

# Canham decision Friday

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A three-attorney panel will rule Friday whether former Wayne County chief circuit judge James Canham should be disciplined for his role in a bribe attempt involving the late Michigan Appeals Court Judge S. Jerome Bronson.

Canham faces penalties ranging from censure to loss of his attorney's license if the panel rules he was guilty of misconduct.

Panel members will issue written findings and read highlights of their opinion at 9 a.m. in the attorney discipline board's Detroit offices.

THE PANEL includes attorneys J. Robert Sterling, Deborah Mela and John Shantz. All three practice law in Oakland County.

"If they decided there was no misconduct, the hearing is over," attorney discipline board executive director John Van Bolt said.

"If they decide there was misconduct, a second hearing would be held to present mitigating evidence before a penalty would be imposed."

A FOUR-DAY hearing on Canham's role in the bribe attempt was held in mid-March before the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

Testimony indicated Canham told attorney James Finn that Bronson sought a bribe and passed a classified appeals court document to Finn.

Canham, a Redford Township resident, was given immunity from criminal prosecution for assisting the state police in arresting Bronson.

Bronson committed suicide Nov. 14 at his Franklin Village home shortly after being arraigned on conspiracy and bribery charges.

CHIEF DISCIPLINARY prosecutor Michael Alan Schwartz argued Canham "aided and abetted" Bronson — and may have initiated the bribe attempt.

But Canham's attorney, Sheldon Miller, said his client was gathering evidence, expecting Finn would report Bronson to authorities.

Although the second hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 13, Van Bolt said the scheduling "in no way presupposes" what Friday's ruling will be.

The case being appealed involved \$3.2 million in damages awarded a Kentucky man represented by Finn in an accident suit against Ford Motor Co.

In December, the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission charged Canham was "unfit to practice law."

# OU promotes 13 on faculty

Thirteen Oakland University faculty have been promoted from associate to full professor in Board of Trustees action. The promotions take effect Aug. 15.

Promoted from the College of Arts and Sciences were: James W. Dow, Rochester, sociology-anthropology; Robert J. Goldstein, Ann Arbor, political science; Ronald D. Hansen, Rochester, psychology; Algea O. Harrison, Franklin Village, psychology.

Fred W. Hetzel, West Bloomfield, physics; Joseph A. Klatt, Columbia, history; Virinder K. Moudgil, Rochester, biological sciences; Keith E. Stanovich, Rochester, psychology; and Sze-Kai Tsui, Rochester, mathematical sciences.

Promotions from other academic units went to David P. Doane, Rochester, economics and management; Ronald M. Swartz, Troy, human and educational services; and Janet A. Krompart, Rochester, library.

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