

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 57,090-KH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

LEDARRON DEMARION CARTER

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On application of LeDarron Demarion Carter for POST CONVICTION RELIEF in No. 367,768 on the docket of the First Judicial District, Parish of CADD0, Judge John D. Mosely, Jr.

Pro se

Counsel for:
LeDarron Demarion Carter

James Edward Stewart, Sr.

Counsel for:
State of Louisiana

Before PITMAN, STONE, and THOMPSON, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED; REVERSED; REMANDED.

The applicant, LeDarron Carter, seeks supervisory review of the trial court's ruling denying his application seeking post-conviction relief as untimely. This Court affirmed Carter's conviction and sentence on appeal. *State v. Carter*, 54,852 (La. App. 2 Cir. 12/14/22), 352 So. 3d 578, *writ denied*, 23-00190 (La. 10/10/23), 371 So. 3d 451.

Carter's application filed in the trial court seeking post-conviction relief was stamped as filed by the trial court on October 14, 2025. However, his application was dated October 3, 2025, which suggests that he placed his application with prison officials for mailing to the district court on October 3, 2025, which would have made his application timely under the "Mailbox Rule" announced in *Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266, 108 S. Ct. 2379, 101 L. Ed. 2d 245 (1988) and honored by

the Louisiana State Supreme Court in *State v. Harris*, 18-1012 (La. 7/9/20), 340 So. 3d 845, 849 with a “10-day grace period.”

Accordingly, the writ is granted and the trial court’s ruling is reversed. The matter is remanded to the trial court for the purpose of determining whether relator’s PCR application was in fact timely filed and consideration of the claims raised if warranted.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 8 day of July, 2026.

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