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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 14.047

This Complaint is the result of a Judge declining to accept a Plea Agreement. Complainant, who was allowed to withdraw his plea, felt that the Judge should have been bound by the terms negotiated, and further, that the Judge should not have been privy to Complainant's criminal record or socio-economic history in the pre-sentence report. Neither familiarity with a criminal defendant's history nor rejection of a Plea Agreement violate the Code of Judicial Conduct. Complainant was given thirty days to supplement the filing with additional allegations but failed to do so.

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. 14.047 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler