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Richard How t Friday to subscribing a false name to a petition and registration of a fictitious person, both felonies, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said in a news release.

Christopher Joseph Williams, 41, and 45-year-old Nickey Demelvin Huntley also pleaded no contest Friday to one felony count of circulating an initiative containing false, forged or fictitious names, the DA's office said.

Howard was given a suspended sentence of three years in state prison and three years of probation, while Wise was given a suspended sentence of 16 months in state prison and three years of formal probation. A suspended sentence means the jail time would be served after their probation is completed, and may be eliminated entirely, provided the men do not commit additional crimes.

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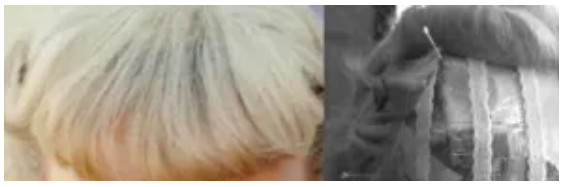
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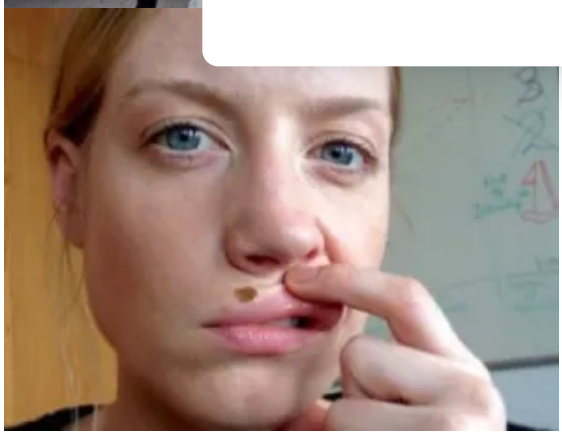


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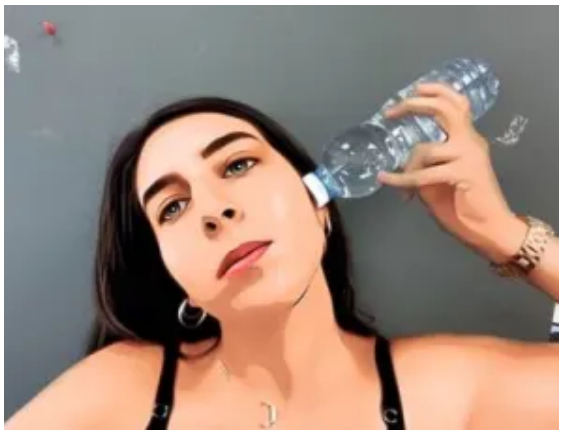
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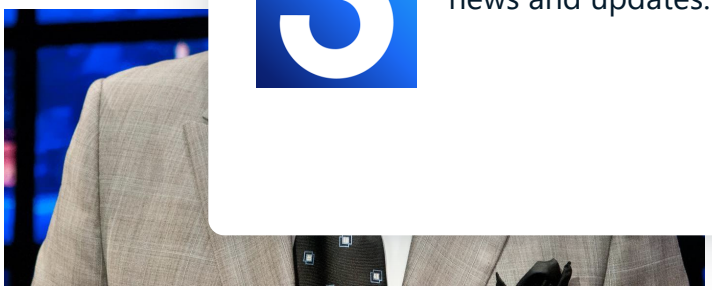
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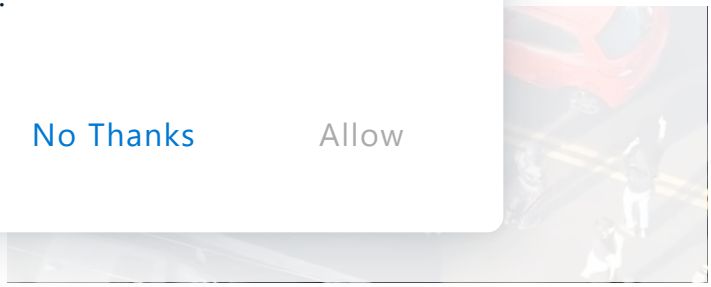


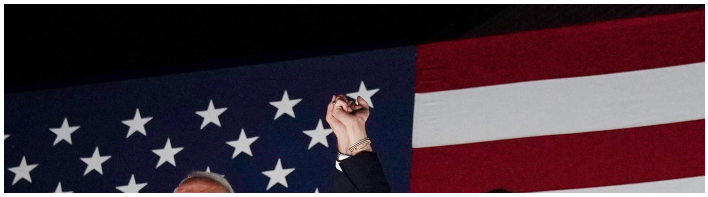
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