

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 09-098

Complainant: No. 1360700042A

Judge: No. 1360700042B

ORDER

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and the recording of the complainant's hearing and found no evidence of ethical misconduct on the part of the judge.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: July 23, 2009.

FOR THE COMMISSION

\s\ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on July 23, 2009.

This order may not be used as a basis for disqualification of a judge.

To whom it might concern:

I am writing this complaint to inform you of an injustice within our justice system. Today I appeared in _____ Court to see Judge _____, for a "red tag" violation that I received for hosting my roommate's birthday at our home in August of 2008. The reactions I received from the prosecutors and Judge _____ were offensive, rude, and unbecoming of officials in the judicial system of the United States.

A red tag is a fine and six-month guest limit for residents of _____ found in violation of a civil ordinance that states no citizens shall host an "unruly gathering" at their private residence. It is not a criminal charge, just a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$120 dollars or twelve hours of community service.

Judge _____ lied to me in court today and forced me to pay the fine on the spot by telling me she had suspended my driver's license until it was paid. I have all the court documents clearly stating Judge _____ had suspended my license for not paying my civil ordinance fine for a house party. I then went downstairs to pay the fine with money I borrowed from my student loans, and the clerks laughed at me and told me that my license could not be suspended because of a civil ordinance violation. At this point, I had already paid the fine and there was nothing that could be done. The clerks told me that my license was never suspended and that it cannot be suspended for that reason, even by the judge.

So my question to you is what is the truth? Can Judge _____ really suspend my license for a civil ordinance violation, or did she coerce me into paying the fine on the spot? Did Judge _____ and the _____ Court take advantage of my vulnerability and lack of official legal representation?

I feel like the city of _____ is taking advantage of me and trying to get every dollar they can out of me in the form of tickets and court fees for violations that no other state even has. I would appreciate a response and some clarification on these issues.

Sincerely,

Please respond to: