

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

JCP No. 08-25-90091

In re Complaint of John Doe*

This is a complaint of judicial misconduct by a criminal defendant against a magistrate judge who is assigned to his case.

Based on an e-mail that the complainant sent to the Acting United States Attorney in the judge's district, a criminal complaint charged the complainant with interstate threats and threats against a federal official. The complaint was supported by the sworn affidavit of a federal investigator, who quoted from the complainant's e-mail. The magistrate judge issued a warrant for the complainant's arrest. A grand jury later charged the complainant with influencing a federal official by threat, and interstate communication with a threat to kidnap and injure the governor and others.

The complaint alleges that the magistrate judge "signed a federal warrant [for his arrest] without fully reading [his] email that supposedly has threats against certain elected officials." The complainant asserts that "words are not violence and freedom of speech is a constitutional right you can't take away from me." The complainant alleges that he has not done anything illegal.

The complaint is dismissed as "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling." 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); Rule 11(c)(1)(B). The complaint

*Under Rule 24(a) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, the names of the complainant and the subject judge are not disclosed. Citations or references herein to a "Rule" refer to these Rules.

is otherwise dismissed as “frivolous” or “based on allegations lacking sufficient evidence to raise an inference that misconduct has occurred.” Rule 11(c)(1)(C), (D).

/s/ Steven M. Colloton
Chief Judge

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