

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-456

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 23, 2025

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge, now retired, had poor demeanor from the bench 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 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 December 23, 2025.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name:

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I am trying to report that a judge who threatened me in open court with _____ years in jail for every bullet in a weapon I was never in possession of at any time. I was in a vehicle with _____ who was the owner of the vehicle. I did not have a gun in my possession. I explained to judge _____ that my mother, _____ and the owner of the firearm in question, had borrowed _____ car during the day to get the tires replaced on her _____. There is footage that shows my mother placing the gun under the seat at _____ in _____, AZ. My mother forgot the weapon and also left her extra clip and ammo in the center console of the car. I picked up the ammo when I noticed it to give it back to my mother. I did not know there was a weapon in the car and the weapon was not found on my person. There is body cam footage to show that I was never in possession of a firearm and a news article that states the gun was found in the car, not on my person. I did not possess a firearm because I know that I am not able to because of a previous felony condition. I was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time of this incident. It was late at night and I was exhausted from doing repair work and getting the tires back on my mother's _____. Case number _____ states that I am only being charged for possession of weapon by prohibited person. I was never in possession and I was told he was going to put me in jail for _____ years for each bullet if I didn't accept a plea bargain that the state gave me but I am innocent so I wanted to go to trial. I called and confirmed all of the court dates and times with the _____ County. These are the dates and times for appearances with Judge _____ : _____ via phone, _____, _____, and _____. This list is all of the interactions I have had in this matter with Judge _____ on this matter. After being threatened in open court in front of an entire court room I was afraid of Judge _____ and what would happen. This was a stayed case and I thought that this was all over and on _____, after it had moved cross the country there was a warrant issued that I was never aware of for a crime I didn't commit. I am enclosing a copy of the news article stating the weapon was found in the car, not on my person, if you need to get in touch with my mother _____ to verify any details she can be reached at _____

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Two in

arrested with

loaded weapon

By



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Courtesy of

Police

— Officers were working a collision in the area of _____ and _____ with a tow truck on site, with west bound traffic stopped, when a vehicle approached them from the west with its headlights off. An officer contacted the driver and a passenger who both showed signs of being under the influence. When the officer approached the driver, he noticed a silver spoon with a burnt residue on the driver's lap.

When the officer saw the drug paraphernalia, he ordered the driver to exit the vehicle. The driver exited quickly and grabbed the spoon and concealed it in his pants pocket. The officer detained the driver and a search of his person revealed a plastic bag in his pants pocket containing _____ grams of _____. The passenger was also detained and a search of his person revealed a magazine belonging to a _____ handgun.

A search of the vehicle revealed a syringe and a loaded _____ handgun. The weapon was found underneath the passenger's seat. The driver, _____, of _____, was arrested for possession and use of a dangerous drug, possession of a dangerous drug for sale and possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger, _____, of _____ had prior felony charges and was arrested for being a prohibited possessor of weapons and misconduct with a weapon during a felony offense. Both were transported to the _____ County Jail Annex in _____.

The above information was released by a local law enforcement agency. The individual is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. After reviewing the cases the county attorney's office often drops or modifies charges.

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