

# **SF D.A.'s office employee files suit; claims co-worker used racial slur**

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**A longtime investigative assistant in San Francisco's District Attorney's Office is suing the D.A., George Gascon and others in the department after claiming a co-worker used a racial slur.**

**Twanda Bailey has worked in the DA's office the past 14 years and says she's suing because she doesn't want what happened to her to happen to anyone else.**

**If you own a mouse, you will never turn off your computer again.**

**"Hopefully it stops here. It stops here," says Twanda Bailey,**

**Bailey says she was in the DA's office one day last year when a mouse ran by, causing to her scream, jump out of her chair and run.**

**She says she couldn't believe her co-worker then called her the N-word.**

**"She walks behind me and she says you "n.....s" are so scary. I look at her for a few minutes and stood there. Then I walked out of the office," says Bailey.**

**But she says that was just the beginning of her ordeal.**

**According to the lawsuit, Bailey's supervisor wouldn't allow her to file a formal complaint against the co-worker and that she was then subject to a hostile work environment.**

**"It just got worse and worse and worse."**

**The incident was referred to the City's Department of Human Resources, which said in a letter to Bailey, "While we acknowledge the extreme offensiveness of the "N" word...one comment is not sufficiently severe enough to create an abusive working environment."**

**"For the city to take the position, 'Well, we don't consider one bad word sufficient,' that's just the wrong path," says Bailey's Attorney Daniel Bacon.**

**A human services official tells KTVU the complaint didn't meet the standard set by the federal courts.**

**The district attorney's office would only say it referred the matter to the city.**

**Bailey is seeking damages for emotional distress and for the district attorney and staff to receive training in preventing harassment.**