United States District Court Central District of California

Sammy Newman, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Case No. 2:22-cv-03467-CAS (PDx)

Class Action Notice

Authorized by the U.S. District Court

Were you incarcerated at the Men's Central Jail in unit 2500 or unit 2700 on September 7, 2021, and subjected to a mass search incident?

There is a $1.5 Million settlement of a lawsuit.

You may be entitled to money.

To be part of this settlement, you should:

Read this notice.

Respond by March 2, 2027.

Important things to know:

- If you take no action, you will still be bound by the settlement, and your rights will be affected.
- You can learn more at: www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com

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About This Notice

Why did I get this notice?

This notice is to tell you about the settlement of a class action lawsuit, *Newman v. County of Los Angeles*, brought on behalf of people who were subjected to a mass strip search in the Men's Central Jail (MCJ) on September 7, 2021, by the County of Los Angeles. **You received this notice because you may be a member of the group of people affected, called the "class."** This notice gives you a summary of the terms of the proposed settlement agreement, explains what rights class members have, and helps class members make informed decisions about what action to take.

What do I do next?

Read this notice to understand the settlement and to determine if you are a class member. Then, decide if you want to:

Options	More information about each option
Submit a Claim Form	You must submit a claim to receive payment. You will be bound by the settlement.
Do Nothing	Get no payment. Give up rights resolved by settlement.
Opt Out	Get no payment. Allows you to bring another lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles about the same issues.
Object	Tell the Court why you don't like the settlement.

Read on to understand the specifics of the settlement and what each choice would mean for you.

What are the most important dates?

Your deadline to object or opt out: **March 2, 2027.**
Settlement approval hearing: **April 26, 2027.**
Your deadline to submit a claim form: **March 2, 2027.**

Learning About the Lawsuit

What is this lawsuit about?

In 2022, a class action lawsuit was filed against the County of Los Angeles. The lawsuit was brought on behalf of incarcerated individuals who were involved in a mass strip search incident on September 7, 2021.

Where can I learn more?
You can get a complete copy of the proposed settlement and other key documents in this lawsuit at: www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com

The lawsuit claims that the County of Los Angeles conducted a mass search of inmates housed in the Men's Central Jail in units 2500 and 2700 on September 7, 2021. During the search, members were required to submit to visual body cavity inspections, after which some inmates were required to remain nude, and were restrained while being transported through the facility to body-scanning machines.

The County of Los Angeles denies they did anything wrong.

Why is there a settlement in this lawsuit?

In 2025, the parties agreed to settle, which means they have reached an agreement to resolve the lawsuit. Both sides want to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation. The Court has not decided this case in favor of either side.

What is a class action settlement?
A class action settlement is an agreement between the parties to resolve and end the case. Settlements can provide money to class members and changes to the practices that caused the harm.

The settlement is on behalf of Plaintiff Newman who brought the case and all members of the settlement class.

What happens next in this lawsuit?

The Court will hold a Fairness hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. The hearing will be held at:

Where: Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse, 350 West 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

When: 10:00AM on **April 26, 2027.**

The Court has directed the parties to send you this notice about the proposed settlement. Because the settlement of a class action decides the rights of all members of the proposed class, the Court must give final approval to the settlement before it can take effect. Payments will only be made if the Court approves the settlement.

You don't have to attend, but you may at your own expense. You may also ask the Court for permission to speak and express your opinion about the settlement. If the Court does not approve the settlement or the parties decide to end it, it will be void and the lawsuit will continue. The date of the hearing may change without further notice to members of the class. To learn more and confirm the hearing date, go to www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com.

Learning About the Settlement

What does the settlement provide?

Los Angeles County has agreed to pay $1.5 Million into a settlement fund. Each member who files a timely claim shall receive an equal *pro rata* share of the settlement fund. This amount will be calculated based on the number of Timely Claims and after Class Administration costs, Plaintiff incentive awards, and attorney's fees and costs have been paid. Members of the settlement class will "release" their claims as part of the settlement, which means they cannot sue Los Angeles County for the same issues in this lawsuit. The full terms of the release can be found at www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com.

If there is money left over after the claims process is completed, it will

be paid to support the activities of a nonprofit, human rights organization that focuses on sexual abuse in all forms of detention.

How do I know if I am part of this settlement?

If you were incarcerated at the Men's Central Jail (MCJ) in units 2500 or 2700 on September 7, 2021, and were subjected to the mass search incident, you are part of this settlement.

How much will my payment be?

Your payment amount will be a minimum of $5,000.

Deciding What to Do

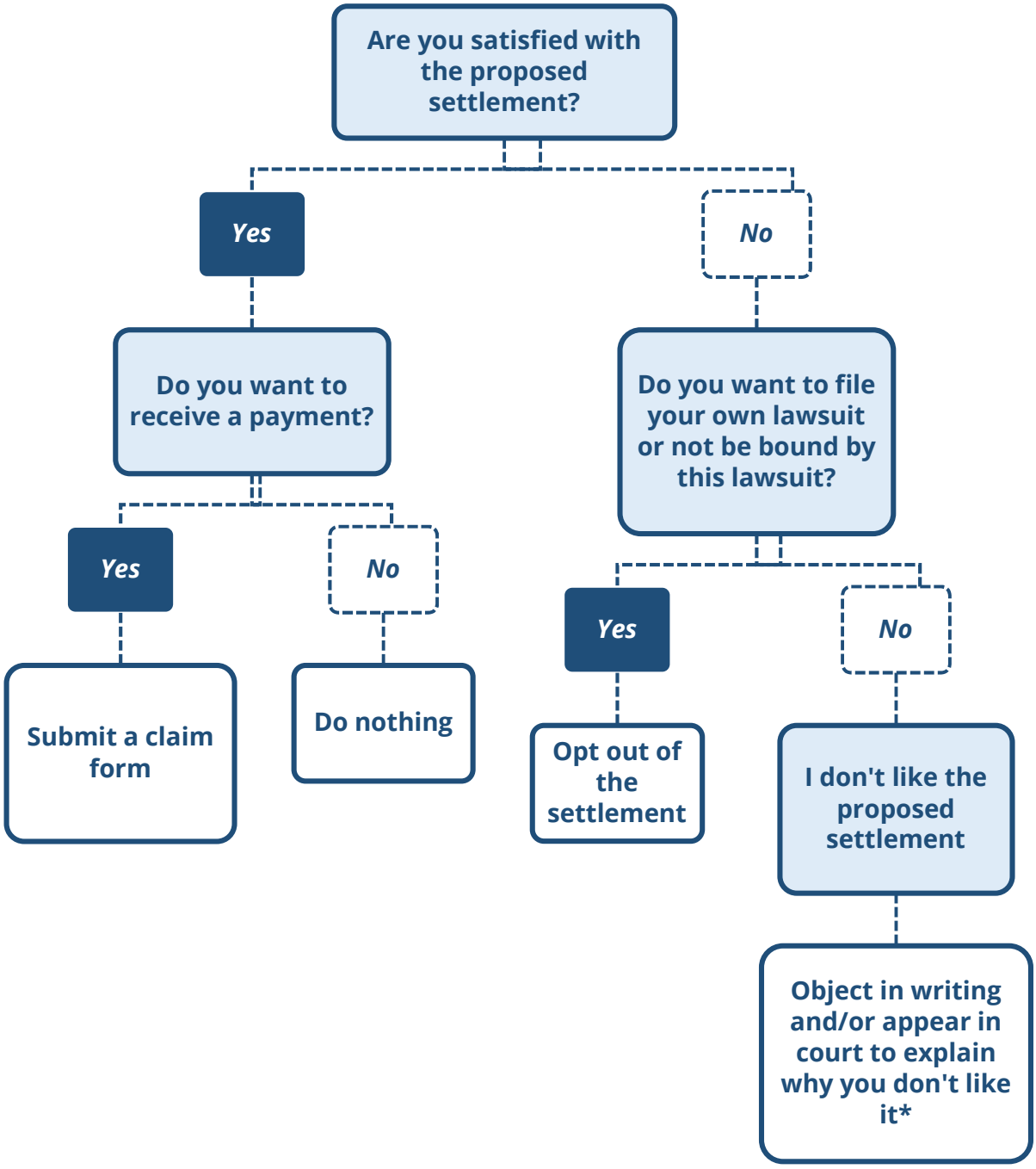
How do I weigh my options?

You have four options. You can stay in the settlement and submit a claim, you can opt out of the settlement, you can object to the settlement, or you can do nothing. This chart shows the effects of each option:

	Submit a Claim	Opt out	Object	Do Nothing
Can I receive settlement money if I . . .	YES	NO	YES	NO
Am I bound by the terms of this lawsuit if I . . .	YES	NO	YES	YES
Can I pursue my own case if I . . .	NO	YES	NO	NO
Will the class lawyers represent me if I . . .	YES	NO	NO	YES

Note: by opting out you remove yourself from the class and no longer have a legal right to object.

What is the best path for me?



**You can object to the settlement AND submit a claim form to receive payment.*

Submitting a Claim

How do I get a payment if I am a class member?

If you wish to receive money, you must submit a completed claim form to the Settlement Administrator online or download a claim form at www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com and mail to the Settlement Administrator (address below).

Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

In a class action, the court appoints class representatives and lawyers to work on the case and represent the interests of all the class members. For this settlement, the Court has appointed the following individuals and lawyers.

Your lawyers: Barrett S. Litt, Lindsay Battles and Rodrigo Padilla of McLane, Bednarski & Litt, and Jovan Blacknell of the Law Offices of Jovan Blacknell. These are the lawyers who negotiated this settlement on your behalf.

If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

Do I have to pay the lawyers in this lawsuit?

Lawyers' fees and costs will be paid from the Settlement Fund. **You will not have to pay the lawyers directly.**

To date, your lawyers have not been paid any money for their work or the expenses that they have paid for the case. To pay for some of their time and risk in bringing this case without any guarantee of payment unless they were successful, your lawyers will request, as part of the final approval of this Settlement, that the Court approve a payment of up to 1/3 total in attorneys' fees plus the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

Lawyers' fees and expenses will only be awarded if approved by the Court as a fair and reasonable amount. You have the right to object to

the lawyers' fees even if you think the settlement terms are fair.

Your lawyers will also ask the Court to approve a payment of $10,000 to three Named Plaintiffs for the time and effort they contributed to the case. If approved by the Court, this will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

Opting Out

What if I don't want to be part of this settlement?

You can opt out. If you do, you will not receive payment and cannot object to the settlement. However, you will not be bound or affected by anything that happens in this lawsuit and may be able to file your own case. You cannot exclude yourself from the program changes called for by the proposed settlement.

How do I opt out?

To opt out of the settlement, you must complete the opt out form included with this notice and mail it by March 2, 2027, to the Settlement Administrator at:

LA County Men's Central Jail Settlement
c/o Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 26170
Santa Ana, CA 92799
(833) 232-9120

Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and signature.

Objecting

What if I disagree with the settlement?

If you disagree with any part of the settlement (including the lawyers' fees) but don't want to opt out, you may object. You must give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it and say whether your objection applies to just you, a part of the class, or the entire class. The Court will consider your views. The Court can only approve or deny the settlement — it cannot change the terms of the settlement. You may, but don't need to, hire your own lawyer to help you.

To object, you must send a letter to the Court that:

(1) is postmarked by March 2, 2027;
(2) includes the case name and number (Newman v. County of Los Angeles, Case No. 2:22-cv-03467-CAS(PDx))
(3) includes your full name, address and telephone number, and email address (if you have one);
(4) states the reasons for your objection;
(5) says whether either you or your lawyer intend to appear at the final approval hearing and your lawyer's name;
(6) your signature.

Mail the letter to:

LA County Men's Central Jail Settlement c/o Settlement Administrator P.O. Box 26170 Santa Ana, CA 92799 (833) 232-9120	U.S. District Court Central District of California Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse 350 W. 1st Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Doing Nothing

What are the consequences of doing nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not get any money, but you will still be bound by the settlement and its "release" provisions. That means you won't be able to start, continue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles about the issues in this case. A full description of the claims and persons who will be released if this settlement is approved can be found on the Settlement website at www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com

Key Resources

How do I get more information?

This notice is a summary of the proposed settlement. The complete settlement with all its terms can be found here. To get a copy of the settlement agreement or get answers to your questions:

- contact your lawyer (information below)
- visit the case website at www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com

Resource	Contact Information
Case Website	www.LACountyMCJMassSearchSettlement.com
Settlement Administrator	LA County Men's Central Jail Settlement c/o Settlement Administrator P.O. Box 26170 Santa Ana, CA 92799 (833) 232-9120
Your Lawyers	McLANE, BEDNARSKI & LITT, LLP 975 East Green Street Pasadena, CA 91106

	(626) 844-7660 LAW OFFICE OF JOVAN BLACKNELL 200 Corporate Pointe #495 Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 469-9117
Court (DO NOT CONTACT)	U.S. District Court Central District of California Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse 350 W. 1st Street Los Angeles, CA 90012