

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 23-416

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

March 29, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made improper legal rulings in 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 29, 2024.

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**2023-416**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge

**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.

My son, \_\_\_\_\_ was murdered. He was an innocent young man who was a successful teacher, martial artist, and graduate student attending the \_\_\_\_\_ who was beloved not only by his family but by many friends. My son was shot down in cold blood for no reason as he exercised during the pandemic by taking a walk through his neighborhood near the \_\_\_\_\_. You cannot imagine the agony of my grief.

Compounding my emotional pain is the knowledge that the murderer who killed my son in this drive-by shooting had been arrested before for committing violent crimes, but he was released from jail.

I am told that there were \_\_\_\_\_ counts against him when he was released - including multiple charges of physical armed assault, multiple charges of armed robbery, burglary, drug possession and kidnapping! And he had been extradited from \_\_\_\_\_ only to be released.

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ authorized the release of this violent criminal. Did Judge \_\_\_\_\_ violate the law when he allowed the killer's release? It seems to me that he did. I have looked at Arizona Revised Statutes section 13-3967(B)(3),(4), (12), and (13), and also at Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure 7.2. I cannot understand why this law and this court rule did not require Judge \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that the murderer was kept in jail after he was extradited from \_\_\_\_\_