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**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In Re the Matter of: )  
The Honorable Victoria Meadows )  
Mason County District Court )  
P.O. Box "O" )  
Shelton, Washington 98584 )

No. 3505-F-95

**STIPULATION, AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable Victoria Meadows, Judge of the Mason County District Court, stipulate and agree as follows:

This stipulation is submitted pursuant to CJCRP 23 and shall not have any effect until approved by the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct.

**STIPULATED FACTS**

1. The Honorable Victoria Meadows, Respondent, was at all times referred to herein a Judge of the Mason County District Court, Shelton, Washington.
2. Following her public contact at a service station with a motorist on January 24, 2001, Respondent used court resources to obtain the motorist's traffic infraction record. Respondent thereafter sent a letter to the Washington State Patrol, the Mason County Sheriff, court staff, and the motorist describing her experience and providing information about the motorist. Respondent advised the recipients that she would recuse herself on any traffic-related matter involving the motorist. (See Exhibit A.) The court, and not law enforcement, process judges' recusals from cases, and there was no court-related purpose to advise law enforcement in this fashion.



1 facts as set forth in this stipulation. Respondent admitted that it was a mistake for her to  
2 use information in the manner she had. Respondent further admitted that she erred by  
3 sending the memorandum attached as Exhibit A. Respondent was cooperative with the  
4 Commission, and admitted the alleged violations. Respondent has no history of prior  
5 disciplinary action.

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8 **AGREEMENT**

9 1. Based upon the stipulated facts, Respondent agrees that while a Judge of  
10 the Mason County District Court she violated Canons 1, 2(A) and 2(B) of the Code of  
11 Judicial Conduct by failing to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence  
12 in the impartiality and integrity of the judiciary.

13 2. Respondent agrees to accept a written admonishment as described in RCW  
14 2.64.010(1) and CJCRP *Terminology* and Rule 6.

15 3. Respondent agrees that she will exercise caution to avoid repeating the  
16 violations. To this end, Respondent agrees to report completion, within one year from the  
17 entry of this stipulation, of the "General Jurisdiction" or "Ethics for Judges" courses offered  
18 by the National Judicial College, or similar courses approved in advance by the  
19 Commission chair.

20 4. In accepting this stipulation, the Commission takes into account  
21 Respondent's cooperation with the Commission's investigation and her acknowledgment  
22 of the violations.

23 5. Respondent agrees that by entering into this Stipulation and Agreement she  
24 hereby waives her procedural rights and appeal rights pursuant to the Commission on  
25 Judicial Conduct Rules of Procedure and Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington State  
26 Constitution in this proceeding.

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*Victoria Meadows*  
Honorable Victoria Meadows, Respondent

10/22/01  
Date

*Robert W Johnson*  
Robert Johnson, Counsel for Respondent  
WSBA # 15486

10/23/01  
Date

*David Akana*  
David Akana, Counsel WSBA 5523  
Commission on Judicial Conduct

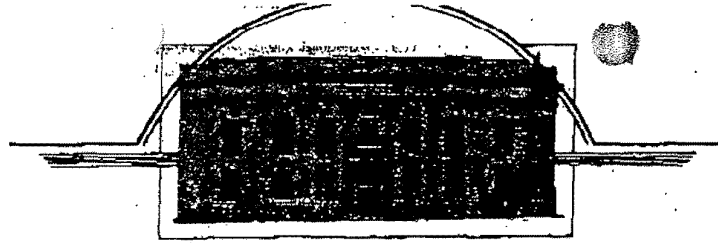
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**ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT**

Based upon the above stipulation and agreement, the Commission on Judicial Conduct hereby ORDERS, and Judge Victoria Meadows, Respondent, is hereby ADMONISHED for violating Canons 1, 2(A) and 2(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent shall fulfill the terms of the agreement as above set forth.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2001.

*Margo T. Keller*  
Margo T. Keller, Chair  
Commission on Judicial Conduct



MASON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

P.O. BOX "O" (360) 427-9670  
SHELTON, WASHINGTON 98584

To: Washington State Patrol  
Mason County Sheriff

Re: \*\*\*Redacted\*\*\* \*\* /\*\*/\*\* ; registered owner of \*\*\*Redacted\*\*\*  
Judge Recusal.

On the evening of January 24, 2001 at approximately 8:45 p.m. I was waiting my turn at the gas pumps at the Deer Creek store. The above vehicle came "flying in" off of Highway 3 toward the pumps from the opposite direction of my vehicle. The driver was not paying attention and abruptly stopped at the pump for which I was headed. Had I not been paying attention and driving cautiously we would have had a head on collision. This was witnessed from a different vantage point by my husband who had followed me in a separate vehicle to Deer Creek store. There were other witnesses.

The registered owner has an extensive driving history, including 10 speeding tickets in 5 years. Given his history, and the driving pattern which I observed, I expect he will receive additional tickets.

The purpose of this memo is not to have the individual cited for his negligent driving on January 24<sup>th</sup>, but to advise you that I will recuse myself on any traffic related matter involving him. You may wish to make a note of this on any ticket he is issued. By a copy of this letter, \*\*\*Redacted\*\*\* will be advised to let my clerks know that I have recused myself so that they may set matters before another Judge.

Cc Court Staff

\*\*\*Redacted\*\*\*

EXHIBIT A  
(CJC No. 3505 - Redacted)

Victoria Meadows  
Judge

Patricia Robinson  
Administrator