

In the Courtroom of Judge Douglas Driggers: 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 Douglas Driggers 47 cases were adjudicated at a 60% problematic rate, resulting in 28 problematic cases that included 4 dismissed as incompetent, 4 dismissed for failure to prosecute, 17 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 3 deferred dismissals.

2020–2021: Early Signals of Recurring Dismissal

In March 2020, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) case against Eduardo Versailles, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 8 prior cases. Versailles faced new charges of Trafficking Controlled Substances (Possess with Intent to Distribute)(Narcotic or Meth)(1st Off.) in April 2020.

In September 2020, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Battery Against a Household Member (Strangulation or Suffocation) case against Patrick Torres, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 7 prior cases. Torres faced new charges of Attempt to Commit a Felony, to wit: Armed Robbery in July 2021.

In January 2021, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Kidnapping First Degree (Intent to Commit Sexual Offense) case against Juan Jaramillo, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 47 prior cases. Jaramillo faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Posted) in April 2021.

In May 2021, Judge Douglas Driggers granted deferred dismissal in the Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Court Order Release/Bond) – Attempt case against Miguel Pallares, who had 21 prior cases. Pallares faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) in October 2021.

2022–2023: Peak Volume and Same-Day Clusters

In May 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) case against Miguel Pallares, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 31 prior cases. Pallares faced new charges of Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) in September 2022.

In September 2022, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed as incompetent the Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) case against Eduardo Versailles, who had 13 prior cases. Versailles faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Posted) in September 2022.

In November 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) case against Miguel Pallares, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 34 prior cases. Pallares faced new charges of Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) in January 2023.

In December 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) case against Logan Mintz, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 50 prior cases. Mintz faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in December 2022.

In March 2023, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in two Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) cases against Patrick Torres, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 20 prior cases. Torres faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) in June 2023.

In June 2023, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed for failure to prosecute the Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle (1st Offense) case against Bradley Crossland, who had 13 prior cases. Crossland faced new charges of Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) in August 2023.

On August 11, 2023, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed for failure to prosecute the Residential Burglary case against Carlos Alvarez, who had 15

prior cases, and dismissed as incompetent the Residential Burglary case against Roberto Cornejo, who had 7 prior cases. Cornejo faced new charges of Breaking and Entering in August 2023.

2024–2026: Continued High-Prior Dismissals and Reoffending

In February 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Breaking and Entering case against Christopher Sawyer, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 18 prior cases. Sawyer faced new charges of Non-Residential Burglary in March 2024.

In May 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Burglary of a Vehicle case against Frankie Melon, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 30 prior cases. Melon faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in May 2025.

In September 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Burglary of a Vehicle case against Frankie Melon, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 31 prior cases. Melon faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in May 2025.

In November 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery upon a Peace Officer case against Fernando Ibarra, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 45 prior cases. Ibarra faced new charges of Disorderly Conduct in November 2024.

In December 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Battery (Deadly Weapon) case against Ruben Rincon, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 83 prior cases. Rincon faced new charges of Breaking and Entering in March 2026.

In March 2025, Judge Douglas Driggers granted deferred dismissal in the Aggravated Assault (deadly weapon) (household member) case against Fernando Ibarra, who had 50 prior cases. Ibarra faced new charges of Battery upon a Peace Officer in April 2025.

In March 2025, Judge Douglas Driggers granted deferred dismissal in the Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) case against Neal Garcia, who had 53 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) in June 2025.

In August 2025, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed for failure to prosecute the Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) case against Bradley Crossland, who had 25 prior cases. Crossland faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) in August 2025.

In September 2025, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed as incompetent the Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) case against Neal Garcia, who had 55 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Unposted) in October 2025.

In December 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Conspiracy to Commit Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) case against Bradley Crossland, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 16 prior cases. Crossland faced new charges of Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) in May 2026.

In December 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (Household Member) (4th or Subsequent Offense) case against Christopher Mancha, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 42 prior cases. Mancha faced new charges of Driving While License Revoked – DWI Related in March 2026.

In December 2025, Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) case against Miguel Pallares, who had 50 prior cases. Pallares faced new charges of Competency Raised in January 2026.

On March 10, 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) case against Miguel Pallares, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 51 prior cases, and Judge Douglas Driggers dismissed as incompetent the Competency Raised case against Pallares, who had 52 prior cases.

Pallares faced new charges of Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) in March 2026.

In April 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) case against Eduardo Versailles, assigned to Judge Douglas Driggers at the time, who had 36 prior cases. Versailles faced new Competency Raised matters in June 2026.

The pattern of problematic dispositions in the courtroom of Judge Douglas Driggers includes 4 incompetent findings, 4 dismissals for failure to prosecute, 17 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 3 deferred dismissals. High-prior individuals in these records include Ruben Rincon (83 priors), Neal Garcia (priors reaching 55), Logan Mintz (50 priors), Fernando Ibarra (priors reaching 50), and Miguel Pallares (priors reaching 52). Repeat names across separate dated dispositions include Miguel Pallares, Eduardo Versailles, Patrick Torres, Frankie Melon, Bradley Crossland, Fernando Ibarra, and Neal Garcia.

Summary of Featured Examples

Period	Offender	Key Charge(s)	Disposition by Judge Driggers	Priors	Notable Subsequent Charge(s)
2020	Eduardo Versailles	Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	8	Trafficking Controlled Substances [Apr 2020]
2021	Juan Jaramillo	Kidnapping First Degree (Intent to Commit Sexual Offense)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	47	Criminal Trespass (Posted) [Apr 2021]
2022	Logan Mintz	Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	50	Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) [Dec 2022]

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2023	Patrick Torres	Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) x2	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	20	Possession of a Controlled Substance (Felony) [Jun 2023]
2023 (Aug 11)	Carlos Alvarez / Roberto Cornejo	Residential Burglary / Residential Burglary	Failure to prosecute / Dismissed as incompetent	15 / 7	[No subsequent listed] / Breaking and Entering [Aug 2023]
2024	Ruben Rincon	Aggravated Battery (Deadly Weapon)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	83	Breaking and Entering [Mar 2026]
2024	Frankie Melon	Burglary of a Vehicle	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	30–31	Burglary of a Vehicle [May 2025]
2025	Neal Garcia	Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000)	Dismissed by Judge Driggers as incompetent	55	Criminal Trespass (Unposted) [Oct 2025]
2025	Christopher Mancha	Battery (Household Member) (4th or Subsequent Offense)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	42	Driving While License Revoked – DWI Related [Mar 2026]
2026 (Mar 10)	Miguel Pallares	Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection Order) /	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) /	51–52	Aggravated Stalking (Violation of Protection

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2026	Eduardo Versailles	Competency Raised [same-day]	Dismissed as incompetent	36	Order) [Mar 2026]
		Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)		Competency Raised [Jun 2026]