

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 26-327

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS.

SETH B. OTWELL

DEFENDANT

Order Delivered May 29, 2026

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
CASE NO. 14CR-24-88

GRANTED.

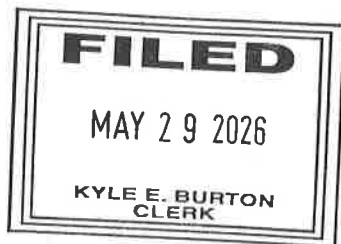
**ORDER**

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,” the Hon. Hamilton Singleton (Bar #75115), Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to hear the following case:

*State of Arkansas v. Seth B. Otwell*  
Columbia County Circuit Court Case No. 14CR-24-88

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 Singleton.

This order made and entered this 29th day of May 2026.



Chief Justice