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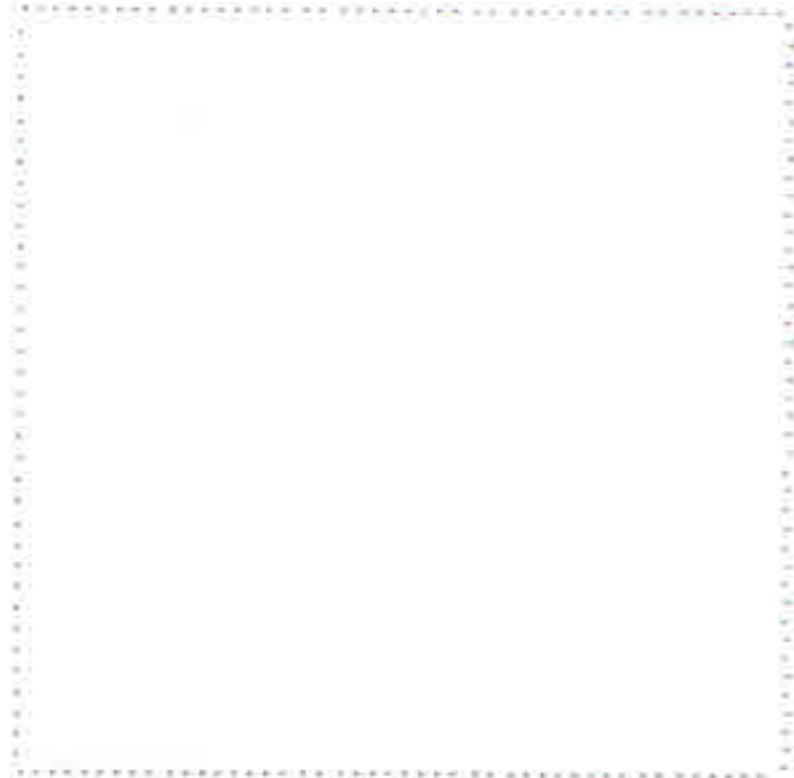
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LOS ANGELES (CNS) – A former mental health therapist at a Pasadena-based child welfare organization will receive $8 million in a settlement of her lawsuit against her ex-employer, in which she alleged she was discriminated against and fired after she developed breast cancer.

The resolution of Kandi Dudley's suit against Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services was reached Monday in the midst of a jury trial that began in mid-June, according to the clerk for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Susan Bryant-Deason.

Dudley, 37, of Pomona, began working for Hathaway-Sycamores in 2007 and received "excellent" performance evaluations, according to her court papers. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2011 and was fired while she was on medical leave receiving cancer treatments, according to her suit.

Hathaway-Sycamores attorneys denied any wrongdoing on the part of their client and stated in their court papers that Dudley was laid off in October 2012 after taking more than 20 weeks of medical leave, causing a burden on her employer.

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