(No. 75 CC 3.—Respondent reprimanded.)

# *In re* ASSOCIATE JUDGE ROBERT A. SWEENEY of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Respondent.

*Order entered October 30, 1975.*

## SYLLABUS

On August 21, 1975, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a multi-paragraph complaint with the Courts Commission, charging the respondent with conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute. The complaint alleged that in March of 1974 while driving his

automobile, the respondent was involved in an automobile accident; that he was arrested by the police and charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages; that he interfered with the accident investigation conducted by the police and resisted arrest; that at the court hearing on the charge of driving while under the influence, the respondent stipulated to that charge; and that at the court hearing, the respondent pleaded guilty to the charge of disobeying a police officer.

*Held:* Respondent reprimanded.

Devoe, Shadur & Krupp, of Chicago, for Judicial Inquiry Board.

Burfeind & Schlickman, Ltd., of Arlington Heights, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: SCHAEFER, J., chairman, and EBERSPACHER, STAMOS, FORBES and FITZGERALD (alternate), JJ., commissioners. ALL CONCUR.

ORDER

The Complaint of the Judicial Inquiry Board in this matter charged the respondent, Robert A. Sweeney, an associate judge of the circuit court of Cook County, with having been involved in an automobile accident while driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages and resisting arrest subsequent to the accident.

The facts have been stipulated between the attorney for the Judicial Inquiry Board and the attorneys for the respondent. From the stipulation, which is a matter of record with the Commission, it appears that the factual allegations of the Complaint have been admitted. It also appears, however, that there have been no prior or subsequent complaints concerning the respondent and that the records of the Secretary of State show that he has had no prior or subsequent record of traffic violations or accidents. It is also stipulated that at the time of the occurrence described in the Complaint, the respondent was under medical treatment and taking medication for

atherosclerosis, which may have caused drowsiness, dizziness and blurred vision.

In determining the sanction to be imposed, the Commission has taken into account the fact that the respondent has served as a member of the judiciary for over 20 years with an unblemished record, and that the occurrence which gave rise to the Complaint of the Inquiry Board is a single instance. In view of these circumstances, it is the judgment of the Commission that the respondent be and he is hereby reprimanded.

*Respondent reprimanded.*