OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE EX REL. ERNIE L. WILLIAMSON, RELATOR,	)	No. ED109270
	)	Writ of Mandamus
vs.	)	
	)	JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
HON. TROY A. CARDONA, RESPONDENT.	)	Cause No. 15JE-CR03150-01
	)	Filed: December 15, 2020

Ernie Williamson ("Relator") seeks a writ of mandamus compelling the Honorable Troy A. Cardona ("Respondent") to release Relator from the Missouri Department of Corrections and place him on probation because he successfully completed the long-term substance abuse treatment program pursuant to Section 217.362.

PEREMPTORY WRIT OF MANDAMUS ISSUED.

Writ Division III holds:

Respondent's refusal to place Relator on probation upon his successful completion of the long-term treatment program was unsupported by substantial competent evidence and was an abuse of discretion. The petition for writ of mandamus is granted, and a peremptory writ of mandamus is hereby issued directing Respondent to enter an order placing Relator on probation pursuant to Section 217.362.

Opinion by: Robert G. Dowd, Jr., C.J.
Michael E. Gardner, J. and Robin Ransom, J., concur.

Attorney for Relator: Ernie L. Williamson, Pro Se

Attorney for Respondent: Lindsay Whalen

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