State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-298

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 2, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge improperly denied a request to expunge records in two criminal cases.

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 2, 2023.

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Exhibit - A Minute Entry Dismissed Proceeding

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The by and through undersigned counsel, objects to the Defendant's petition because the weight involved in the offense exceeds the limits in

A.R.S. § 36-2862. This case involved approximately one pound of marijuana. Exhibit A. count 2 and 3 are Drug PARAphernalia Violations

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The by and through undersigned counsel, objects to the Defendant's petition because the weight involved in the offense exceeds the limits in A.R.S. § 36-2862. The Defendant was seen with a backpack, and a traffic stop of a car he was a passenger in revealed 328 grams (11.56 ounces) of marijuana in the backpack. A 247.2 VACA feed search of his residence then revealed about another 490 grams (17.2 ounces). Exhibit A. 27.6 28 grams from the trial transcript see I ab tech testomony in the trial transcript page

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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.