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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

vs.

CASE NO: 2023-CF-000971

RONALD J. RUSS,

Defendant.

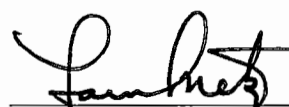
**ORDER DISMISSING "HABEAS CORPUS" FILED BY THE DEFENDANT**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon the pleading entitled "*Habeas Corpus*" filed by the Defendant on May 24, 2023 ("Defendant's Petition"). The Court, having reviewed the Defendant's Petition and other pertinent documents in the Court file, reviewed the relevant legal authorities, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

1. On April 14, 2023, the Defendant was arrested and charged with Lewd and Lascivious Molestation of a Victim Less Than Twelve (12) Years Old.
2. On May 25, 2023, the State filed an Announcement of No Information, stating that they could not prove this case beyond and to the exclusion of all reasonable doubt.
3. On May 25, 2023, the Defendant was released from the Lake County Jail.
4. Since the State "no longer claims the right to detain the petitioner in his custody this cause is now moot" and the Defendant's "petition for habeas corpus [should be] dismissed." *State ex rel. Martin v. Mitchell*, 188 So.2d 684, 685 (Fla. 4th DCA 1966).

In view of the foregoing findings, the pertinent portions of the record, and the applicable law, it is **ORDERED** that the pleading entitled "Habeas Corpus" filed by the Defendant on May 25, 2023, is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2023.



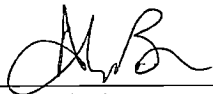
LARRY METZ, CIRCUIT JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been served by  
U.S. Mail/Inter-Office, Mail/Fax this 5 day of June 2023 to the following:

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