

In the Courtroom of Judge Jill Martinez: 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 Jill Martinez 43 cases were adjudicated at a 74% problematic rate, resulting in 32 problematic cases that included 2 dismissed as incompetent, 11 dismissed for failure to prosecute, 19 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 0 deferred dismissals.

2020–2021: Early Signals of Recurring Dismissal

In January 2020, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Burglary of a Vehicle case against Matthew Jones, who had 14 prior cases. Jones faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in March 2020.

No problematic dispositions were found for this courtroom in 2021.

2022–2023: Peak Volume and Same-Day Clusters

In February 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 Jill Martinez at the time, who had 16 prior cases. Delouth faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in April 2022.

In February 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Battery (household member) case against Maximiliano Contreras, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 2 prior cases. Contreras faced new charges of Attempt to Commit a Felony, to wit: Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) in April 2022.

In August 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 Jill Martinez at the time, who had 27

prior cases. Delouth faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in October 2022.

In May 2023, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Battery (Misdemeanor)(No Great Bodily Harm) case against David Morales, who had 4 prior cases. Morales faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in June 2023.

In June 2023, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence case against Johnny Montano, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 14 prior cases. Montano faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in July 2023.

In December 2023, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass case against Pierre Williams, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 12 prior cases. Williams faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Posted) in January 2024.

2024–2026: Continued High-Prior Dismissals and Reoffending

In January 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass case against Misty Frazee, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 24 prior cases. Frazee faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in January 2024.

In April 2024, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery (household member) case against Candido Robles, who had 23 prior cases. Robles faced new charges of Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) in April 2024.

On April 29, 2024, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute two cases against Candido Robles on the same day—one for Battery (household member) and one for Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000)—with Robles having 24 to 26 prior

cases. Robles faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in May 2024.

In May 2024, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) case against Phillip Beckom, who had 22 prior cases. Beckom faced new charges of Attempt to Commit a Felony, to wit: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I – III) in May 2024.

In June 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass case against Misty Frazee, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 37 prior cases. Frazee faced new charges of Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) in June 2024.

In July 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) case against William Powell, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 9 prior cases. Powell faced new charges of Aggravated Stalking in July 2024.

In July 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) case against Nathaniel Nunez, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 25 prior cases. Nunez faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Damage) in September 2024.

In November 2024, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Park Property: shall not disfigure/remove property/trees/plants; remove natur.resources; erect struct. case against Kelly McCain, who had 10 prior cases. McCain faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in February 2025.

In December 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass (Posted) case against Marlin James, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 17 prior cases. James faced new charges of Tampering with Evidence (Highest Crime a Third, Fourth or Indeterminate Degree Felony) in January 2025.

In December 2024, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery case against Donald Fletcher, who had 9 prior cases. Fletcher faced new charges of Criminal Damage to Property (Under \$1000) in April 2025.

In January 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Harassment case against Mike Chavez, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 49 prior cases. Chavez faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in January 2025.

In January 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) case against Nathaniel Nunez, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 27 prior cases. Nunez faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in February 2025.

In March 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Unlawfully Obstructing Movement case against Valentin Garcia, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 13 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in March 2025.

In July 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Misdemeanor Offense Not Identified case against Sonja Garcia, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 20 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Battery upon a Peace Officer in August 2025.

In July 2025, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against Tyler Hammond, who had 31 prior cases. Hammond faced new charges of Possession of Burglary Tools in July 2025.

In October 2025, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery (household member) case against Richard Sanchez, who had 43 prior cases. Sanchez faced new charges of Harassment in November 2025.

In December 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) case against Richard Romero, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 42 prior cases. Romero faced new charges of Aggravated Shoplifting in January 2026.

In February 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Unlawful Camping in any publicly owned area case against David Gregory, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 26 prior cases. Gregory faced new charges of Unlawful Camping in any publicly owned area in February 2026.

In March 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Crossing at Other than Cross Walk case against Breanna Benavidez, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 21 prior cases. Benavidez faced new charges of Aggravated Assault Upon a Peace Officer in March 2026.

In March 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Criminal Trespass case against Misty Frazee, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 62 prior cases. Frazee faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in March 2026.

In March 2026, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed as incompetent the Resisting, Evading or Obstructing an Officer case against Steven Hamilton, who had 29 prior cases.

In April 2026, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against John Johnson, who had 38 prior cases. Johnson faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in May 2026.

In May 2026, Judge Jill Martinez dismissed as incompetent the Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) case against Mike Chavez, who had 57 prior cases. Chavez faced new charges of Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence in June 2026.

In June 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Pedestrians on Roadways case against Breanna Benavidez, assigned to Judge Jill Martinez at the time, who had 25 prior cases.

The pattern of problematic dispositions in the courtroom of Judge Jill Martinez includes 2 incompetent findings, 11 dismissals for failure to prosecute, and 19 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi). High-prior individuals in these records include Misty Frazee (priors reaching 62), Mike Chavez (priors reaching 57 and 49), Richard Sanchez (43 priors), Richard Romero (42 priors), and John Johnson (38 priors). Repeat names across separate dated dispositions include Dana Delouth, Candido Robles, Misty Frazee, Nathaniel Nunez, Mike Chavez, and Breanna Benavidez.

Summary of Featured Examples

Period	Offender	Key Charge(s)	Disposition by Judge Martinez	Priors	Notable Subsequent Charge(s)
2020	Matthew Jones	Burglary of a Vehicle	Dismissed by Judge Martinez for failure to prosecute	14	Burglary of a Vehicle [Mar 2020]
2022	Dana Delouth	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	16	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony [Apr 2022]
2022	Maximiliano Contreras	Battery (household member)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	2	Attempt to Commit a Felony, to wit: Shoplifting [Apr 2022]
2022	Dana Delouth	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	27	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence [Oct 2022]
2023	David Morales	Aggravated Battery (Misdemeanor) (No Great Bodily Harm)	Dismissed by Judge Martinez for failure to prosecute	4	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence [Jun 2023]
2023	Johnny Montano	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	14	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting

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		Domestic Violence			Domestic Violence [Jul 2023]
2024 (Apr 29)	Candido Robles	Battery (household member) / Criminal Damage to Property of a Household Member [same- day]	Dismissed by Judge Martinez for failure to prosecute	24–26	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony [May 2024]
2024	Misty Frazee	Criminal Trespass	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	37	Shoplifting (Over \$500 but not more than \$2,500) [Jun 2024]
2024	William Powell	Shoplifting (\$250 or Less)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	9	Aggravated Stalking [Jul 2024]
2025	Mike Chavez	Harassment	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	49	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence [Jan 2025]
2025	Richard Sanchez	Battery (household member)	Dismissed by Judge Martinez for failure to prosecute	43	Harassment [Nov 2025]

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2025	Richard Romero	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	42	Aggravated Shoplifting [Jan 2026]
2026	Misty Frazee	Criminal Trespass	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	62	Criminal Trespass [Mar 2026]
2026	Steven Hamilton	Resisting, Evading or Obstructing an Officer	Dismissed by Judge Martinez as incompetent	29	[No subsequent listed]
2026	John Johnson	Criminal Trespass	Dismissed by Judge Martinez for failure to prosecute	38	Criminal Trespass [May 2026]
2026	Mike Chavez	Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000)	Dismissed by Judge Martinez as incompetent	57	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence [Jun 2026]
2026	Breanna Benavidez	Pedestrians on Roadways	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	25	[No subsequent listed]