

July 27, 2016

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to ask you to remove Judge Mary Frances Cole from Summary Court, Anderson, South Carolina. She has a history of dropping charges against criminals. She is putting Anderson County deputies in repeated danger by dropping these charges. After seven calls to 911 from my neighbors and myself, each deputy that has responded has told us their frustration with Judge Cole over dropping charges. My neighbor, Jeffery Lane Smith, 127 Cool Meadows Drive, South Carolina, has been arrested twice for breaking and entering and she dropped charges on both arrests. On July 2, 2016, she dropped breaking and entering charges against my neighbor, Jeff Smith. He entered our vehicles and removed items from them, then entered our garage and threw items into the yard and stole a vehicle computer module. After Judge Cole dropped the charges, the arresting officer XX Duncan appeared before the Honorable Nancy Devine and she issued a warrant for his arrest on July 7, 2016. While out on bond, he broke into another neighbor's house and again Judge Cole dropped the charges. Mr. Smith has a previous charge of meth possession, enough to be charged as a dealer, and is awaiting a jury trial. The last two arrests, Mr. Smith was able to discard his meth and could not be charged again on meth possession.

Friday, July 29, 2016, Judge Cole will preside over a preliminary hearing for the breaking and entering charges that Judge Nancy Devine reinstated. If possible, please urge Judge Cole to not drop these charges. Judge Cole must be removed from her appointment as a Summary Court Judge. I and my neighbors live in fear twenty-four hours a day. We feel helpless because of the Honorable Nancy Francis Cole.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Bray

cc: United State Senator Tim Scott  
United State Senator Lindsey Graham  
United States Congressman Jeff Duncan  
South Carolina Senator Kevin Bryant  
South Carolina State Representative Joshua Putnam  
Judge Nancy Devine

