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# Court of Appeals of Ohio

EIGHTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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JOURNAL ENTRY AND OPINION  
No. 105292

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**STATE OF OHIO, EX REL.  
DONTA D. LITTLEJOHN**

RELATOR

vs.

**JUDGE SHIRLEY STRICKLAND SAFFOLD**

RESPONDENT

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**JUDGMENT:  
WRIT DENIED**

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Writ of Mandamus  
Motion No. 503775  
Order No. 504799

**RELEASE DATE:** March 21, 2017

**FOR RELATOR**

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EILEEN A. GALLAGHER, J.:

{¶1} On December 23, 2016, the relator, Donta Littlejohn, commenced this mandamus action against the respondent, Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold, to compel the judge to resolve the petition for judicial release, which Littlejohn filed on June 10, 2016, in the underlying case, *State v. Littlejohn*, Cuyahoga

C.P. No. CR-15-601868-A. On January 20, 2017, the respondent, through the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, moved for summary judgment on the grounds of mootness. Attached to the dispositive motion was a copy of a signed and file-stamped December 27, 2016 journal entry denying Littlejohn's motion for judicial release. This attachment establishes that the judge has fulfilled her duty to resolve the petition and that Littlejohn has received his requested relief, a ruling on his petition. Littlejohn never filed a response to the dispositive motion. This case is moot.

{¶2} Accordingly, this court grants the respondent judge's motion for summary judgment and denies the application for a writ of mandamus. Relator to pay costs; costs waived. This court directs the clerk of courts to serve all parties notice of this judgment and its date of entry upon the journal as required by Civ.R. 58(B).

{¶3} Writ denied.

EILEEN A. GALLAGHER, JUDGE

LARRY A. JONES, SR., P.J., and  
EILEEN T. GALLAGHER, J., CONCUR