IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

BRADLEY L. BEARHEART,

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

14-cv-603-wmc

MICHAEL DITTMANN, Warden, Columbia Correctional Institution,

Respondent.

Petitioner Bradley L. Bearheart filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his state court conviction in Baron County Case No. 2011CF6. Sadly, the court has been notified by the state that Bearheart died on December 28, 2016. (Dkt. #36.) Because Bearheart's claim has been extinguished by his death, the court is DISMISSING his habeas petition as moot. Accordingly, the clerk of court shall close this case.

Entered this $\underline{0}$ th day of January, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

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