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MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

## OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE COMPLAINT OF

JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT

Nos. 24-90081, 24-90082, 24-90083

**ORDER** 

## MURGUIA, Chief Judge:

Complainant, a pro se prisoner, has filed a complaint of judicial misconduct against two district judges and a magistrate judge. Review of this complaint is governed by the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings ("Judicial-Conduct Rules"), the federal statutes addressing judicial conduct and disability, 28 U.S.C. § 351 *et seq.*, and relevant prior decisions of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council. In accordance with these authorities, the names of the complainant and the subject judges shall not be disclosed in this order. *See* Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(g)(2).

The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act provides a remedy if a federal judge "has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts." 28 U.S.C. § 351(a). A chief judge may dismiss a complaint if, following review, he or she finds it is not cognizable under the statute, is directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling, or is

frivolous or lacks sufficient evidence to raise an inference of misconduct. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(i)-(iii). Judicial misconduct proceedings are not a substitute for the normal appellate review process and may not be used to seek reversal of a judge's decision, to obtain a new trial, or to request reassignment to a different judge.

Complainant named three subject judges in his complaint but makes no specific allegations regarding these judges. However, the magistrate judge named in the complaint retired earlier this year. Because the Judicial-Conduct Rules apply only to active federal judges, any allegations against the magistrate judge must be dismissed. *See* Judicial-Conduct Rule 1.

Although the complaint of judicial misconduct is difficult to decipher, it includes broad allegations of a conspiracy between judicial officers and police officers that has resulted in a long history of violence and harassment. However, complainant provides no objectively verifiable evidence to support these conclusory allegations, which are dismissed as unfounded. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii) (listing reasons the chief judge may decide to dismiss the complaint, including claims that are lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred); *In re Complaint of Judicial Misconduct*, 569 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 2009) ("claimant's vague insinuations do not

provide the kind of objectively verifiable proof that we require"); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(D).

## DISMISSED.