# STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

# DISTRICT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CIRCULAR JUDICIAL CONTROL

| MCRO DATA ANALYSIS

Matthew David Guertin,

Defendant.

Judicial Officer: Sarah Hudelston

TO: THE HONORABLE SARAH HUDLESTON, JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT; MARY F. MORIARTY, HENNEPIN COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND MAWERDI HAMID, ASSISTANT HENNEPIN COUNTY ATTORNEY

SYNTHETIC JUDICIAL SYSTEM EXPOSED AI-DRIVEN DOCKET SIMULATIONS AND PSYCHIATRIC DISPOSAL WITHIN THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT



# THE VERY CLEAR 'CIRCULAR' HANDLING PATTERN OF CRIMINAL CASES TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE SAME THREE 'PROBATE / MENTAL HEALTH' (CIVIL COURT) JUDICIAL OFFICERS -

A selection of 'common criminal cases' between all three Judicial Officers which originated in 2023

# State of Minnesota vs JIMMY EDWARD SPEARS III (27-CR-23-1600)

#### **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case began with George Borer handling an initial hearing on February 14, 2023, where key procedural decisions were made. This set the foundational legal framework for the case, addressing initial appearances and bail conditions.

#### **Transition to Julia Dayton Klein:**

The case was then transferred to Julia Dayton Klein for a subsequent hearing on March 7, 2023. During this hearing, she addressed several procedural aspects, building upon the groundwork laid by Borer, including the discussion and rulings related to further bail conditions and procedural advancements.

## **Engagement of Danielle Mercurio:**

After Klein's involvement, the case moved to Danielle Mercurio for additional hearings, where she continued the judicial process, possibly reinforcing or modifying the decisions previously made by Klein and Borer. This included handling motions related to the ongoing legal proceedings and adjusting judicial approaches based on the evolving case context.

#### **Return to George Borer:**

The case circled back to George Borer, who conducted another hearing on March 21, 2023. His involvement at this stage again signifies the cyclic nature of the judicial handling among these three judges, where he reviewed and ruled on procedural motions, ensuring the continuity and legal consistency of the case handling.

#### **Final Handling by Julia Dayton Klein:**

The case eventually returned to Julia Dayton Klein for the final decisions, where she concluded the proceedings based on the cumulative inputs over multiple hearings by the involved judges. This included a critical review and final ruling on April 11, 2023, effectively closing the procedural loop and ensuring all judicial decisions were comprehensively addressed.

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# **State of Minnesota vs Lucas Patrick Kraskey (27-CR-23-385)**

#### **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case started with George Borer conducting the first significant hearing on February 14, 2023, where critical procedural decisions were made, setting the preliminary legal framework for the case proceedings.

#### **Transition to Danielle Mercurio:**

Shortly after, on February 21, 2023, Danielle Mercurio took over for a detailed evaluation for competency to proceed, building upon the judicial process initiated by Borer. This included handling and filing orders directly related to the defendant's competency evaluation, emphasizing her role in significant legal proceedings.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

Julia Dayton Klein was engaged for a hearing held on March 7, 2023, where she oversaw further procedural developments, including issuing a warrant due to a failure to appear by the defendant. Her involvement furthered the decisions and discussions previously handled by Mercurio and Borer, indicating a pattern of sequential involvement among these judges.

#### **Return to George Borer:**

The case circled back to George Borer, who conducted another hearing on March 21, 2023, where key decisions were made following the evaluations and inputs from previous hearings. His decisions during this session included motions related to bail and continued the legal processes, reflecting a recurring pattern where the case was passed back among the three judges.

#### Final Decisions by Danielle Mercurio:

Ultimately, Danielle Mercurio handled the concluding aspects of the case, including final hearings and dispositions on May 2, 2023. This included a finding of incompetency and the formal dismissal of the case, based on the cumulative judicial inputs over the multiple hearings.

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# State of Minnesota vs TERRELL JOHNSON (27-CR-23-8649)

#### **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case started with Judge George Borer overseeing a bail hearing on March 19, 2024, where he addressed the initial procedural aspects and set interim conditions, establishing a foundational legal approach for the case.

#### **Engagement of Danielle Mercurio:**

Danielle Mercurio took over the proceedings on the same day (March 19, 2024), conducting a hearing that involved critical decisions on the competency of the defendant, directly continuing from the points raised by Judge Borer earlier.

#### **Continued by Julia Dayton Klein:**

Subsequently, the case was handled by Julia Dayton Klein for a review hearing scheduled for August 29, 2023, which was canceled, and later for another hearing on February 27, 2024. Her role was to review and follow up on the earlier assessments regarding competency and bail conditions, ensuring that all judicial proceedings were coherent and continuous.

#### **Return to Danielle Mercurio:**

The case then moved back to Danielle Mercurio, where she finalized the judicial process on March 12, 2024, with a series of hearings that culminated in a finding of incompetency. This session reflected a comprehensive review of the case's progress based on previous judicial inputs.

#### **Upcoming Hearings:**

There is a review hearing scheduled with Julia Dayton Klein on September 10, 2024, indicating ongoing judicial involvement and monitoring of the case status.

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## State of Minnesota vs AARON DASHAUN CHERRY (27-CR-23-3198)

#### **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case opened with George Borer handling the first significant hearing on February 10, 2023, where initial procedural decisions and a bail hearing were conducted. His role was crucial in setting the legal and procedural framework for the case.

#### Transition to Julia Dayton Klein:

The case then transitioned to Julia Dayton Klein for a motion hearing on February 21, 2023. Her decisions built upon the groundwork laid by Borer, furthering the legal proceedings and revisiting the bail conditions set earlier. Her involvement was key in addressing motions related to the ongoing management of the case.

## **Engagement of Danielle Mercurio:**

Subsequently, the case was moved to Danielle Mercurio for another bail hearing on March 6, 2023, continuing the judicial process initiated by Borer and Klein. This hearing further addressed ongoing legal considerations pertinent to the case's development, including bail conditions and the management of the defendant's custody status.

#### **Return to Julia Dayton Klein:**

Finally, the case returned to Julia Dayton Klein, who handled a review hearing on June 11, 2023. This closure of the judicial loop with Klein highlights the recurring pattern of handling among the same set of judges, which might impact the impartiality and independence of judicial decisions. Her final review helped solidify the decisions made throughout the case, ensuring all judicial aspects were comprehensively addressed.

# State of Minnesota vs Abdinour Mohamed Alasow (27-CR-23-512)

#### **Initial Handling by Kristin Siegesmund:**

The case commenced with Kristin Siegesmund, who conducted the first appearance and set the initial terms, including a Rule 20.01 evaluation for competency on January 9, 2023. This early decision set the stage for subsequent judicial reviews.

#### **Transition to George Borer:**

On February 14, 2023, George Borer handled the proceedings post-Rule 20.01 evaluation. His decision regarding the defendant's competency significantly shaped the next steps in the judicial process, emphasizing his role in pivotal determinations.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

Subsequently, the case was transitioned to Julia Dayton Klein for further decisions. On March 7, 2023, she was involved in subsequent hearings and decisions that built upon the assessments made by George Borer, including orders related to the conditions of release and continuation of the case under specified terms.

#### **Return to Danielle Mercurio:**

Finally, the case was handled by Danielle Mercurio for closing procedures, where she finalized the decisions previously influenced by both Borer and Klein. This final stage of the case reflects a recurring pattern where significant decisions are reviewed and concluded by Mercurio, indicating a systemic approach in handling such sensitive matters.

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## State of Minnesota vs Abdinour Mohamed Alasow (27-CR-23-883)

## **Initial Handling by Kristin Siegesmund:**

The case began with Kristin Siegesmund managing the first appearance and initial proceedings on February 13, 2023. She set the stage for subsequent judicial assessments by establishing interim conditions and addressing initial legal requirements.

#### **Transition to George Borer:**

Shortly thereafter, on February 14, 2023, George Borer conducted a crucial hearing focusing on the defendant's competency and related legal determinations. His decisions during this hearing were foundational for the case's trajectory, including a finding of incompetency and setting further interim conditions based on the competency evaluations.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

The case then moved to Julia Dayton Klein, who on March 7, 2023, conducted another significant hearing. Her involvement often symbolizes a continuation and sometimes a pivotal turn in the case based on prior hearings conducted by Borer. She upheld the bail conditions previously set and conducted the proceedings remotely, adding to the continuity in judicial handling.

#### **Return to Danielle Mercurio:**

The final hearings and decisions transitioned back to Danielle Mercurio, where she concluded the proceedings by dismissing the case on March 27, 2023. Her closure of the case reflects the ongoing pattern where critical decisions are cycled through the same set of judges, finalizing the legal outcomes based on the comprehensive inputs provided throughout the judicial process.

## **State of Minnesota vs YASMIN AHMED ALI (27-CR-23-1658)**

## **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case began with a critical hearing conducted by George Borer on May 30, 2023, where initial procedural decisions were made, including scheduling further evaluations and handling initial court appearances.

#### **Transition to Julia Dayton Klein:**

Subsequently, Julia Dayton Klein took over the case for a hearing scheduled on June 20, 2023. Her involvement was crucial in further developing the case based on the foundational decisions made by Borer, particularly addressing the outcomes of the competency evaluations and setting interim conditions.

#### **Engagement of Danielle Mercurio:**

The case then moved to Danielle Mercurio for an additional hearing. However, this particular hearing scheduled for July 11, 2023, was ultimately canceled. This indicates planned sequential involvement which was not executed but shows the intended circular handling.

#### **Return to George Borer:**

Interestingly, the case circled back to George Borer, reflecting the recurring pattern of judicial handling among these judges, where he continued to oversee the ongoing evaluations and adjusted court orders as necessary.

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# State of Minnesota vs GRAHM MARK FLETCHER (27-CR-23-2152)

#### **Initial Handling by Danielle Mercurio:**

The case was first handled by Danielle Mercurio on July 11, 2023, where preliminary decisions regarding the proceedings were made, including addressing the outcomes from a previously issued warrant and managing the initial Rule 20.01 evaluation for competency.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

The case was then transferred to Julia Dayton Klein for a hearing on July 25, 2023. She built upon the previous decisions, furthering the procedural aspects of the case and reviewing the need for continued interventions based on earlier hearings. During this hearing, an important decision was made to issue a bench warrant due to non-appearance, impacting subsequent legal proceedings.

#### **Return to Danielle Mercurio:**

Subsequently, Danielle Mercurio took over again for a series of follow-up hearings, including one on November 28, 2023, where she reviewed the progress and made additional decisions based on the ongoing evaluations and previous judicial inputs. This session included addressing the completion of the competency evaluation and planning further steps in the judicial process.

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## State of Minnesota vs MUAD ABDULKADIR (27-CR-23-3459)

## **Initial Handling by Hilary Caligiuri:**

The case began with Judge Hilary Caligiuri who conducted the first hearing and handled several preliminary matters including a Rule 20.01 evaluation order on February 16, 2023. This set the foundation for further judicial actions.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

Julia Dayton Klein was involved in a subsequent hearing scheduled for September 26, 2023, which was later cancelled and rescheduled to November 7, 2023, by agreement. This pattern indicates a planned sequential involvement which was adjusted based on judicial availability and agreement among parties.

#### **Return to George Borer:**

The case briefly returned to George Borer on March 21, 2023, for a hearing where significant decisions regarding competency were made. His decisions influenced the direction of the case moving forward.

#### **Final Handling by Danielle Mercurio:**

Danielle Mercurio conducted a review hearing on September 19, 2023, where she addressed the ongoing aspects of the case, building on the previous judges' decisions. This hearing was critical for assessing the progress and determining the next steps in the judicial process.

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# State of Minnesota vs ABDULKADIR ELMI EGAL (27-CR-23-3496)

#### **Initial Handling by George Borer:**

The case began with Judge George Borer handling the initial hearings, including competency evaluations and related decisions on March 21, 2023, setting the judicial tone and procedural basis for the case. This included a crucial finding of incompetency and related orders that shaped the subsequent legal proceedings.

#### **Transition to Julia Dayton Klein:**

Subsequently, the case was transferred to Julia Dayton Klein for a bail hearing on April 4, 2023. Her involvement furthered the legal proceedings and revisited decisions regarding the bail that were initially set by Borer. During this hearing, the bail conditions were reviewed and upheld, ensuring continuity in the case's management.

## **Engagement of Danielle Mercurio:**

The case moved to Danielle Mercurio for a review hearing scheduled for September 19, 2023. This step continued the judicial process, likely building on the previous decisions made by Klein and Borer. However, this hearing was ultimately canceled, indicating planned but unexecuted judicial follow-through.

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## State of Minnesota vs MOHAMED ABDI SHIDE (27-CR-23-284)

#### **Initial Handling by Susan N. Burke:**

The case was first assigned to Susan N. Burke, who initiated the proceedings based on the preliminary hearings.

#### **Transition to George Borer:**

Subsequently, the case was handed over to George Borer for critical hearings concerning the competency of the defendant and other related proceedings. Borer's decisions here were pivotal as they set the stage for further legal actions, emphasizing a pattern where he often follows up on cases initially reviewed by other judges.

#### **Engagement of Julia Dayton Klein:**

After Borer's input, the case was transitioned to Julia Dayton Klein for further proceedings, particularly focusing on the implications of the competency ruling and finalizing the dismissal. Dayton Klein's role often involves deeper legal and procedural decisions following the assessments made by Borer.

#### **Return to Danielle Mercurio:**

The case circled back to Danielle Mercurio for additional reviews and final assessments, suggesting a recurring loop among these three judges. This pattern was particularly evident in the post-competency phase of the proceedings, where Mercurio reassessed the case, possibly for final decisions or further directions.

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# State of Minnesota vs Lucas Patrick Kraskey (27-CR-23-5751)

## **Initial Handling by Julia Dayton Klein:**

The case started with Julia Dayton Klein handling a bail hearing on March 28, 2023, where she made decisions regarding the defendant's bail status and ordered a competency evaluation under Rule 20.01.

#### **Engagement of George Borer:**

Subsequently, George Borer took over the proceedings on the same day (March 28, 2023), continuing the evaluation for competency to proceed, which was initially set by Dayton Klein.

#### Return to Julia Dayton Klein:

The case circled back to Julia Dayton Klein, who managed the final decisions related to the competency evaluations and subsequent orders. She concluded these processes by affirming the need for continued judicial oversight pending the outcomes of the evaluations.