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U.S. COURT OF APPEALSJUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

Nos. 09-90078 and 09-90079

ORDER**KOZINSKI**, Chief Judge:

Complainant alleges that a district judge and a magistrate judge improperly dismissed his habeas petition. This charge relates directly to the merits of the judges' rulings and must therefore be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B). A misconduct complaint is not a proper vehicle to challenge a judge's rulings on the merits. See In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982).

Complainant also alleges that the judges directed court staff to conceal two filings in his habeas case. The docket reveals that one of the submissions allegedly concealed was filed by the district court and the other was rejected because the case was closed. Because there is no evidence that misconduct occurred, this charge must be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

DISMISSED.