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The Truth of Robert F. Dorame’s Claimed Indian Lineage

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Introduction

There’s a messy war going on. It’s a battle of who has the right to have say-so over Native American Indian remains in California and the ineffectual means to protect those rights through the Native American Heritage Commission [NAHC]. As clear cut as this process should be, the Bureau of Indians Affairs [BIA] unwittingly contaminated it with its ignorant reliance on mere self-identification – namely the paperwork of the 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act [CIJA]. So, as it so often happens, the rights of authentic California Indians are being usurped because some self-claimed “Indians” are using unsubstantiated and erroneous 1928 CIJA documentation as if it were gospel and cannot be challenged. This database must be challenged if the rights of the Native American Indians are to be protected.

If left alone, this conflict has no resolution. The genuine Indians are left to fight their battles one-by-one and most of the time, the reality falls on deaf ears. Even though the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (a federal agency) knows the 1928 CIJA paperwork is unreliable, the BIA continues to use it to issue Certificates of Degree of Indian blood. Further, the NAHC’s policy of allowing non-Indians to represent other unproven Indians makes it difficult to make the truth matter. But, unlike the days of the first California Indian enrollment (1929-1932), objective and reliable evidence is far more accessible than ever before. ***It is now possible to know who really is a genuine California Indian and who is not.*** Now, it is this truth that will become the ally of the genuine Indians – albeit one report at a time. It is time to begin correcting the wrong and protecting the rights of real Indians even if it means exposing self-proclaimed “Indians” who do not belong in the process.

It is a matter of public record that Robert Dorame is involved as a Most Likely Descendant in dealing with human remains found at the Playa Vista development, in West Los Angeles, California. Does Mr. Dorame have any right to do this? According to reliable evidence, the irrevocable answer is, ***“Absolutely not.”*** For the sake of protecting the rights of real California Indians, let the record no longer be hidden but be brought forth to set the record straight once and for all time in this report.

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