

In the Courtroom of Judge Joshua Sanchez: 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 Joshua Sanchez 76 cases were adjudicated at a 55% problematic rate, resulting in 42 problematic cases that included 1 dismissed as incompetent, 26 dismissed for failure to prosecute, 15 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi), and 0 deferred dismissals.

2020–2021: Early Signals of Recurring Dismissal

No problematic dispositions were found for this courtroom in 2020.

In March 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) case against Gabriel Devolk, who had 7 prior cases. Devolk faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in March 2023.

In May 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the False Imprisonment case against Candido Robles, who had 18 prior cases. Robles faced new charges of Battery (household member) in June 2021.

In June 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery upon a Peace Officer case against Mike Chavez, who had 18 prior cases. Chavez faced new charges of Assault Against a Household Member in March 2022.

In July 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Non-Residential Burglary case against Miguel Gasca, who had 1 prior case. Gasca faced new charges of Burglary in January 2022.

In August 2021, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle case against Morgan Fuller, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 9 prior cases. Fuller faced new charges of Receiving or Transferring Stolen Motor Vehicle in August 2021.

In August 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) case against Manuel Corrales, who had 5 prior cases. Corrales faced new charges of Battery upon a Peace Officer in June 2022.

On September 7, 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Assault case against Cole Salazar and the Battery upon a Health Care Worker case against Yoshua Young, who had 7 prior cases. Salazar faced new charges of Receiving or Transferring Stolen Motor Vehicles (1st Offense) in September 2021. Young faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in September 2021.

In September 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Yoshua Young, who had 6 prior cases. Young faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in November 2021.

In October 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Burglary of a Vehicle case against Matthew Jones, who had 22 prior cases. Jones faced new charges of Breaking and Entering in September 2022.

In October 2021, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Arthur Martinez, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 4 prior cases. Martinez faced new charges of Tampering with Evidence (Highest Crime a Third, Fourth or Indeterminate Degree Felony) in March 2023.

In October 2021, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Receiving or Transferring Stolen Motor Vehicle case against Domenique Sedillo, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 11 prior cases. Sedillo faced new charges of Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer in February 2022.

In November 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Battery upon a Peace Officer case against Michael Garcia, who had 10 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Aggravated Battery (Deadly Weapon) in December 2021.

In December 2021, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Breaking and Entering case against Gregory Beasley, who had 8 prior cases. Beasley faced new charges of Armed Robbery in July 2022.

2022–2023: Peak Volume and Same-Day Clusters

In January 2022, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed as incompetent the Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence case against Michael Casey, who had 20 prior cases. Casey faced new charges of Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) in February 2023.

In May 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Deprivation of the Property of a Household Member case against Andres Galvan, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 9 prior cases. Galvan faced new charges of Battery (household member) in May 2022.

In August 2022, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence case against Richard Sanchez, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 40 prior cases. Sanchez faced new charges of Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) in December 2022.

In August 2023, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Resisting, Evading or Obstructing an Officer (Resisting) case against Benny Escalera, who had 11 prior cases. Escalera faced new charges of Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) in August 2024.

2024–2026: Continued High-Prior Dismissals and Reoffending

In January 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Shoplifting (Over \$250 but not more than \$500) case against Marlin James, who had 14 prior cases. James faced new charges of Criminal Trespass (Posted) in July 2024.

In June 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) case against Valentin Garcia, who had 11 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in September 2024.

In July 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Aggravated Stalking case against Johnny Montano, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 26 prior cases. Montano faced new charges of Residential Burglary in July 2024.

In September 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Stalking case against William Powell, who had 10 prior cases. Powell faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in October 2024.

In November 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Manuel Corrales, who had 18 prior cases. Corrales faced new charges of Criminal Damage to Property (Under \$1000) in November 2024.

In November 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Tampering with Evidence (Highest Crime a Third, Fourth or Indeterminate Degree Felony) case against Arthur Martinez, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 14 prior cases. Martinez faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in February 2025.

In November 2024, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Julianna Garcia, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 28 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Armed Robbery in November 2024.

In December 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) case against Jason Rojas, who had 13 prior cases. Rojas faced new charges of Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon) in December 2024.

In December 2024, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Breaking and Entering case against Domenique Sedillo, who had 15 prior cases. Sedillo faced new charges of Burglary of a Vehicle in January 2025.

In February 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Littering (on public property) case against Pierre Williams, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 18 prior cases. Williams faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in September 2025.

In April 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Tampering with Evidence (Highest Crime a Third, Fourth or Indeterminate Degree Felony) case against Marlin James, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 20 prior cases. James faced new charges of Disorderly Conduct in August 2025.

In May 2025, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Larceny (Over \$2,500 but not more than \$20,000) case against Jason Rojas, who had 17 prior cases. Rojas faced new charges of Driving While License Revoked – DWI Related in May 2025.

In July 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I – III) case against Nathaniel Nunez, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 32 prior cases. Nunez faced new charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony in September 2025.

In July 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Orlando Esquer, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 32 prior cases. Esquer faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in July 2025.

In September 2025, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Possession of Burglary Tools case against Tyler Hammond, who had 36 prior cases. Hammond faced new charges of Driving While License Revoked – DWI Related in October 2025.

In October 2025, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Julianna

Garcia, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 37 prior cases. Garcia faced new charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) in October 2025.

In October 2025, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Breaking and Entering case against Domenique Sedillo, who had 24 prior cases. Sedillo faced new charges of Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer (No Injury or Great Bodily Harm) in January 2026.

In January 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Arthur Martinez, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 20 prior cases. Martinez faced new charges of Battery in January 2026.

In January 2026, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against Victor Armendariz, who had 27 prior cases. Armendariz faced new charges of Shoplifting (\$250 or Less) in January 2026.

In January 2026, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Maximiliano Contreras, who had 24 prior cases.

In March 2026, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Larceny (\$250 or Less) case against Yoshua Young, who had 27 prior cases.

In April 2026, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against John Johnson, who had 45 prior cases. Johnson faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in May 2026.

In May 2026, the prosecutor filed a notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi) in the Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony case against Zachariah Ault, assigned to Judge Joshua Sanchez at the time, who had 24 prior cases. Ault faced new charges of Criminal Trespass in June 2026.

In June 2026, Judge Joshua Sanchez dismissed for failure to prosecute the Criminal Trespass case against Appolonia Gonzales, who had 50 prior cases.

The pattern of problematic dispositions in the courtroom of Judge Joshua Sanchez includes 1 incompetent finding, 26 dismissals for failure to prosecute, and 15 State notices of dismissal (nolle prosequi). High-prior individuals in these records include Appolonia Gonzales (50 priors), John Johnson (45 priors), Richard Sanchez (40 priors), Julianna Garcia (priors reaching 37), and Tyler Hammond (36 priors). Repeat names across separate dated dispositions include Yoshua Young, Arthur Martinez, Domenique Sedillo, Manuel Corrales, Marlin James, Jason Rojas, and Julianna Garcia.

Summary of Featured Examples

Period	Offender	Key Charge(s)	Disposition by Judge Sanchez	Priors	Notable Subsequent Charge(s)
2021	Gabriel Devolk	Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000)	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	7	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony [Mar 2023]
2021	Candido Robles	False Imprisonment	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	18	Battery (household member) [Jun 2021]
2021 (Sep 7)	Cole Salazar / Yoshua Young	Aggravated Assault / Battery upon a Health Care Worker	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	[not listed] / 7	Receiving or Transferring Stolen Motor Vehicles / Burglary of a Vehicle [Sep 2021]
2021	Matthew Jones	Burglary of a Vehicle	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	22	Breaking and Entering [Sep 2022]

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2021	Gregory Beasley	Breaking and Entering	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	8	Armed Robbery [Jul 2022]
2022	Michael Casey	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez as incompetent	20	Criminal Damage to Property (Over \$1000) [Feb 2023]
2022	Richard Sanchez	Violation of Restraining Order Prohibiting Domestic Violence	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	40	Criminal Damage to the Property of a Household Member (Under \$1,000) [Dec 2022]
2024	Johnny Montano	Aggravated Stalking	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	26	Residential Burglary [Jul 2024]
2024	Julianna Garcia	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	28	Armed Robbery [Nov 2024]
2025	Nathaniel Nunez	Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I – III)	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	32	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony [Sep 2025]

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2025	Tyler Hammond	Possession of Burglary Tools	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	36	Driving While License Revoked – DWI Related [Oct 2025]
2025	Julianna Garcia	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	37	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PA) [Oct 2025]
2026	John Johnson	Criminal Trespass	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	45	Criminal Trespass [May 2026]
2026	Zachariah Ault	Possession of a Controlled Substance – Felony	Notice of dismissal (nolle prosequi)	24	Criminal Trespass [Jun 2026]
2026	Appolonia Gonzales	Criminal Trespass	Dismissed by Judge Sanchez for failure to prosecute	50	[No subsequent listed]