

Melbourne District Court Judge Steven D. Lawrence

On December 11, 2001 Judge Lawrence was arrested and charged with a felony for fraud-drug paraphernalia. It is alleged that Lawrence knowingly and intentionally acquired a controlled substance by theft or fraud. Lawrence was also a pharmacist working in the Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Mountain View. An audit of the Wal-Mart pharmacy was conducted and revealed that approximately 25,000 prescription drug pills were missing with a value of about \$7,500. Lawrence was subsequently arrested and charged with the theft of those drugs.

Lawrence has admitted to the theft and stated that he was addicted to pain medication. He is presently in rehabilitation and is represented by Attorney L. Grey Dellinger. Lawrence submitted his judicial resignation effective January 1, 2002 and agreed to never again serve in the Arkansas judiciary. He has also agreed not to sit as a judge between now and the effective date of his resignation.

A copy of the judge's resignation follows.

DISTRICT COURT OF IZARD COUNTY

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Judge Dwayne Lawrence
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December 14, 2001

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Honorable Michael D. Huckabee
Governor of the State of Arkansas
250 State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Resignation as District Judge of IZARD County, Arkansas

Dear Governor Huckabee:

For personal reasons, I do hereby, by means of this letter, tender my resignation as District Judge of IZARD County, Arkansas. It is after much consideration and careful thought that I now submit my resignation. Pursuant to the provisions of A.C.A. 16-10-410 D, I acknowledge and declare that I will never serve in the Arkansas Judiciary again.

I respectfully request my resignation become effective January 1st, 2002. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Judge Steven D Wayne Lawrence
Judge Steven Dwayne Lawrence
District Judge

cc: James A. Badami
Executive Director
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