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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 20.023

This Complaint referenced a belief that the Judge was biased against Complainant due to Complainant's disability, resulting in Complainant being ordered to home confinement. Complainant alleged the "home" where Complainant was to be confined was without running water. Complainant stated that, at the hearing, Complainant and his/her attorney informed the Judge of this fact, but the Judge still ordered the home confinement.

The Board conducted an Initial Inquiry, including a full review of the docket and listening to each hearing held. There was no mention during the hearing about the conditions of the location where Complainant was to be confined. The Board found no evidence of bias or other violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 20.023 is DISMISSED.

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Barbara R. Blackman, Chair