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Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans  
Office of the Chief Judge  
50 West Washington Street, Room 2600  
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Dear Chief Judge Evans,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent actions of Judge Thomas Nowinski, which have resulted in severe consequences for the community.

As reported, **Judge Nowinski** made the decision to release Constantin Beldie on electronic monitoring, despite a clear request from prosecutors that he remain in prison. This decision has led to a tragic outcome, with Lacramioara Beldie being stabbed to death. This is a devastating event for the community and highlights a grave error in judgment.

It is deeply troubling that such a decision was made in a case with a documented history of abuse. This raises serious questions about the judgment and decision-making process of Judge Nowinski, particularly in matters of domestic violence. As both a retired police officer and a concerned citizen, I urge a thorough investigation into Judge Nowinski's conduct and the circumstances that led to this tragic incident. It is crucial to ensure that such lapses in judgment do not occur in the future, and that the safety and protection of individuals, especially those in vulnerable situations, are prioritized.

Our association also supports the call for Judge Nowinski to step down from his position to restore public trust in our judicial system. The integrity and accountability of our judiciary are paramount, and this incident has undeniably shaken that foundation. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Phil Tenerelli  
President  
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