

**THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
WESTERN DIVISION**

DAMIEN WAYNE ECHOLS, ) Case No. 5:04CV00391-WRW  
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Petitioner, )  
)  
vs. )  
)  
LARRY NORRIS, Director, )  
Arkansas Department of Corrections, )  
)  
Respondent. )

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**PETITIONER'S APRIL, 2008 REPORT RE:  
STATUS OF STATE COURT PROCEEDINGS**

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Pursuant to this Court’s Letter Order issued on November 21, 2007, petitioner Damien Echols hereby reports the following concerning the status of state court proceedings relating to this matter:

On March 28, 2008, and following his receipt of the “Joint Status and Case Management Memorandum Submitted by All Parties” described in petitioner Echols’s March, 2008 status report to this Court, Craighead County Circuit Judge David Burnett issued a letter stating that on April 15, 2008, he will conduct a single day of hearing in connection with the defendants’ pending state court motions, including their motions for DNA testing and relief from their state court convictions. A copy of Judge Burnett’s March 28<sup>th</sup> letter is attached as Exhibit A.

Consistent with the representations and requests made by the parties in the joint memorandum, petitioner Echols understands that the April 15<sup>th</sup> hearing will address the scheduling of an evidentiary hearing, outstanding discovery issues, and other preliminary matters relating to the pending state motions. Petitioner

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Echols will inform this Court of the outcome of the April 15, 2008 hearing in his May, 2008 status report to this Court.

DATED: April 3, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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