

Stylebook? What Stylebook?

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Abstract

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Article

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Now keeping that in mind when you see this image:

[Figure] woman.jpg

Name: Francis Renee White

Headline from WTKR

Suffolk Man Charged With Injecting Silicone Into Transgender Patients Without A License

I'm very aware of the crime that Ms. White committed, but writing the story this way shows either malice or ignorance of transgender people. And it definitely goes against a standard that most journalists follow.

Should I really be surprised though? It IS Virginia based media, after all. The culture there is a hyper conservative (they still celebrate Lee-Jackson Day, for example) . I thought they'd joined the 21 century, but I guess I was wrong.

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