

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 24-215

Judge: Keith D. Barth

Complainant: Karl Goldsmith

ORDER

June 9, 2025

The Complainant alleged a city court magistrate improperly entered a crime scene and acted improperly while at the scene.

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 considered this matter in conjunction with another pending matter – CJC Case No. 24-155 – in which the judge stipulated to a public reprimand along with additional education and mentoring. As part of the agreement, the Commission agreed to dismiss the complaint in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a), however, the Commission reserves the right to reopen this matter should the judge not comply with the terms of the agreement in CJC Case No. 24-155.

Commission member Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 9, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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 name is Karl Goldsmith, and I am a retired Arizona Law Enforcement Officer for over thirty years. This complaint is being submitted to request a formal inquiry/investigation into my perceived unethical behavior/conduct as witnessed by myself and others on the part of Magistrate Keith Barth and his wife, Beth Barth. This unethical behavior occurred while on the property (crime scene) belonging to my deceased brother-in-law, Gregory Scheid who was murdered (SSCSO DR# 231005001) on October 5, 2023. His wife, Jamie Scheid was critically wounded as well and was placed on life support. She succumbed to her injuries on October 9, 2023.

Beth Barth was previously married to Greg Scheid, and they had been divorced for over 20 years. At the time of the incidents Beth and Magistrate Barth had gained access to the Scheid premises and I believe it was unauthorized. Both Magistrate Barth and Beth were observed by multiples sources on the property removing items from the home and placing them into their personal vehicle. In addition, I was advised that Magistrate Barth had entered the crime scene room and had cleaned it without authorization.

Magistrate Barth's conduct violates multiple principals of the code of conduct and is contrary to everything one has learned in law enforcement.

Attached is a witness list and in furtherance, I have in my possession photographs and audio recordings of the alleged misconduct.

Respectfully submitted,

K.N. Goldsmith,

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Karl Goldsmith

Amy Goldsmith

Lacey Mejia

Ryan Goldsmith

Alyssa Beck

Andrew Beck

Russell Scheid

Elizabeth Watts

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Detective Ainza – Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Detective Muzquiz – Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Corporal Ron Davis – Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office