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**News Release**

## **Governor Bill Richardson Asks Judge Tommy Rodella to Resign From Bench**

**Judge tenders resignation, effective Wednesday, July 20**

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SANTA FE- At the request of Governor Bill Richardson, Tommy Rodella, a judge on the Rio Arriba County Magistrate Court, has resigned effective yesterday, July 20. The Governor met with Rodella Tuesday and asked for his resignation after learning the Judge apparently personally delivered an order to release a friend who had been jailed on a DWI charge.

“The actions of our judges must be above reproach,” said the Governor. “I am very disappointed, but in my opinion this was the appropriate course of action.”

Rodella, who was appointed in March of this year, also officially notified New Mexico Chief Justice Richard Bosson of his resignation.

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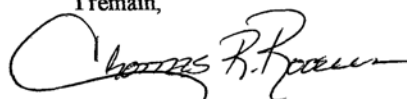
Honorable Governor Richardson:

I hereby tender my resignation as Magistrate Judge, Division I, for the County of Rio Arriba, effective at the close of business today.

It has been an honor and a truly rewarding experience to have had the opportunity to serve the people of Rio Arriba in this capacity.

I look forward to working together on issues of mutual concern.

I remain,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Rodella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas R. Rodella