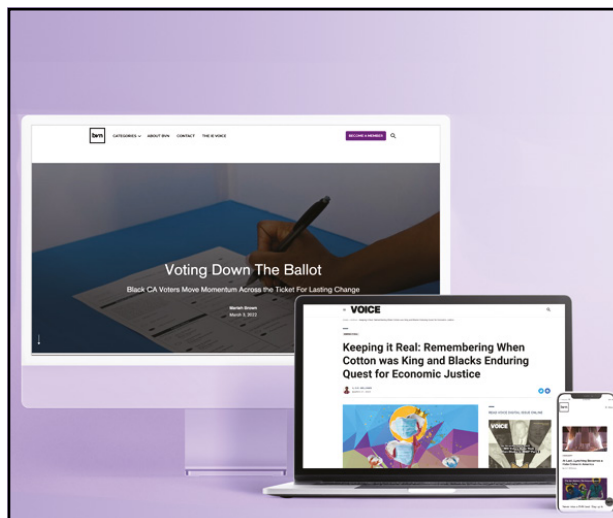
This shameful findings of this report are as old as conditions endured by Blacks in this country since the birth of this nation, while

the reports calls for remedial action have been repeated ad nauseam for nearly as long. And yet, it seems change only occurs around the edges and/or at times of major upheaval or uprisings that stir the nation's consciousness.

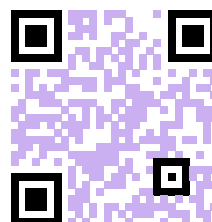
Certainly, this is not the first time the United Nations has called out the United States of America for its treatment of Blacks in the nation's prisons and sadly, it probably will not be the last. However, it is always somewhat encouraging to know that Black Americans and other people of color abused by this nation's criminal justice process and penal system are not fighting this epic battle for a fair criminal justice process, alone.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor



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BlackVoiceNews.com



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Students spent half their time learning industrial occupations and the other half in the classroom. The school closed in 1922 due to a fire.

Saint Boniface Indian School

Saint Boniface Indian Industrial School was a Catholic Indian Mission boarding school. It



Saint Boniface Indian Industrial School was a Catholic Indian Mission boarding school was opened in Banning CA in 1890. Although this image only shows boys, the school was co-ed. (dorothyramonlearningcenter.substack.com)

was founded by Bishop Frances Mora.

Mora wanted to create a school that would continue promoting the Catholic faith through education.

The school opened September 1, 1890, to approximately 125 local southern California Indian boys and girls aged 5 to 13 years.

Due to its association with the Catholic Church, Saint Boniface's daily operations placed a strong emphasis on the Catholic faith, while also stressing the separation of male and female students and manual labor.

The emphasis on religious education and manual labor created an environment where children did not receive a substantial education while attending school.

In 1952 it was renamed New Hope USA and its focus shifted from serving Native American children to serving underprivileged children and wards of the court.

Sherman High School

Sherman Indian High School originally opened in 1892 as the Perris Indian School in Perris, California.

In 1903, the school was relocated to

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be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Michel Beaussart, Owner
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)

Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 09/12/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner.
A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. SST3181S524
p. 9/21/23, 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23
p. 9/21/23, 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
KANAFACHANAF
2085 Valor Drive
Corona, CA 92882
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Nighlah Kisswani
2085 Valor Drive
Corona, CA 92882

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Nighlah Kisswani
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 08/24/2023

I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the

statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202312677
p. 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
HALO SPA
69844 Hwy 111, Ste D
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Spa 406 LLC
69844 Hwy 111, Ste D
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/2022
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. John Kroll, Manager
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 09/22/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202314022
p. 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
AUTO DIRECT WHOLESALERS
7252 Wood Rd
Riverside, CA 92506
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Dorian Kinoo Crutcher
7252 Wood Rd
Riverside, CA 92506

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Dorian Kinoo Crutcher
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 09/14/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in

the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code).
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202313659
p. 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
SPRINGS PAINTING
31220 Via Las Palmas
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
31220 Via Las Palmas
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
Maria Carole Yeakel
31220 Via Las Palmas
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 04, 2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Maria Carole Yeakel
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 09/05/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code).
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202313112
p. 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
VIET LEGAL
23820 Ironwood Ave Spc 216
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Trinh The Trinh
23820 Ironwood Ave Spc 216
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/14/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to

be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Trinh The Trinh
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 9/14/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it

was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202313650
p. 9/21/23, 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2305040

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ALEXANDER DARKO ADDISON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELISABELLA APPOH to. BELLA AFARIWAA ADDISON. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 12/15/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET. D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507
Date: 9/25/2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVM2305039

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MARISA PONCE MEDINA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LEVI LEONARDO COLYER PONCE to. LEVI RAIN PONCE. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to

show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 12/15/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET. D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507
Date: 9/25/2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23, 11/02/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVSW2307523

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: RICHARD GEORGE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JACKSON MICHAEL FORD to. JACKSON MICHAEL FORD-GEORGE. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 11/2/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D AULD ROAD, MURRIETA, CA 92543 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507
Date: 9/15/2023
James Hodgkins, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVM2305038

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MARISA PONCE MEDINA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARISA PONCE MEDINA to. MARS PONCE. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 12/15/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET. D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA.

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Date: 9/25/2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV 2304314

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ALISHA SHERMANE JONES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LEWIS ANTHONY YANEZ 2nd to. LEWIS LAVELT ANTHONY YANEZ JONES. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 11/15/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST BLDG D, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507
Date: AUG 18, 2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 9/21/23, 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2304221

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: VALENCIA STOKES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KAI JORDAN MOTHERSHED to. KAI JORDAN MOTHERSHED -STOKES . The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 11/1/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST STE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, MORENO VALLEY SUPERIOR COURT . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507
Date: 8/14/2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV 2304983

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: GABRIELA ELIZABETH MELARA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GABRIELA ELIZABETH MELARA to. GABRIELA ELIZABETH VILLATORO. The Court orders that all persons interested in



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community about personal safety.

AMBER – the moniker that stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response – was created as a legacy to nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas.

Similar to Amber Alert, California has an existing law that authorizes the issuance and coordination of a “Silver Alert” relating to a person who is 65 years of age or older, developmentally disabled, or cognitively impaired who is reported missing.

The “Feather Alert,” relating to an endangered indigenous person who has been reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, is also on books.

Newsom did note “broader concerns” he had with SB 673 and expressed them to Bradford. His administration questioned standards in the bill and stated that they “do not align with the criteria in existing alerts,” specifically the Amber Alert, Endangered Missing Advisory, Feather Alert, and Silver Alert.

“Our emergency alert system is dependent on people not being fatigued by it and thus ignoring it,” the Governor wrote. “Our challenge is to achieve balance between the imperative to notify the public quickly in cases of missing persons or dangerous situations, but to not desensitize that same public outcry by sending too many notifications.”

Black women and girls are at increased risk of being harmed and sex trafficked. A recent report on human trafficking incidents across the country also found that 40% of sex trafficking victims were identified as Black women. The county of Los Angeles reported that 92% of girls in the juvenile justice system identified as victims of sex trafficking are Black, according to the Congressional Black Caucus.

“When someone who is missing is incorrectly listed as a runaway, they basically vanish a second time,” Bradford said in a statement after he introduced the bill on the Senate floor in March. “They vanish from the police detectives’ workload. They vanish from the headlines. In many ways, no one even knows they are missing.

How can we find someone and bring them home safely when no one is really looking for them,” Bradford stated.

Earlier this year, community advocates in Oakland’s announced a “state of emergency” in response to 10 attempted abductions and kidnappings of Black girls and women.

Oakland Councilmember Treva Reid of District 7, announced in May that of the 1,500 missing person cases reported in the city, 400 were Black women. In 2022 alone, 20% of missing cases went unsolved.

Reid supports SB 673. On May 30, the Oakland City Council unanimously voted in favor of her resolution endorsing the alert system statewide.

“A troubling number of our daughters, sisters, aunts, and mothers go missing throughout our community and they must be protected and safe in our city,” Reid stated. “It is critical that state and local jurisdictions have access to the best enforcement tools and resources to swiftly respond to the crisis of kidnappings and attempted abductions in Oakland and across California.”

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Sherman Indian High School opened in 1892 in Perris, California, but was relocated to Riverside, California, in 1903. (source: en.wikipedia.org)

Riverside, California, and was renamed the Sherman Institute.

In 1971, the school became accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and became known as Sherman Indian High School.

In the school's beginning, students aged 5 years to their early 20s were taught agriculture and domestic science.

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shut down.”

However, the cost to scammers of making these calls can be a fraction of a fraction of a penny Greisman explained. Noting that with technology, scammers just create another series of numbers and start calling again from the new numbers. Greisman's advice, “Never trust the number in your Caller ID. If it says it's from the U.S. government, it might not be.”

Imposter Scams

The greatest losses for consumers is through wire transfers which occur very often in what are referred to as “imposter” and “business opportunity” scams.

Imposter scams are those in which you are contacted by an imposter asking for money for false purposes. According to Greisman, “It's the telephone call from the IRS [that] you owe back taxes; the telephone call from the sheriff's department there's a warrant out for your arrest; [a telephone call stating] you've gotta go buy a gift card for one hundred, two hundred, three hundred dollars.”

Greisman also gave this example:, “I got a call. I am told my grandson has been in a car accident in Canada, can't find an insurance card, needs surgery right away. I'm sure this is an example each of you is familiar with. The only way he can get the surgery is if I go to my bank and if I ask them to send \$7,895 to this account in Canada.”

This is an example of the types of scams that can involve a bank transfer, wire transfer, Money Gram, Western Union, or gift cards.

According to Greisman, Apple Pay and Google Pay tend to lead in this area along with payment apps like Zelle, Venmo, CashApp and others.

Greisman's advice, “If you have a credit card, pay for anything you buy, especially whatever you buy online, with it. Why? [Because] you've got the best protections under Federal law. None of these other payment types offer those kinds of really good protections.”

Business Opportunity Scams

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this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 12/15/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST BLDG D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507 Date: 9/19/2023 BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court p. 9/28/23, 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD HENYARD BARNES Case Number PRRI2001154

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: RICHARD HENYARD BARNES. A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOANN BARNES WILLIAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE.

The Petition requests that JOANN BARNES WILLIAMS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests that the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The Petition requests to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 11/20/2023 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 08 The Courts address is the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California are available the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: SHAWN PATTERSON, 149 N. SAN GORGONIO AVE, BANNING, CA 92220

Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Michelle D. Strickland. P.O. BOX 2238, Colton, CA 92324 p. 10/05/23, 10/12/23, 10/19/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DOROTHY MAE STOREY Case Number PRRI2302150

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DOROTHY MAE STOREY. A Petition for Probate has been filed by NANCY GALVAN in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE.

The Petition requests that NANCY GALVAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: DEC 05, 2023 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 11 The Courts address is the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California are available the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: SHAWN PATTERSON, 149 N. SAN GORGONIO AVE, BANNING, CA 92220

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Bid No. 23-02

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Business opportunity scams are where you are offered a chance to make a lot of money. The primary place for these types of scams is social media.

Greisman explained, “One of the things we hear a whole lot about— and you all see it in your work both as reporters and as consumers—you see it across all your networks, your circles, the primary point of contact that scammers use, is social media. That’s where the scams are hitting people. That’s where the scammers are reaching people.”

The investment scams usually focus on teaching people about how to get rich trading online. “What we are seeing because of the rage about crypto currency— the novelty of it— [is] pay me by crypto currency. A lot of people don’t know how to pay using crypto currency. [Scammers] are more than happy to walk you through step by step, inch by inch, to send them several thousand dollars worth in crypto currency.”

Business opportunity scams tend to result in big ticket payments. With pitches like, “I will set you up in business. I will enable you to become an online entrepreneur selling with your own website on Amazon or eBay. You will make significant money, but you [must] pay through a payment app ten thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars,” according to Greisman.

Greisman highlighted how you are not going to be able to walk in and buy gift cards for the large amounts of money these types of scams involve and you can, but it will be even harder, to walk into Western Union or Walmart or wherever you can send a wire transfer from and send many, many thousands of dollars. “That’s why with the bigger ticket items [like] investment scams and the business opportunity scams, we see different types of payments used. These are red flags we don’t see much brighter,” she advised.

Major Takeaways

According to the FTC, there are things you can do to help protect yourself from telecom scams. Beginning with, not trusting Caller ID. If you don’t recognize the number, don’t answer the phone. If you make purchases, especially online,

use a credit card because they are protected by Federal law. If you do answer the phone and a stranger asks you to pay for a service, fee or fine by gift card, it is probably a scam.

According to Siddiqui, “The big takeaway is that nobody legitimate will ask for gift cards, crypto currency or a wire transfer. And if someone you don’t know asks you to pay with one of these methods, it’s likely a scam. Sending money one of these ways is just like sending cash. It’s very hard to get your money back. One of the methods scammers often use is gift cards. You can find out about federal protections for credit cards at [ftc.gov/gift cards](https://ftc.gov/gift-cards).”

To report an incident of fraud visit reportfraud.ftc.gov.

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said she created Irth after a traumatic birth experience as a Black mother at a highly rated hospital left her feeling failed by mainstream ratings. On the app, verified users answer questions, from whether they felt respected by their doctor to if they experienced certain types of mistreatment such as dismissal of pain. Irth currently has 10,000 reviews of hospitals, OB-GYNs, and pediatricians nationally, according to Allers.

“Our data is for the community,” said Allers. “They know their feedback has value to another mom or family.”

Irth also offers analysis of the reviews to hospitals and leads campaigns to collect more reviews for them. But Allers said many hospitals have expressed little interest.

Karen Scott, an OB-GYN who created PREM-OB, a scientifically validated survey that measures racism in Black birthing experiences, said she has met hospital leaders who don’t think their providers could mistreat patients or who worry that documenting responses could carry legal risk.

The American Hospital Association’s Lewis declined to comment specifically on Irth and PREM-OB but acknowledged the Black community’s long-standing mistrust of health care providers. She said hospitals want to hear more from patients in historically marginalized groups.

Early signs of progress are emerging in parts of the country.

California hospitals will likely report disparities in birth outcomes and patient satisfaction measures. Hospitals are expected to start posting data broken out by race and other demographics on their websites in 2026, though the state hasn’t finalized the measures that will be required, said Andrew DiLuccia, a spokesperson for the state’s health data agency. At least two states, Washington and New Jersey, have disclosed rates of C-sections among low-risk patients by race for individual hospitals.

Scott founded Birthing Cultural Rigor to increase uptake of her survey. The firm has partnered with birth equity groups to recruit respondents in select counties in Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Scott said results will be used to train local health professionals on how to reduce racism in maternity care.

Separately, Irth will collect and analyze reviews for three hospitals or health systems in California, said Allers. One of them, MemorialCare Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital Long Beach, will work with Irth to better understand the impact of birth equity efforts such as implicit bias training.

“We’ll get to see if what we’re doing is actually working,” said Sharilyn Kelly, executive director of the hospital’s perinatal services.

Caldwell, the recruiter, eventually found a doctor she trusted and went on to have a smooth pregnancy and delivery. Her son is now 8 months old. But with so little information available on how she might be treated, she said, she felt anxious until she met her doctor, when “a lot of that stress and anxiety melted away.”

Digital strategy & audience engagement editor Chaseadaw Giles contributed to this report.

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Big Tobacco's "smoke-free" future is a dangerous reality for us all.



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The world's deadliest industry is trying to rebrand itself as your friend. Big Tobacco wants to be put in charge of, get credit for, and profit off solving the number one cause of preventable death and disease – the smoking epidemic *they* created. Their dangerous and hypocritical rebrand promises a "better tomorrow" and "smoke-free future" with dangerous, addictive vape products while they continue selling six trillion cigarettes each year, including launching new cigarettes in California just last year.

When Californians voted to end the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, Big Tobacco quickly rolled out new cigarette brands to keep their deadly products on the shelves and pull in profits. These new cigarettes are marketed specifically to Californians through online promotions, catchy marketing, and deep discounts. This, from the same industry that says cigarettes are a thing of the past and new, "safer" tobacco products are the future.

Big Tobacco claims they are driven by product innovation to help people quit smoking but they've conveniently ignored the growing body of research that shows vaping increases the risk of serious long-term diseases like lung cancer and stroke and amplifies mental health conditions like anxiety and depression. Research shows that many people who use vapes to quit smoking cigarettes end up using both products, making Big Tobacco a killing.

The tobacco industry has spent decades funding studies to give their claims the illusion of credibility, paying big bucks to influence public perception, securing 'special editions' of scientific journals, and releasing self-funded research that says their vape products are safer.

Vape use is an urgent public health concern in California, especially among young adults. Currently, 11.2% of young adults use vapes, the highest among any age group. These young adults were among middle and high school students during the height of the tobacco industry-created youth vaping epidemic. Big Tobacco actively preys on youth to be "replacement" customers because their products kill their existing ones. And research shows kids who vape are three times more likely to be daily cigarette smokers in the future.

The *real* best way to undo the damage of Big Tobacco is by helping people who are addicted quit and prevent kids from starting. As Big Tobacco kills 110 Californians each day, and 30 more suffer from tobacco-related diseases, it's critical that people who are addicted have access to free, proven quitting methods, including medical support. Using counseling and medication together gives you the best chance of quitting for good.

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