

# Talula Does the Hula From Hawaii

The title of this post reflects someone's actual given name at birth. Shame on everyone who ever gave flak about my cute little Disney – it could have been worse; much, much worse!

*(CNN) – A New Zealand judge has made a 9-year-old girl a ward of the court so that her name can be changed from Talula Does the Hula From Hawaii, the country's national news agency reported Thursday.*

*Family Court Judge Rob Murfitt listed a series of unusual names that New Zealand parents had given their children, and said he was concerned that such strange monikers would create hurdles for them as they grew up.*

*"It makes a fool of the child and sets her up with a social disability and handicap," the New Zealand Press Association quoted the judge as saying.*

*Among the names Murfitt cited: twins named Benson and Hedges – after a brand of cigarettes; Violence; and Number 16 Bus Shelter.*

*Some parents had named children after six-cylinder Ford cars, the news agency reported.*

*The Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages said in a statement that it had rejected names including Fish and Chips, Yeah Detroit, Stallion, Twisty Poi – a staple food in Polynesian cuisine – and Sex Fruit.*

*A lawyer for Talula Does the Hula From Hawaii said the girl is so embarrassed by her name that friends know her as "K."*

*Last month, a judge in the U.S. state of Illinois allowed a school bus driver to legally change his first name to "In God"*

*and his last name to "We Trust."*

*But an appeals court in the state of New Mexico ruled against a man – named Variable – who wanted to change his name to a two-word phrase that contains a four-letter expletive and expresses opposition to censorship.*