State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-129

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 6, 2023

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings by a superior court judge hearing a post-conviction proceeding.

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 Barbara Brown, Colleen E. Concannon, Louis Frank Dominguez, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 6, 2023.

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The Court recognizes that has worked thoroughly in preparing his motions and obtaining and attempting to obtain documents, and will give him the benefit of assuming that (after his year delay in filing his first petition) he has subsequently been exercising due diligence pursuant to 32.1(e)(2). However, that effort alone does not satisfy all the requirements of Rule 32.1(e).

asserts "

". (Petition, 3:7-8). Evidence whose primary purpose is impeachment is not permitted under Rule 32.2(e)(3).

and show she lied on the stand. His wants to impeach the minor With respect to Counts 1, 2, and 3, argument, as the Court understand it, is as follow: (1) claimed on the stand to only to have spent night but if that date had learned for the first time at the trial that this was with (2)trailer been disclosed before he would have had other witnesses; (3) On burned down; (4) Many other people would testify they were at his home that night partying and that was " to so events could not have happened the way she described, (5) was an " never alone with bedroom as she her mother burning the trailer, therefore must have been in the east bedroom, not was extremely cold, so could not have been wearing shorts and a tank top claimed, and (6) claims he will present witnesses that should have been called and subpoenaed if the as she described. prior to trial. state would have disclosed the exact date of the alleged counts 1, 2, 3 as being to the events that actually occurred that evening This witnesses would testify as to the facts of and impeaching the victim's inconsistent statements.

⁶ While seeks to cast argument relies heavily upon the events of The majority of testimony, he relies repeatedly on her implied testimony that she did not spend doubt on the majority of testified that she and the night at house. (Day). However, more than 7 first testified that after and children spend nights at house. until" ' (Day), but died⁸, he did not see " (Day later said " Therefore testimony may have spent the night of . By his own testimony, then, were all inconsistent on this matter. , and from

claims that was in east bedroom and witnessed her mother start the fire and watched the fire burn and cried saying " " " He argues this is proof that lied during her testimony about being in his bedroom, the west bedroom. refers to her multiple times in his petition as an " ' to the event. No evidence was presented at trial or in the attached exhibits that ever said she witnessed her mother burn down the mobile home. She expressed her belief/conclusion that her mother burnt it down, but she never testified or claimed to have seen it.⁹

claims is innocent because he can show through " 'that lied on the stand because he will present witnesses that should have been called and subpoenaed if the state would have disclosed the exact date of the alleged counts 1, 2, 3 as being He claims these witnesses would testify as

⁶ Previous Rule 32 petition focused on different dates, but were raised the same arguments – challenging the sufficiency of the evidence and seeking to impeach the witness testimony presented at trial.

⁷ funeral was

⁸ Testimony of multiple witnesses and a death certificate establish the date of death as

⁹ TR, Q: What happened to the trailer. A: My mom burned it. Q: Your mom burned it.A: Yes