

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 56,773-CW
(consolidated with)
No. 56,775-CW

IN THE MATTER OF
THE MENTAL HEALTH OF
CHARLES ANDING

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On application of Charles Anding and the Louisiana Department of Health and Michael S. Blue, M.D., for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 25-157 on the docket of the Fourth Judicial District, Parish of MOREHOUSE, Judge Robert C. Johnson.

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Health and Dr. Michael
Blue

Before PITMAN, COX, and THOMPSON, JJ.

WRITS CONSOLIDATED; WRITS DENIED IN PART; GRANTED IN PART AND MADE PEREMPTORY.

The applicants Charles Anding, represented by the Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Service, and the Louisiana Department of Health and Michael S. Blue, M.D., seek supervisory review of the trial court's October 9, 2025 oral and October 14, 2025 written ruling declining jurisdiction over the pending judicial commitments, staying the proceedings and ordering that judicial commitments be randomly allotted. On this court's own motion, the above-captioned writ applications are hereby consolidated.

As it relates to the issue of jurisdiction, we find that the trial court erred in finding that it lacked jurisdiction to hear the subject judicial commitments without a transfer order from the court that initially committed Charles Anding. A hearing on the petition for judicial commitment may be held by the district court in the judicial district in which the patient is being confined or where he resides or may

be found. La. R.S. 28:56(A)(2)(a). *See also* La. R.S. 28:54 (A). Every new petition filed for judicial commitment is based on the mental health of the patient/respondent at that particular time. *Matter of Cole*, 19-0938 (La. App. 1 Cir. 12/27/19), 293 So. 3d 1163, *writ denied*, 20-00184 (La. 3/9/20), 307 So. 3d 1029. In this matter, it is undisputed that respondent is now housed at the Freedom Behavioral Hospital located in Morehouse Parish and that the present judicial commitment proceedings were instituted because the prior order of commitment was set to expire. Considering that under La. R.S. 28:54, orders of commitment expire, we find that the present judicial commitment proceedings represent a totally separate commitment from any previous commitment, including the original commitment proceedings. Thus, transfer of the proceedings from the Twentieth Judicial District Court was unnecessary. Because respondent is housed in Morehouse Parish, venue and jurisdiction are proper in the Fourth Judicial District Court. It is the transfer of these proceedings to another district that is prohibited except for good cause shown under La. R.S. 28:54 and La. R.S. 28:56. The writ is granted in part to reverse the trial court's ruling that it lacks jurisdiction over these judicial commitment proceedings. In all other respects, the writ is denied. The request for a stay is denied. This matter is remanded to the trial court for immediate resolution of the commitments. The deferred costs of \$182.00 in No. 56, 773-CW are assessed to Charles Anding. The deferred costs of \$182.00 in No. 56,775-CW are assessed to the Louisiana Department of Health and Michael Blue, M.D.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 19 day of November, 2025.

  

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