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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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MITI MAUGAOTEHA, JR., Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF HAWAI‘I; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; NOLAN ESPINDA,  
Director of the Department of Public Safety; HOWARD KOMORI,  
Contract Monitor; CORECIVIC, a Maryland corporation; and WARDEN  
G. TODD THOMAS of the SAGUARO CORRECTIONAL CENTER, Respondents.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, McKenna, Pollack, and Wilson, JJ.)

Upon consideration of petitioner Miti Maugaoteha, Jr.’s  
“Complaint for Writ of Habeas Corpus,” filed on February 24,  
2017, which we review as a petition for writ of habeas corpus,  
the documents attached thereto and submitted in support thereof,  
and the record, it appears that, based on the specific facts and  
circumstances presented in the petition, petitioner may seek  
relief in his criminal case in the Pinal County Superior Court in  
Arizona and presents no sufficient reason for this court to  
invoke its jurisdiction at this time. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition for writ of  
habeas corpus is denied.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 17, 2017

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Paula A. Nakayama

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Richard W. Pollack

/s/ Michael D. Wilson

