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**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**  
No. CR-17-801

JUSTIN THORNTON

PETITIONER

V.

ALEX GUYNN, CIRCUIT JUDGE

RESPONDENT

Opinion Delivered APRIL 5, 2018

PRO SE PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
MANDAMUS [LINCOLN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, NO. 40CR-11-47]

AMENDED RESPONSE REQUESTED.

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ROBIN F. WYNNE, Associate Justice

Petitioner Justin Thornton filed a pro se petition for writ of mandamus in which he contended that the Honorable Alex Guynn, circuit judge, had not acted in a timely manner on a petition to correct illegal sentence pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated section 16-90-111 (Repl. 2016) filed on July 1, 2016. The Attorney General's Office filed a response on Judge Guynn's behalf.<sup>1</sup> In the response, it was noted that Thornton's case was scheduled for a hearing on November 6, 2017, and a request was made that no writ be issued until such time as Judge Guynn had an opportunity to act on the matter.

Judge Guynn, however, has not informed this court of any action that took place on November 6, 2017, or whether any action has been taken on the petition to correct illegal sentence. As such, we direct Judge Guynn to file an amended response within ten days of

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<sup>1</sup>Judge Berlin C. Jones previously presided over Thornton's case but has since retired. The response notes that Judge Guynn took the bench nine months earlier.

the date of this opinion setting out whether a hearing took place and whether the petition to correct illegal sentence has been acted on.

Amended response requested.