

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 24-022

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

June 6, 2024

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings and violation of victim's rights by a municipal court judge hearing a criminal case.

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 members Denise K. Aguilar and Regina L. Nassen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 6, 2024.

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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**2024-022**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name:

Judge's Name:

**Instructions:** Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been advised by Office of the Arizona \_\_\_\_\_ to file the following complaint with you.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the victim in the case mentioned below:

Case:

Docket / Citation No.:

City Court.

I wish to request the you to conduct a thorough investigation of the above-mentioned case. I was told by the prosecutor that it would be a huge burden on the state to prove that the defendant \_\_\_\_\_ attempted to kill me many times on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and I got legally married on \_\_\_\_\_ and were living together since then until she was arrested on \_\_\_\_\_ at about \_\_\_\_\_. However, in a short time we lived together, I suffered so much pain and abuse from her, I had to call 911 and file an order of protection \_\_\_\_\_ times.

On \_\_\_\_\_ was being brutally abusive to me since morning. I tried my best to calm her down, however, she was determined to kill me and attempted to do so many times throughout the day. At about \_\_\_\_\_ on that day, I had to run out of my home to call 911 for help. I mentioned to the operator that \_\_\_\_\_ was trying to kill me. The police came, arrested her, filed a report (# \_\_\_\_\_) on \_\_\_\_\_ at about \_\_\_\_\_ and booked her into the \_\_\_\_\_ County Jail. She was kept in custody that day and later on \_\_\_\_\_ the judge released her with the conditions that she would not make any direct contact with me and that she would not go near my home. The cops brought her to my home later that evening for her to collect her stuff and leave.

I submitted my detailed victim impact statement to the court the following week.

I was able to obtain the police report about \_\_\_\_\_ weeks later. I learned from the report that \_\_\_\_\_ had lied about the fact that she attempted to fatally stab me on \_\_\_\_\_. I also learned from the court notice dated \_\_\_\_\_ that she was facing a one count of criminal charge for \_\_\_\_\_. I also came to know from the court that she had hired \_\_\_\_\_ as her defense attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_ was offered a plea in the first pretrial conference sometime in \_\_\_\_\_. However, her attorney \_\_\_\_\_ refused to accept the plea requesting a continuance. After dragging this case a few times, they indicated that they needed to see the footage from the Body Worn Cameras of the officers who arrested \_\_\_\_\_. They also mentioned that they needed a copy of the 911 calls. The state was able to provide them with a copy of the BWC's and 911 calls in \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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In the 911 call, I repeatedly told the operator that \_\_\_\_\_ was trying to kill me. It can be heard in the 911 calls that I was desperately yelling for help while \_\_\_\_\_ was chasing me to kill me. In the BWC's as well, I can be seen mentioning to one of the police officers that \_\_\_\_\_ was carrying a knife while attempting to kill me.

After \_\_\_\_\_ received the copies of BWC's and 911 calls, he kept dragging the case further and further by asking for a continuance in every pretrial conference. I finally learned in \_\_\_\_\_ that as a victim I could invoke my speedy trial right.

After I invoked my speedy trial right, \_\_\_\_\_ further started playing games to drag this case. He first chose the trial date as \_\_\_\_\_ I believe that no one in the court realized that it was a federal holiday. The case-trial was further rescheduled to \_\_\_\_\_ filed a motion to continue trial and got the hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ vacated. Next judicial review was scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_. On this day, I was told that they are going to decide the next trial date. The next trial date was set for \_\_\_\_\_ on which \_\_\_\_\_ made an excuse that he had to appear in another court and he thus he would not be available on this date. He, thus, simply dragged this case further. If he knew that he had to appear in another court on \_\_\_\_\_ he knew it from a very long time. He was only playing games unethically to drag this case as far as he could. The next trial date was scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_. Sometime in \_\_\_\_\_, he again got this hearing vacated giving an excuse that he had to be out of the country. The next court date was set for \_\_\_\_\_.

I was told by the prosecutor that it would be a fair trial, and that I will have to appear in the court to testify. On \_\_\_\_\_ I went fully prepared. However, as soon as I entered the court, I was told that \_\_\_\_\_ has decided to plead guilty. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to the prosecutor and her supervisor, and they agreed to his appeal. I was told that the police officers who arrested were no longer working with the police department, and it would a huge burden on the state to prove that \_\_\_\_\_ attempted to kill me. Citing this reason, \_\_\_\_\_ argued that \_\_\_\_\_ should be offered a diversion and be set free after she completes the unmonitored probation. The state had no other option but to agree with \_\_\_\_\_. While speaking to the Honorable Judge \_\_\_\_\_, he mentioned that his client \_\_\_\_\_ only touched me.

I was given a chance to speak to the judge \_\_\_\_\_ I did mention that \_\_\_\_\_ tried to kill me, fatally stab me multiple times, and that I would have been dead if I didn't run out of my home on the night of \_\_\_\_\_. I mentioned in my victim impact statement that it was a premeditated first-degree attempted murder. However, my words did not carry any value because the prosecutor had already agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ appeal. I felt like the judge \_\_\_\_\_ didn't even care about my words. She didn't even read my impact statement. If a domestic violence victim is mentioning in the court that it was a premeditated first-degree attempted murder and that he would have died, the judge could have been curious enough to know what was going on, and could have easily ordered for a thorough investigation. That never happened.



**OFFICE  
CRIMINAL DIVISION / SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION**

RE: Complaint

Dear

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the aforementioned complaint. Based on a review of all information provided to our office, it has been determined that the **Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct**, 1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229, Phoenix, AZ 85007, (602) 452-3200, <https://www.azcourts.gov/azcjc/ArizonaCommissiononJudicialConduct.aspx> would be your best option to file this complaint.


The information you have provided has been logged and will remain on file per the record retention laws of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Duty Agent  
Office

## ☰ Confirmation

You have successfully submitted your complaint. We will review your complaint. Once the initial review is complete, you will receive additional communication from our office. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

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**Submission Date:**

**Confirmation Number:**

### Your Information

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**I wish to submit this complaint anonymously.**

No

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

### Additional Complainants

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No additional complainants found. If you would like to add a complainant, please press the previous button to go back to the Your Information page and then press the add button.

### Primary Suspect/Suspect Business Information

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS  
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE  
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED  
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE  
REMAINDER OF THE  
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST  
IN WRITING TO THE  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE  
THE COMMISSION CASE  
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**