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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 16-90144

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant, a pro se litigant, alleges that a magistrate judge improperly ruled against him and “had [his] claim transferred.” 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 Complaint of Judicial Misconduct, 605 F.3d 1060, 1061 (9th Cir. 2010) (“A misconduct complaint is not a proper vehicle for challenging the merits of a judge’s rulings”); 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 “stole close to \$100,000 from the government.” However, complainant offers no objectively verifiable proof in support of this allegation, which is dismissed as unfounded. 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).

DISMISSED.