

In the Courtroom of Judge Christine Rodriguez: A Documented Pattern of Problematic Dispositions, 2020–2026

Problematic Dispositions are those non-merits resolutions where the underlying charges against a defendant remain unresolved, thereby freeing the defendant from physical custody and further criminal prosecution for those charges. In the courtroom of Judge Christine Rodriguez 40 cases were adjudicated at a 68% problematic rate, resulting in 27 problematic cases that included 2 dismissed as incompetent, 13 dismissed for failure to prosecute, 11 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 1 deferred dismissal.

2020–2021: Early Signals of Recurring Dismissal

In September 2020, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Battery (misdemeanor) (household member) case against Dana Delouth, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 12 prior cases. Delouth faced new charges of Battery (household member) in April 2021.

In April 2021, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery (household member) case against Misty Frazee, who had 8 prior cases. Frazee faced new charges of Battery (household member) in September 2021.

In November 2021, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (household member) case against Andres Galvan, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 6 prior cases. Galvan faced new charges of False Imprisonment in January 2022.

2022–2023: Peak Volume and Same-Day Clusters

In March 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence case against Dana Delouth, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 19 prior cases. Delouth faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in April 2022.

In June 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (household member) case against Andres Galvan, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 10 prior cases. Galvan faced new charges of Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) in September 2022.

In July 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (household member) case against Mike Chavez, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 20 prior cases. Chavez faced new charges of Battery (household member) in August 2022.

In October 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (household member) case against Robert Austin, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 1 prior case. Austin faced new charges of Embezzlement – Felony in March 2023.

In March 2023, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated DWI Driving While Under the Influence of Liquor and/or Drugs (Open Count) (Misdemeanor) case against Manuel Palmier Barros, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 5 prior cases. Palmier Barros faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in August 2023.

In March 2023, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed as incompetent the Battery (household member) case against Mike Chavez, who had 31 prior cases. Chavez faced new charges of Battery (household member) in April 2023.

2024–2026: Continued High-Prior Dismissals and Reoffending

In January 2024, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence case against Manuel Palmier Barros, who had 8 prior cases. Palmier Barros faced new charges of Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) in February 2024.

In April 2024, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery (household member) case against Andres Galvan, who had 23 prior cases. Galvan faced new charges of Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer (No Injury or Great Bodily Harm) in August 2024.

In May 2024, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against Miguel Gasca, who had 8 prior cases. Gasca faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Public) in May 2024.

In May 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) case against Robert Austin, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 4 prior cases. Austin faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) in August 2024.

In November 2024, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Damage to Property (Under \$1000) case against Matthew Jones, who had 25 prior cases. Jones faced new charges of Disorderly Conduct in December 2024.

In November 2024, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Assault Against a Household Member case against Benny Escalera, who had 15 prior cases. Escalera faced new charges of Battery (household member) in December 2024.

In January 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Assault Against a Household Member case against Robert Rion, who had 32 prior cases. Rion faced new charges of Burglary in January 2025.

In January 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) case against Isaiah Herrera, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 21 prior cases. Herrera faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in May 2025.

In January 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed as incompetent the Assault case against David Abalos, who had 64 prior cases. Abalos faced new charges of Battery in February 2025.

In June 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery case against Robert Rion, who had 39 prior cases.

In August 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Resisting, Evading or Obstructing an Officer (Resisting) case against Miguel Gasca, who had 16 prior cases. Gasca faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in August 2025.

In September 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez granted deferred dismissal in the Larceny (Over \$250 but not more than \$500) case against Thomas Johnson, who had 10 prior cases. Johnson faced new charges of Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) in September 2025.

In November 2025, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Assault Against a Household Member case against Richard Sanchez, who had 49 prior cases. Sanchez faced new charges of Harassment in November 2025.

In November 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass case against Nathaniel Linker, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 22 prior cases. Linker faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in January 2026.

In November 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) case against Gabriel Devolk, assigned to Judge Christine Rodriguez at the time, who had 17 prior cases. Devolk faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in March 2026.

In February 2026, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against William Powell, who had 24 prior cases. Powell faced new charges of Battery in February 2026.

In May 2026, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against Candido Robles, who had 44 prior cases. Robles faced new charges of False Imprisonment in May 2026.

In May 2026, Judge Christine Rodriguez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) case against Victor Armendariz, who had 28 prior cases. Armendariz faced new charges of Aggravated Assault upon a Peace Officer (Deadly Weapon) in May 2026.

The pattern of problematic dispositions in the courtroom of Judge Christine Rodriguez includes 2 incompetent findings, 13 dismissals for failure to prosecute, 11 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 1 deferred dismissal. High-prior individuals in these records include David Abalos (64 priors), Richard Sanchez (49 priors), Candido Robles (44 priors), and Robert Rion (priors reaching 39). Repeat names across separate dated dispositions include Dana Delouth, Andres Galvan, Mike Chavez, Manuel Palmier Barros, Robert Austin, Miguel Gasca, and Robert Rion.

Summary of Featured Examples

Period	Offender	Key Charge(s)	Disposition by Judge Rodriguez	Priors	Notable Subsequent Charge(s)
2020	Dana Delouth	Aggravated Battery (misdemeanor) (household member)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	12	Battery (household member) [Apr 2021]
2021	Misty Frazee	Battery (household member)	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for 8 failure to prosecute	8	Battery (household member) [Sep 2021]
2022	Dana Delouth	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	19	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony [Apr 2022]

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2023	Mike Chavez	Battery (household member)	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez as incompetent	31	Battery (household member) [Apr 2023]
2024	Andres Galvan	Battery (household member)	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for failure to prosecute	23	Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer [Aug 2024]
2025	David Abalos	Assault	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez as incompetent	64	Battery [Feb 2025]
2025	Robert Rion	Battery	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for failure to prosecute	39	[No subsequent listed]
2025	Richard Sanchez	Assault Against a Household Member	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for failure to prosecute	49	Harassment [Nov 2025]
2026	Candido Robles	Criminal Trespass	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for failure to prosecute	44	False Imprisonment [May 2026]
2026	Victor Armendariz	Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000)	Dismissed by Judge Rodriguez for failure to prosecute	28	Aggravated Assault upon a Peace Officer (Deadly

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