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## Transsexual Teacher Files Suit

OAKLAND (UPI) — Steve Dain, 37, a transsexual school teacher, has filed suit charging that the Emeryville School District Board of Education and its superintendent illegally tried to make him quit his job.

Dain, formerly women's gym teacher Doris Richards and winner of "Teacher of the Year" honors at Emery High School before undergoing a sex-change operation, alleged in a suit filed Tuesday that school officials wiretapped his telephone, leaked photographs of him to the press and slandered him in an effort to force him from his job.

After Dain underwent a sex-change operation at Stanford University Medical Center he was suspended.

He already has sued the district for false arrest and malicious prosecution because they called the police when he returned to his job after the operation. He also has contested his suspension before the state Commission of Professional Competence.

His latest suit asks for unspecified damages against School

Supt. Lewis Stommel, district counsel William Johnston, four school trustees and one ex-trustee.

In it, he charges that the district had his home telephone tapped and also eavesdropped on his telephone calls while he was still on the job before he had his operation.

In addition to the wiretapping, the suit alleges that the district leaked photos of Dain's female self to the press without his permission; that the district "publicized facts" about his operation without his consent, and that a stormy school board meeting held on the issue was a "personnel meeting that by law should have been closed to the public."

The suit also asks for unspecified damages against district teachers Denis Campbell, who allegedly said Dain was "crazy," and Rita Dixon, who allegedly called Dain a "homosexual."