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CLOSURE REPORT OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

Re: Docket No.: 17.042

This Complaint arises out of a criminal matter with allegations that, although Complainant had pled guilty, the arrest was without adequate warrants and that Complainant was denied the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment. The Rules of the Judicial Conduct Board were sent to the Complainant, specifically discussing Rule 6(17) of the Rules for Disciplinary Control of Judges which states:

The Board shall not function as an appellate court to review the decisions of a court or judge nor exercise superintending or administrative control over determinations of courts or judges.

The Complainant was given 30 days to supplement the Complaint with specific allegations under the Board's jurisdiction. Complainant did submit an additional letter, but it contained no new information over which the Board has jurisdiction.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 17.042 is DISMISSED.

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By: Andrew H. Maass
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