

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-091

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 15, 2020

The Complainant alleged that a justice of the peace refused to vacate a jail sentence, despite extenuating circumstances.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission member Gus Aragón did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 15, 2020.

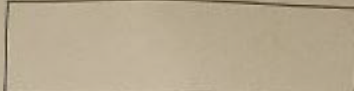
COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: [REDACTED]

Judge's Name: [REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] I was pulled over for speeding over 85 mph. I was due in court [REDACTED] which I plead guilty to the charges. I was ordered to pay my fine \$ [REDACTED] and I received 3 points on my driver's record for my actions. I was also ordered to do [REDACTED] in jail I agreed to do so. A hour after leaving court I received a call from my husband informing me he was leaving me and the kids for his new male lover. I hurried home to stop him but it was too late he was gone. I called the [REDACTED] after a hour of leaving to let them know what had happen I spoke to [REDACTED] who is Judge [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed me that I would have to email Judge [REDACTED] to inform her of my situation. I email the Judge [REDACTED]. I informed the judge about me being a single mother and I wouldn't be able to spend the [REDACTED] in jail but I can do community service or even pay a higher fine if that would service for my actions. In my email I also informed the judge that I would be starting a new job [REDACTED]. The judge emailed me back on [REDACTED] stating she already gave me a break with ordering me to do [REDACTED]. In jail I was also told by judge [REDACTED] to send in "my proof" because she didn't know if I was telling the truth.



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And I made this up to get out of doing [Redacted] in Jail that she ordered me to do I was also ordered to send in a 39 motor driving record along with "my proof" if I had any proof at all and she would take a look at it. I did as I was told I sent in my offer letter from my job and my driving record from az and california. This is my first time ever getting into any legal trouble I've never had a speeding ticket or been in any type of trouble with the law this is my first offense. Judge [Redacted] emailed me [Redacted] stating she looked over my documents I sent her but she won't reconsider her order knowing that I don't have anyone to keep my babies who are [Redacted] and [Redacted] years old I'm all they have my parents aren't here to help me their father walked out on them and Judge [Redacted] could care less I believe she has some kind of vendetta or personal bias towards me I know she can give me other options but she won't she only cares about me doing [Redacted] of jail time but my question is what will happen to my kids? since this situation happen I've been crying and stress ed out behind it because I can't leave my kids out here we have no one I understand what I did was wrong I really do I'm just asking for the Judge to understand in a single mom just trying to make out and pay what I owe for my actions but doing [Redacted] please please help me. In Jail can not be my only option

From:
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To:
Subject: jail

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Hello Judge this is I had court today regarding my speeding ticket I understand you ordered me to pay my fine and spend a jail. As I told you before I don't have anyone to keep my kids my husband just left me and the boys for his Male lover or what not so I really dont have anyone but me to depend on my mom & father passed ago so it's only me and my kids out here alone I called to speak with your clerk to see if I would be able to speak to you about this matter I want to know what other options I have even if that means a higher ticket community service something I understand that I will have 3 points on my record for my action but I'm willing to pay a high fine I start my new job and I'll be able to pay off my fine within the next I hope you understand my situation and I hear from you soon thank you Judge

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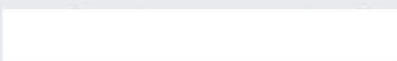
You did not say that at the hearing nor did you send any proof of what you are telling me is the truth. Normally for the speed you were going I give jail time and already gave you a break on that. If you want to submit proof of what you are saying is true, I will possibly consider a different sentence but that would more than likely consist of more than just a higher fine if I do revise the sentence order. No I do not know what that might be at this time. You will need to submit a 3 year driving record from the dmV with your proof, if you decide to send in the proof. At this time your request is denied

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Hello Judge: this is [redacted] I had court today regarding my speeding ticket I understand you ordered me to pay [redacted]




What proof do you need me to send, that I'm a single parent and there's no one to keep my kids I didn't say that

to me ▾





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We received your recent submission and I reviewed your file. Your sentencing will not be amended from the original order. You have been given three opportunities to speak to me on this issue and it will not be reconsidered any further.

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(sent via email)

Dear

On behalf of everyone at ("Company" or "We"), it is my pleasure to extend you an offer to join the Team! Your position will be based at our headquarters in You shall

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