

PRESS RELEASE: DOE v CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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LOCATION: John Burris, Nisenbaum and Curry, LLP

Airport Corporate Center
7677 Oakport Street, Fifth Floor Conference Room
Oakland, CA 94621

WHO John Doe's mother Sage Moloa and father, Neil Robson will be attending and one or both will be available for comments

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STATEMENT:

On Monday John Burris, Nisenbaum and Curry, LLP. will announce the filing of a claim against Contra Costa County [and the State of California] over the ongoing grooming and sexual abuse of their client, JOHN DOE, a minor placed in the County's care as a ward of the State. The claim is the first requirement before filing a lawsuit.

FACTS:

JOHN DOE, now 17 years old, was in County custody at John A. Davis Juvenile Hall in Martinez, California from 2024 to 2026. Upon his sentencing in 2024, the County appointed SOFIA ANN-BUITRON DROTTS, a 24-year-old Contra Costa County Health employee, as DOE'S therapist. Over the next two years Drott allegedly coerced the vulnerable minor DOE into inappropriate personal and romantic discussions, in violation of multiple California laws as well as the ethical code of her profession. The therapist's conduct was particularly pernicious because at the time John Doe was suffering from emotional trauma that, in part, led to his placement in juvenile Hall and she took advantage of his emotional vulnerability. DOE was

released from the juvenile facility and placed in the care of Contra Costa County Probation Department on April 3, 2026, at which time Drotts under the guise of therapy began having unlawful sexual contact with DOE, who as a ward of the court and at 17 could not consent to having sexual relationship with the person the court assigned to him for mental health therapy.

The claim further alleges that Ms. Drotts, a County-employed therapist, continued treating DOE after his release while working alongside State and County healthcare providers and law enforcement professionals who failed to act on, or report repeated warning signs of her alleged predatory behavior. The claim also alleges that the failure to promptly identify this misconduct reflects an unacceptable breach of the County's [and State's] duty to protect DOE and other minors in its custody. According to the claim, these failures occurred at every level of supervision and direction within overlapping County and State agencies and their subsidiaries.

Sage Moala, John Doe's mother, says "she is angry with the woman and the juvenile authorities. We trusted these professionals with our son's healing and that trust was betrayed and fundamentally shattered. Our focus is on our son's recovery and protection."

John Burris says, "The therapist's conduct is deeply offensive. Instead of receiving rehabilitative health care services, DOE was allegedly groomed for the therapist's personal sexual gratification through predatory tactics. This conduct violates every moral, legal, and professional standard meant to protect vulnerable clients like DOE from professionals who exploit positions of trust for personal gain. Such conduct cannot be tolerated, and the employee's supervisors must be held accountable for failing to supervise and monitor this caseworker's

relationship with DOE.”

Burris also said the irony of this case is that, while substantial efforts are made to protect vulnerable girls from abuse in public institutions, this case shows that vulnerable boys need the same protection from potential abusers.

John Burris

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