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SOMERVILLE - Charges were dismissed Thursday against suspended Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Carlia Brady for harboring her wanted ex-boyfriend at her Woodbridge home.

The charges were dropped by Somerset County Superior Court Judge Robert Reed as jury selection for Brady's trial on two counts of hindering the apprehension was ending. The trial had been moved to Somerset County because Brady sat on the bench in Middlesex County.

Brady had been charged with harboring her then-boyfriend, Jason Prontnicki, who was wanted in connection with an armed robbery at an Old Bridge pharmacy in 2013. An official misconduct charge against Brady was dismissed in March 2016.

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The charges were dropped after a state Appellate Court issued an emergent ruling Wednesday that Prontnicki could not be compelled to testify at her trial.

Prontnicki was going to be the key witness for the prosecution, said Timothy Smith, Brady's attorney.

"There was no evidence against her," said Smith. "She did nothing wrong."

Characterizing it as a "rogue prosecution," Smith said that Brady should be returned to the bench.

No decision has been made on Brady's future on the bench, according to NJ Jersey Court's Office of Communications and Community Relations.

Brady was charged in June 2013, three months after being confirmed as a Superior Court judge. She became the first Superior Court judge in New Jersey born in the Philippines. She was suspended after the arrest.

Brady was charged by Woodbridge police for failing to turn Prontnicki in to authorities even though she knew he was wanted in the April 29, 2013 robbery of the Woods Pharmacy in Old Bridge. Prontnicki, who had been armed with a crowbar, is serving a 10-year sentence at South Woods State Prison.

Prontnicki, who will not be eligible for parole until 2022, is appealing his conviction.

Woodbridge police said that Brady did not call police when Prontnicki came to her township home.

Smith was critical of the police, saying "she was raked over the coals because some rogue cops were out to get a judge."

Smith said the case was based on a "flawed" theory of prosecution because, under the law, there was no obligation for her to call authorities.

With the dismissal of the charges, Smith said, the "victimization of Carlia Brady has ended."

Smith thanked Somerset County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Stack, who was handling the case, for "bringing some semblance of sanity to an otherwise rogue prosecution." Stack moved to dismiss the charges after the appellate decision was made.

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