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OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF	No. 16-90011
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT	**ORDER**

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant, a pro se prisoner, alleges that a magistrate judge made improper rulings in his civil rights case. These allegations relate directly to the merits of the judge's rulings and must be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B).

Complainant also alleges that the judge is biased in favor of the defendants. However, adverse rulings alone are not proof of bias, and complainant provides no objectively verifiable evidence to support this allegation, which must be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 583 F.3d 598 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Complainant further alleges that the judge ignored several of his motions. A review of the record indicates that the judge has ruled on each motion. To the extent that complainant alleges that the judge improperly delayed ruling, he offers

no evidence that the alleged delay was based on improper motive, or that the judge has habitually delayed ruling in a significant number of unrelated cases. Accordingly, this allegation must be dismissed. See In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 584 F.3d 1230, 1231 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009); Judicial-Conduct Rule 3(h)(3)(B).

Complainant alleges that the judge intimidated him during a settlement conference by inquiring about "his sentence structure" and parole eligibility. Complainant interpreted the judge's question to mean that he would be denied parole if he proceeded with the case. There is no transcript of the settlement proceedings, but even if the judge asked this benign question, it would not prejudice "the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts," so this claim is dismissed. See Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(A).

DISMISSED.