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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.005

Complainant alleges that the Judge issued an order holding Complainant without bail solely due to racial prejudice. If these allegations were supported by evidence, they could potentially implicate Canon 3(B)(5). However, there is statutory authority for the Judge's actions, which are in any event a legal issue. Complainant presents no evidence of racial bias beyond the fact of the denial of bail decision.

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.

The Complaint in Docket No. 14.005 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler