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Flier Sanctions Judge's Murder

Friday morning, a protest demonstration was held in front of district court. The demonstration came the day after the suicidal killer of a federal judge's husband and elderly mother was identified; it came hours after an Atlanta judge, police officer and court reporter were slaughtered in a courtroom.

Someone in the Albuquerque demonstration on Friday handed out a flier suggesting that it would be a good idea if a Second District Court judge died, too — and perhaps her children, as well.

Some of those involved in the demonstration were members of the Center for Family Justice, or CFJ, a group with strongly held convictions that the family court system is in need of wide-ranging reform.

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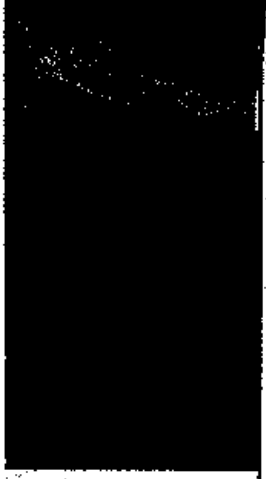

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It was described in the flier as: "... this is an actual conversation that took place outside her courtroom after one of her more 'judicious' decisions."

The flier identifies the speakers only as TJ and EH:

"TJ — 'Is she just the worst — just the most awful, most sadistic, horrible person? I hope she dies. No — death is too easy. Walker needs to die slowly — brain cancer maybe.'

"EH — 'Better than that — her kids should die first ... but she has to watch them die.'

"TJ — 'How about — the kids get buried alive — and there's a live feed — you know — a video camera in the casket — and Walker gets to watch her kids cry, beg and scream for help — as they claw on the casket walls ... And nobody comes ... '

"EH — 'Oooh yeah — but — bummer — We don't get to see her face — ya know — while the kids are suffocating — while she's watching them die slowly ... begging for help and

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there's NOTHING Walker can do to save them ... That's her karma man. I need to see that!'

"TJ — 'That's a great visual. It'll keep my murder suicide fantasies in check this week.'

"EH — 'I'll take that ... that's good ... How long before you get Samantha again ... '

"TJ — 'I hope next week. Walker says I can have a two-hour dinner visit — if I don't file any more motions. How does somebody get like that? — That (expletive) really needs to die."

Center for Family Justice founder and president Leslie Cumiford said she knew who handed it out, but that the flier was not an official communication from her organization. She cited a Web site disclaimer saying only CFJ board members had such authority.

"That is not a CFJ communication," she said. "That was a handout that one of the individuals there using her free speech rights just sent out. That's not a CFJ handout."

Later in the conversation she said, "I don't know that anybody handed them out. I saw a stack of them just laying around. I personally never saw anybody hand them to people."

Cumiford said she had not read the flier. After I read some of it to her, she expressed concern for judges' safety.

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It is in fact a permission slip.

It is the nod of the head, the sly OK, the thumbs up given to someone on the edge. It tells that person that it's quite all right if he or she goes over the edge and slaughters a judge's family in her home or three people in a courtroom.

It is dangerous, vile stuff.

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Senate Approves Naming-Rights Bill

SANTA FE — The Senate on Saturday voted unanimously to give the Legislature the authority to approve new names for state buildings and highways.

Gov. Bill Richardson has