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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT****IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 15-90000

ORDER**THOMAS**, Chief Judge:

Complainant, a pro se prisoner, alleges that a magistrate judge made improper rulings in her underlying civil 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 threatened to unseal previously expunged documents, and ultimately ordered these documents unsealed, in retaliation for complainant's administrative challenge to a prison transfer. Adverse rulings alone are not proof of misconduct, see In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 715 F.3d 747, 749 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2013), and complainant offers no objectively verifiable evidence of threats or retaliatory motive. Moreover, a review of the record reveals no evidence raising an inference of misconduct. Accordingly, this charge must be dismissed as unfounded. See 28

U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 552 F.3d 1146, 1147–48 (9th Cir. 2009); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

Finally, complainant makes several allegations against the state Attorney General’s Office, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Board of Parole Hearings. These charges must be dismissed because the misconduct procedure applies only to federal judges. See In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 631 F.3d 961, 963 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2011); Judicial-Conduct Rule 4.

DISMISSED.