STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 55,679-KH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

JOHN SIMPKINS

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On application of John Simpkins for POST CONVICTION RELIEF in No. 75451 on the docket of the Twenty Sixth Judicial District, Parish of WEBSTER, Judge Michael Owens Craig.

Pro se	Counsel for: John Simpkins
John Schuyler Marvin	Counsel for: State of Louisiana

Before COX, ROBINSON, and ELLENDER, JJ.

WRIT DENIED.

The applicant, John Simpkins, seeks supervisory review of the trial court's October 9, 2023, ruling denying his "Motion to Enforce Order." A writ application arising in a criminal proceeding is not the proper procedural vehicle to establish a right to records under the Louisiana Public Records Law. La. R.S. 44:1 *et seq*. Under these provisions, Simpkins is required to first make a proper request to the custodian of the records. La. R.S. 44:31 and 32. If the request for public records is denied, before seeking relief from this Court, Simpkins is required to institute civil proceedings for a writ of mandamus against the district attorney at the trial court level. La. R.S. 44:35. On the showing made, this writ is denied.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 23 day of January, 2024.

JJE JSC JLR

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Shandra Taylor
DEPUTY CLERK