

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

December 18, 2012

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK
Chief Judge

No. 07-12-90094

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

At the suggestion of the United States Marshals Service, the executive committee of a district court entered an order providing that complainant will be accompanied by a deputy marshal while in the courthouse. Complainant asserts that the Marshals Service is lying, that he is no threat, and that the chief judge of the district should have believed his assurance that he poses no threat to anyone.

I dismiss this complaint under 28 U.S.C. §352(b)(1)(A)(i) because it does not allege misconduct. A judge is entitled to accept security advice provided by professional law-enforcement personnel. Federal judges have been attacked, and some have been assassinated; persons visiting or working in courthouses have been injured or killed by litigants who have gone berserk. When a security concern arises, it is better to be safe than to be sorry. The escort requirement may inconvenience or embarrass complainant, but it does not prevent him from visiting the courthouse in order to participate in litigation. Complainant appealed the escort order, but his appeal was dismissed when he failed to pay the required fees. The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980 does not provide an alternative means of obtaining review.

Last year complainant filed a similar complaint (No. 07-11-90071) against the same judge concerning the same escort order. His current complaint does not mention my order dismissing that complaint. Any additional complaint in the same vein will be dismissed summarily, and I will order complainant to show cause why the Judicial

Council should not take steps to curtail his frivolous invocations of the 1980 Act. See Rule 10(a) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.