

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 57,158-KW

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

DEQURIS LAWRENCE

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On application of Dequris Lawrence for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 2024-CR-4023 on the docket of the Fourth Judicial District, Parish of OUACHITA, Judge Clarence Wendell Manning.

Ricky Dewayne Smith

Counsel for:
Dequris Lawrence

Robert Stephen Tew
Holly A. Chambers-Jones

Counsel for:
State of Louisiana

Before COX, STEPHENS, and ROBINSON, JJ.

WRIT DENIED.

The applicant, Dequris Lawrence, seeks expedited supervisory review of the trial court's June 22, 2026, ruling granting the State's motion for continuance and denying Lawrence's motion for release without bail. On the showing made, the writ is denied.

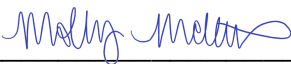
Shreveport, Louisiana, this 21 day of July, 2026.

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MS **STEPHENS, J. dissenting.** I respectfully dissent and would order defendant's release without further bond obligation on July 27, 2026, upon the failure of the trial court to commence trial on that date. Five continuances, only one of which was legitimately based on "just cause" and therefore, in keeping with the U.S. Constitution's *guarantee* of a speedy trial, is unconscionable. This should not have been allowed as it is an undue infringement upon the defendant's constitutional right to a speedy trial.

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