

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Division of Occupational Safety and Health
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July 7, 2021

Laurie Burgess
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Dear Laurie Burgess:

On Jan 13, 2021, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health received your complaint (Complaint No. 1763678) of the following hazardous condition(s) at Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 210 West Temple Street in Los Angeles:

3205(c)(10)(B) - A Court Interpreter was assigned to Dept. 32 from 11/30/20 - 12/4/20. On Monday, 12/7/20, she discovered the court rm. was closed because the Court Reporter had tested positive and all ees were sent home. However, this Court Interpreter was not sent home to quarantine after calling her administrator. She continued working 12/7/20 - 12/10/20, mingling in the lounge with the other Court Interpreters. On 12/8/20 she got tested of her own accord and on 12/11/20 got a positive result. She gave the administrator a list of 16 Court Interpreters she'd been sharing the lounge with. Of the 16, 14 self-quarantined. The other two were afraid of being fired. One of them was S.C. who had symptoms on 12/21/20 and died on 1/12/21.

The Division conducted an inspection (Inspection No. 1511595) of the item(s) referenced in your complaint with the following results:

1. Citation 1.1 (Regulatory) – 342(a)
2. Citation 2.1 (Serious) – 3203(a)
3. Citation 3.1 (Serious) – 3205(c)(6)(A)

If you do not agree that the hazards you complained about have been satisfactorily addressed, please contact me within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

California law protects any person who makes a complaint about a workplace safety or health hazard from being treated differently, discharged or discrimination against in any manner by their employer. If you believe that you have been discriminated against because you made a complaint to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, you may file a discrimination complaint with the nearest office of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (Labor Commissioner). However, you must file your complaint within six (6) months of the discriminatory action.

Thank you for your concern about workplace safety and health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor Copelan".

Victor Copelan
District Manager

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enclosure: Citations
reference: Inspection No. 1511595 - Ltr H

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