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The following recent article exemplifies the persecutory mindset and disregard for the law of the same DA Steve Cooley that is advising our LB City Attorney and Prosecutor:

Judge orders injunction against Steve Cooley

LEGAL: District attorney must stop discriminating and retaliating, based on union membership.
By Troy Anderson, Staff Writer DAILY NEWS
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Describing District Attorney Steve Cooley's actions as "striking and rampant," a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction ordering Cooley to stop **discriminating and retaliating** against employees on the basis of their union membership, officials said Wednesday.

U.S. District Court Judge Otis D. Wright II wrote the allegations made by the prosecutors union in a lawsuit are "largely undisputed," noting Cooley's lawyers didn't deny that Cooley instructed Training Division Assistant Head Deputy Robert Dver to "undermine" the Association of Deputy District Attorneys.

"Such actions unquestionably interfere with the union's function and chill the free exercise of (the ADDA's) First Amendment rights," Wright wrote in his 11-page order. "Nevertheless, (the ADDA) have established a course of explicit retaliation by (Cooley's office) that is both striking and rampant."

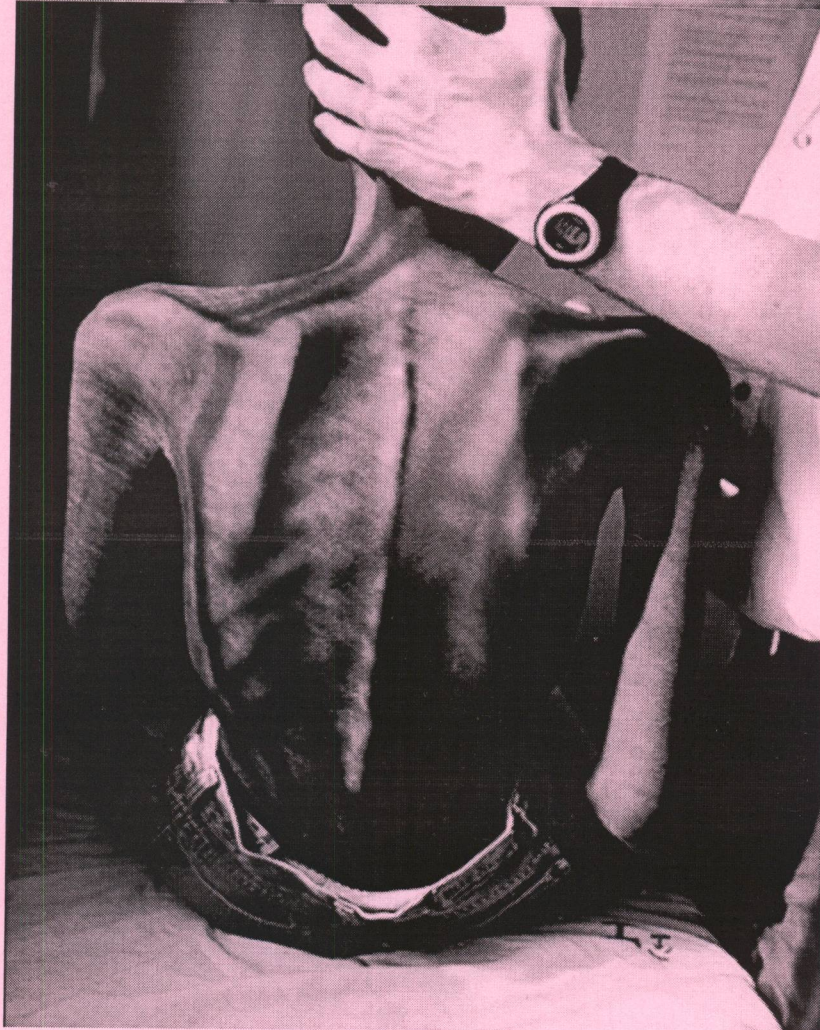
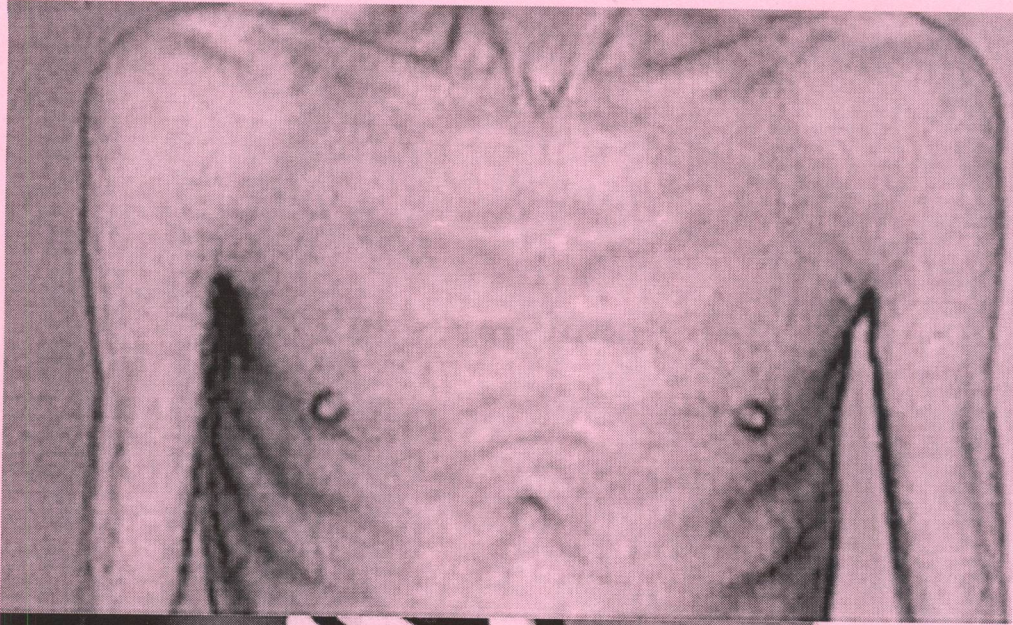
Under the ruling, Cooley could be held in contempt of federal court if he further retaliates against prosecutors, said attorney Matthew G. Monforton, a former county deputy district attorney who represents the union.

"It's unfortunate that only an unprecedented federal court order can keep the chief law enforcement official in the county from violating the constitutional rights of his deputy prosecutors," Monforton said. Wright's order prohibits Cooley's office from engaging in further punitive transfers or demotions, discriminatory distribution of benefits and discipline and discriminatory rates for medical or health benefit plans, according to an ADDA statement.

ADDA President Steve Ipsen described Wright's order as an "unparalleled action in response to unprecedented anti-union activity undertaken by an elected official and head county prosecutor."

"I just read the ruling and I found it chilling to read," Ipsen said. "It was shocking to me because we have been living under this type of abuse for so long. I didn't realize how bad it was until I read it from someone else's perspective."

Wasting Syndrome



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