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# Court of Appeals of Ohio

EIGHTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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JOURNAL ENTRY AND OPINION  
No. 105754

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STATE OF OHIO, EX REL.  
RODNEY KNUCKLES

RELATOR

vs.

JUDGE OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

RESPONDENT

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**JUDGMENT:**  
WRIT DENIED

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Writ of Mandamus and/or Procedendo  
Motion No. 507184  
Order No. 508154

**RELEASE DATE:** July 5, 2017

**FOR RELATOR**

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PATRICIA ANN BLACKMON, J.:

{¶1} On May 8, 2017, the relator, Rodney Knuckles, commenced this mandamus and/or procedendo action against the respondent, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, to compel the court to render a judgment on his postconviction relief petition, which he filed on August 16, 2016, in the underlying case, *State v. Knuckles*, Cuyahoga C.P. No. CR-81-164134-ZA. On May 17, 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 certified journal entry, file-stamped November 18, 2016, in which the court dismissed the subject petition complete with findings of fact and conclusions of law. Knuckles never responded to the dispositive motion. The November 18, 2016 journal entry establishes that the respondent has rendered a judgment on the subject petition and that this case is moot.

{¶2} Accordingly, this court grants the respondent's motion for summary judgment and denies the application for an extraordinary writ. Relator to pay costs. 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.

PATRICIA ANN BLACKMON, JUDGE

KATHLEEN ANN KEOUGH, A.J., and  
FRANK D. CELEBREZZE, JR., J., CONCUR