SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 25-524

STATE OF ARKANSAS

Order Delivered November 14, 2025

PLAINTIFF

MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

CASE NO. 58CR-24-666

VS.

MICHAEL B. SMITH

GRANTED.

DEFENDANT

AMENDED ORDER

Under the authority vested in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas by Act 496 of 1965, as amended, Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, and Section 1 of Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 16, as amended, and in response to the written request of the Pope County Circuit Clerk, Judge Charles E. Clawson, Jr. (Bar #78028), Retired Circuit Judge, is hereby assigned to the 5th Judicial Circuit to hear the following case:

> State of Arkansas v. Michael B. Smith Pope County Circuit Court Case No. 58CR-24-666

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

This order made and entered this 14th day of November 2025.

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Chief Justice

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