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Lawsuit: LA County Juvenile Hall Inmate Used as Medical Experiment; Estrogen Given to Control Him

If your son lands in juvenile detention in Los Angeles, California, he might just become the unwitting and unwilling subject of a medical experiment.

Two top doctors with the county's Juvenile Court Health Services, a lawsuit filed against the county and more than 100 of its medical personnel alleges, pumped estrogen into a recalcitrant boy at a detention center to make him more like a girl and more controllable.



The practice is not an approved treatment for undisciplined or out-of-control boys, the lawsuit says. Even worse, the county's doctors didn't tell the boy's parents.

As well, the lawsuit claims, the county has also tried to girlify other boys.

Thirteen Injections

[The six-count lawsuit accuses](#) top docs Danny Wang and David Oh, along with Does one through 100, and the county itself, of dosing the 16-year-old boy with the female hormone "without obtaining voluntary and informed consent."

J.N., as the lawsuit calls him, was housed at the county's Eastlake Juvenile Hall.

"Neither of J.N.'s parents had ever provided their voluntary and informed consent for J.N. to be medically examined, treated, and/or evaluated, by doctors, nurses, and/or medical professionals," the lawsuit alleges.

Doctors "diagnosed" J.N. with "oppositional defiant disorder," or ODD, which the lawsuit says is associated with "elevated levels of testosterone and delinquency in male youths."

The [Los Angeles Times reported](#) that the boy's medical records showed "slightly high" testosterone.

On June 25, last year, the lawsuit alleges, county doctors began a regimen of 30 doses of estradiol "without first obtaining the voluntary or informed consent of either J.N.'s parents or the Minor himself."

Estradiol, [Hormone.org says](#), is the "strongest of the three estrogens" and "has several functions in the female body. Its main function is to mature and then maintain the reproductive system. During menstruation, increased oestradiol levels cause the maturation and release of the egg, as well as the thickening of the uterus lining to allow a fertilized egg to implant."

Too much of it causes acne and depression, which, the [lawsuit alleges](#), afflicted J.N. when L.A. County's mad scientists decided to turn him into a girl. The [Times reported](#) that he received two milligrams a day.

J.N. balked at taking the medicine, the [complaint alleges](#), whereupon a nurse lied to him and told him the hormone would treat a "nodule" on his chest.



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Yet the miscreant also feared that refusing to consume the hormone would result in “write-up” and his landing in a tougher detention facility for seven to 10 years.

Thus did he consume 13 doses of the hormone, with serious negative side effects, the lawsuit alleges:

Due to the estrogen, the Minor, J.N., immediately developed “[gynecomastia],” which is the enlarging of his breast tissue, that did not exist prior to taking the estrogen pills.

[He] developed soreness, pain, and discomfort around the [gynecomastia] and began growing hairs around the [areola], while further developing acne and pimples to his face, head, and body.

[He] also immediately began to experience psychological, emotional, and cognitive symptoms of depression, anxiety, worrying, insomnia, inability to concentrate, attention problems, headaches, and etc.

Estrogen Not a Treatment

On July 10 last year, the boy refused the debilitating treatment, and only after the doctors stopped it did they inform his parents of what the complaint calls a “medical experiment.”

J.N. isn’t the only victim of the county’s Frankensteins, the complaint alleges. Other boys received the hormone, too.

The lawsuit also alleges that doctors gave three vaccines without consent.

The six counts include medical battery and negligence and violating the boy’s privacy and civil rights under state and federal law.

James McGough, a professor of clinical psychiatry at UCLA, [told the Times](#) that treating so-called ODD with estrogen, is, in so many words, absurd.

“Estrogen is not a treatment for ODD,” he told the newspaper. “I can’t be more emphatic about that. You won’t find a reference anywhere that supports the use of estrogen for ODD.”

The experiment did not end well for J.N., the [Times reported](#). He needs surgery to repair the damage.

“When I found out they were giving him the pill, I was like, why didn’t they ask me?” the boy’s father told the *Times*. “When I found out what kind of pill was it, I was like, this is terrible.”

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