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Yvette Cade before she left him



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Yvette Cade Seeks Justice Against Judge Palumbo

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(WJZ) BALTIMORE Too little too late. That's how Yvette Cade, the woman set on fire by her estranged husband, is describing the removal of the judge who failed to protect her.

"He should not be exempt from facing me in the court of law, and being confronted with his own behavior and attitude towards me," Cade said in a press conference Monday.

Weeks before she was doused with gasoline and set on fire, Palumbo ignored Cade's pleas that her husband was intimidating her. On September 19th, he dismissed a protective order that 31-year-old Yvette Cade had obtained against 33-year-old Roger Hargrave.

"I want an immediate, absolute divorce," Cade told Palumbo. "I'd like to be six-foot-five, but that's not what we do here," Palumbo responded.

Less than one month later, Hargrave went to his wife's workplace in Clinton, doused her with gasoline and set her on fire. Surveillance cameras at the T-Mobile store where Cade worked captured video of Cade erupting into a ball of fire.

The attack on Cade, and Palumbo's response during her September 19th hearing gained national attention.

Palumbo was placed on administrative duty two weeks after the attack. His problems expanded in April when the Maryland Judicial Disabilities Commission accused him of engaging in a pattern of misconduct in domestic violence cases, likening three women seeking protective order to "buses that come along every ten minutes."

But a month before Palumbo was scheduled to face a misconduct hearing, he abruptly retired, prompting the Maryland Judicial Disabilities Commission to drop its charges against him.

"I have been repeatedly failed by the system. How many times will I be burned?" Cade asked. Palumbo's decision to retire means he likely won't face any punishment.

Eyewitness News obtained a copy of Palumbo's retirement letter, which he hand-delivered to Governor Ehrlich. In it, Palumbo states, "The decision to retire was made at the urging of my long-time personal physician and family members, all of whom are aware of the heavy toll the stress of the past year has had on my health."

WJZ's Mike Hellgren spoke to Palumbo's friend, retired Prince George's Circuit Court judge Vincent Femia, who said Palumbo is frustrated.

"He's not able to answer under instructions from his counsel. Keep your mouth shut until we get to the hearing. And now he can't go to the hearing, and that's probably upset him worse than anything," Judge Femia said.

While Cade is happy to see the judge off the bench, she says he shouldn't be able to retire and collect pension without facing her in court. She's asking for a public outcry and hopes Governor Ehrlich's office will take steps to discipline Palumbo. "They should not be able to walk away from the disastrous effects of their decisions," said Shereen Jackson, Cade's sister.

But Judge Femia says the Governor has nothing to do with. "It has nothing to do with an executive decision. The law is the law," he said.

Cade's now former husband, Roger Hargrave, is serving a life sentence...so is Yvette.

<http://www.yvettecadefund.org/>

Misconduct Charges Filed Against Judge

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. - Prince George's County District Court Judge Richard Palumbo is facing misconduct charges that allege he made disparaging statements about women seeking protective orders - including a woman who was set on fire by her estranged husband.

A complaint filed last month alleges Palumbo violated judicial standards in the case of Yvette Cade, 32, when he dismissed her request that a protective order be kept in place against her husband, Roger B. Hargrave.

Three weeks later, Cade was badly burned when Hargrave, 34, doused her with gasoline and set her on fire outside a Clinton T-Mobile store where she worked.

A jury convicted Hargrave of attempted first-degree murder in the case last week.

The 11-page complaint said Palumbo "has demonstrated his insensitivity to the needs of such alleged victims and their families through his frequent inappropriate comments during the course of hearings on these cases."

An investigative counsel appointed by the Commission on Judicial Disabilities filed the charges in documents dated April 24.

During Cade's court hearing in September, Palumbo refused to listen to Cade, the complaint alleges. When Cade said she wanted a divorce, Palumbo replied, "I would like to be 6-foot-5."

The conduct violates judicial canons as well as standards calling for judges to be courteous and patient with jurors, lawyers, witnesses and litigants, according to the complaint.

The Washington Post reported the charges after Palumbo's attorney delivered a copy of the documents to the newspaper. The commission has scheduled public hearings on the charges for Aug. 28-29.

"Judge Palumbo welcomes the opportunity to present all relevant facts to the commission and to present a full and complete picture of the events and circumstances in this case," Palumbo's attorney, William C. Brennan, said in a statement.

Palumbo would have no further comment on the complaint, Brennan said.

The 67-year-old judge has been restricted to administrative duties since Oct. 26 in connection with additional complaints that Palumbo violated official procedure to have a Maryland State Police trooper void a speeding ticket he issued to the judge in February 2005.

The complaint provides additional details on that incident as well as alleged misconduct in an August collision in which a Maryland state trooper found that Palumbo caused a wreck but the trooper did not issue a citation.

When the trooper wrote in an incident report that Palumbo had failed to yield, the complaint alleges, "The judge then attempted to influence Trooper (Leonard) Hewitt by telling him that he knew the trooper's boss."

The complaint alleges Palumbo made disparaging comments to and about women in "numerous" domestic violence cases.

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