

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-067

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 18, 2020

The Complainant alleged a pro tem municipal court judge engaged in improper demeanor.

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 Denise K. Aguilar did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 18, 2020.

To whom it may concern,

On [redacted] I received a letter in the mail telling me I had failed to appear at a hearing for a parking violation that I never received? The summons states that on the [redacted] of [redacted] I was issued a ticket for parking my vehicle with expired tags in front of my girlfriend's house. The mailed letter stated that the officer [redacted] placed the alleged ticket on my windshield.

[redacted] was a very rare day for Arizona as not 1, not 2, but 3 separate Tornadoes touched down in the [redacted] area including the 1st one which hit at [redacted] near [redacted]

That day was [redacted] and I had planned to go shopping for a good deal on a newer car. When I got out to my car there was nothing on the windshield or in the street. I traded my car in that day.

When I went to court on [redacted] I explained to Judge [redacted] what had happened. He was very professional, very nice, and understanding. He told me, **"Just come back and show me the bill of sale that you traded in the car and I will dismiss everything."**

So today, [redacted] was the next hearing. Unfortunately Judge [redacted] was not presiding over the courtroom today. Instead, it was "Judge Pro Tempore" [redacted] Judge [redacted] did not possess the type of "court room demeanor" that Judge [redacted] had previously. He was rude, obnoxious, and seemed to be on some type of "power trip of intimidation."

When he called me up I showed him PROOF that the car was traded in with a bill of sale just as Judge [redacted] requested. Instead, he told me me he could not dismiss the ticket? When I challenged him politely he accused me of raising my voice which I had not done and then

threatened me with "contempt of court"? So, I preceded to explain to him that even if I did receive the ticket (which I did not) the ticket would not have even been valid to begin with.

When he questioned me further I explained to him **"Your honor, according to Arizona State Traffic Law 28-1591 section B there is no requirement that either the initial notification or any subsequent summons and complaint for a parking or standing violation be issued or served as required by this article."** But I guess that's too much information and a lot to ask from a fill in "Pro Tempore" Judge.

In closing, It is important to note that I am a public figure with an audience over 1.5 million people. I am also a professional speaker, News Anchor, and National Spokesman. I frankly don't have the time to continue to fight this citation even though I am POSITIVE I would have won. Judge was not professional, not sympathetic, and not interested in hearing my side of the story. Consider this email as my official complaint on this horrible fill in Judge.

With Liberty,