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No. 2026AP1657-WWHITE V. STATE PUBLIC
DEFENDER

L.C. #2025CF111

August 18, 2026

The Court has entered the following order:

Henry Lee White filed a petition for a writ of mandamus seeking an order compelling the State Public Defender to provide him with “the full case file and discovery of evidence associated with” Racine County Case No. 2025CF111. He also filed a motion for an order appointing counsel to represent him with respect to said petition.

The court construes the petition as a request for supervisory relief pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ (Rules) 809.71 and 809.51. *See State ex rel. J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc. v. Cir. Ct. for Milwaukee Cnty.*, 2000 WI 30, ¶8 n.5, 233 Wis. 2d 428, 608 N.W.2d 679 (“A writ of mandamus is a type of supervisory writ.”) Pursuant to WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.71(1), “[a] person seeking a supervisory writ from the supreme court shall first file a petition for a supervisory writ in the court of appeals under s. 809.51 unless it is impractical to seek the writ in the court of appeals.” Further, “[a] petition in the supreme court shall show why it was impractical to seek the writ in the court of appeals or, if a petition had been filed in the court of appeals, the disposition made and reasons given by the court of appeals.” Mr. White’s petition fails to meet these threshold procedural requirements. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for a writ of mandamus and “Motion for Order Appointing Counsel” are dismissed, *ex parte*.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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