



Governor Bill Richardson Statement on Judge John Brennan and Patricia Mattioli

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement regarding Judge John Brennan and Patricia Mattioli:

“I am deeply disappointed and disturbed by the tragic actions surrounding Judge Brennan and Patricia Mattioli. This incident will only redouble my efforts to deal with the DWI and drug scourges in our state in the next legislative session. On a personal level, I am deeply saddened by this tragedy because I consider Judge Brennan and Patricia Mattioli not just colleagues, but friends as well. The leave of absence taken by Judge Brennan is an appropriate action. This incident shows the pervasiveness of the DWI and drug problems that exist today. We must deal with these problems aggressively, regardless of the status of any individual. Since this matter will be dealt with by the courts and possibly by the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission, it would be inappropriate for me to comment any further until the investigation is concluded.”

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