

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-223

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS.

GARY WARD

DEFENDANT

Order Delivered April 14, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS CASE NO. 27CR-25-44

GRANTED.

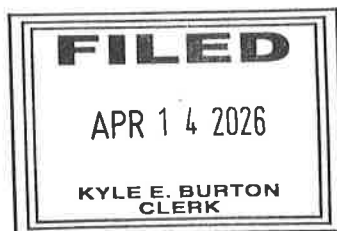
**ORDER**

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 pursuant to the written request of the Grant County Circuit Clerk, the Hon. Grisham Phillips (Bar #82039), Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to hear the following case:

*State of Arkansas v. Gary Ward*  
Grant County Circuit Court Case No. 27CR-25-44

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

This order made and entered this 14th day of April 2026.



*Karen R. Baker*  
Chief Justice