

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
430 Fannin Street
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No. 56,909-KH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

CARLOS MARTEL LYNN SMITH

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On application of Carlos Martel Lynn Smith for MANDAMUS in No. 354,236 on the docket of the First Judicial District, Parish of CADD0, Judge John D. Mosely, Jr.

Pro se

Counsel for:
Carlos Martel Lynn Smith

James Edward Stewart, Sr.

Counsel for:
State of Louisiana

Before COX, STEPHENS, and MARCOTTE, JJ.

WRIT OF MANDAMUS DENIED.

The applicant, Carlos Martel Lynn Smith, seeks a writ of mandamus directing the district court to set a return date on his “Notice of Intent to Seek Supervisory Writ of Review.” This Court does not require U.R.C.A. 4-2 and 4-3 compliance in *pro se* applications for post-conviction relief, and it is unnecessary for Smith to be granted a return date by the district court prior to the filing of his application for supervisory review with this Court. Accordingly, this writ is denied. The applicant may file his application seeking review of the post-conviction ruling in this Court without any further orders from the district court.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 3 day of February, 2026.

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FILED: February 3, 2026

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DEPUTY CLERK