SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 23-814

IN RE THE MATTER OF ROY EDWARD THOMAS

Order Delivered December 19, 2023

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, INDEPENDENCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, BATESVILLE DEPARTMENT, INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

<u>GRANTED</u>.

ORDER

Under Section 13C of Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, a special judge may be assigned if the Chief Justice shall determine "there is other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed." Therefore, under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965 as amended, and Ark. Const. Amend. 80, and because the Chief Justice has determined there is "other need for a Special Judge to be temporarily appointed," Hon. Ralph Wilson, is hereby assigned to the Independence County District Court, Batesville Department, to review the information for purposes of reviewing and issuing a warrant and to preside over the subsequent case if one is filed in the Independence County District Court, Batesville Department.

This assignment includes all ancillary proceedings which may arise in connections with said cause, and proceedings subsequent thereto shall be held at such time or times as shall be directed and ordered by Judge Wilson.

This order **DEC 19 2023 EXAMPLE E. BURTON** CLERK