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Trial Begins For Doctor Accused of Sexually Assaulting Patients



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The trial of the Sacramento Doctor accused of sexually groping his patients while being examined is now underway.

Deputy District Attorney Laura West told a jury that 60-year-old Dr. Scott Anderson violated his patients' trust while he worked as a Worker's Comp physician at the US Health Works medical clinic on Folsom Boulevard. Anderson has not worked at the clinic in nearly three years and the US HealthWorks expressed outrage over the allegations if true.

West told the jury that one 60-year-old victim was told to bend over an exam table.

"He began massaging her inner thigh, behind her legs and moved to the vaginal area," said West.

A second victim described a similar incident. West said both were shocked and confused. After Anderson's arrest in 2010, two other women came forward and told of inappropriate touching by Anderson during exams. Both described him grinding his groin on their buttocks and that they felt a semi-erection.

But defense attorney Patrick Hanly said the stories of the alleged victims kept changing and that he would call witnesses who denied the accuracy of some of their accounts of the incidents.

"They told lies to Detective Jones, repeated lies and important lies," Hanly told jurors.

Hanly said several of the patients continued to see Anderson after the alleged incidents and that their stories were embellished every time they were repeated. Hanly pointed out that one patient was suing Anderson for damages. He also said the touching did not go beyond what

is expected for the injuries the women were being treated for and that the touching may have been misinterpreted.

Over a dozen felony accusations including rape and sodomy by a fifth alleged victim were dropped from the original criminal complaint because of insufficient evidence.

No police complaints were initially filed by any of the so-called victims, although several complained to staff members. According to Sheriff's investigators a relative of a victim convinced her to come forward leading to the discovery of the other incidents.

The prosecution's first witness was a detective who said the victims had no way of knowing the details of each other's cases. The several occasions, details of their alleged assaults were similar. The defense implied that the victims could have derived facts from press reports following the Anderson's arrest.

The prosecution wasted no time in calling alleged victims to the stand to allow jurors to determine if their stories are believable. Anderson faces 22 counts of unwanted touching for sexual gratification.

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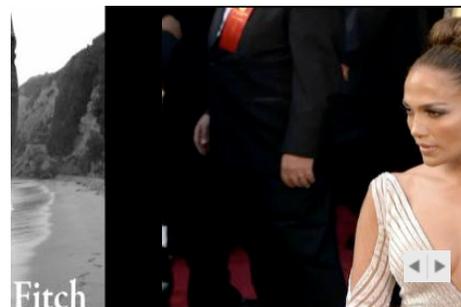
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