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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

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MICKEY THOMAS,

*Petitioner*

v.

DEXTER PAYNE, Director,  
Arkansas Division of Correction,

*Respondent*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

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**PETITIONER'S MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. On January 12, 2012, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas granted Petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and appointed the Federal Public Defender's Office to represent Petitioner in this matter. On April 20, 2017, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit appointed the Federal Public Defender's Office to continue representing Petitioner before that court. The courts' orders are attached hereto.

MARCH 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

**IN RE MICKEY DAVID THOMAS**

**MOVANT**

**CASE NO. 4:11MC00049 BSM**

**ORDER**

Mickey David Thomas moves to proceed *in forma pauperis* and for appointment of the Arkansas Federal Public Defender's Capital Habeas Unit as counsel to represent him in connection with habeas corpus proceedings. [Doc. No. 1]. For good cause shown, that motion is granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 12th day of January 2012.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No: 17-1833

Mickey Thomas

Appellee

v.

Wendy Kelley, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction

Appellant

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Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas - Hot Springs  
(6:14-cv-06038-TLB)

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**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Arkansas is hereby appointed to represent the above named appellee in all matters pertaining to this action before this Court.

April 20, 2017

Order Entered under Rule 27A(a):  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans