

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 25-KH-175

VERSUS

FIFTH CIRCUIT

EDWARD HAWKINS

COURT OF APPEAL

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July 01, 2025

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IN RE EDWARD HAWKINS

**APPLYING FOR** SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
PARISH OF ST JAMES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE STEVEN C. TUREAU,  
DIVISION "D", NUMBER 95,2500

Panel composed of Judges Fredericka Homberg Wicker,  
Jude G. Gravois, and Timothy S. Marcel

## WRIT OF MANDAMUS DENIED

Relator, Edward Hawkins, seeks mandamus relief from this Court that would order the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court to rule on the “application for relief” he alleges he filed in that court. For the following reasons, we deny mandamus relief.<sup>1</sup>

In his application, relator contends he filed his “application for relief” in case number 95-2500 on or about November 12, 2022. The documentation attached to his application filed in this Court reveals that relator, whose convictions and sentences were affirmed by this court, seeks to engage in post-conviction plea negotiations with the District Attorney and/or the district court.

Preliminarily, relator has failed to include in his application a copy of either the “application for relief” he alleges he filed with the district court, or provide proof of the mailing of his “application for relief” to that court, *i.e.*, receipt from the prison mailing system, as required by Uniform Rules-Courts of Appeal, Rule 4-5 (C)(8). However, in the interest of justice and judicial efficiency, we nevertheless consider relator’s *pro se* filing.

The official record in this case does not indicate that relator filed into the official record an “application for relief” in case number 95-2500 on or about

<sup>1</sup> In 1996, a jury found relator guilty of aggravated rape, in violation of R.S. 14:42, and second degree kidnapping, in violation of La. R.S. 14:44.1. The trial court subsequently sentenced him to life imprisonment without benefit or parole, probation, or suspension of sentence for aggravated rape and thirty years imprisonment at hard labor for second degree kidnapping, with the sentences to run consecutively. This court affirmed his convictions and sentences on July 2, 1999. *See State v. Hawkins*, 99-217 (La. App. 5 Cir. 7/2/99), 740 So.2d 768, 768-69.

November 12, 2022 or at any other recent date. The only recent filing revealed in the official record is a copy of the instant writ of mandamus filed in that record on April 1, 2025.<sup>2</sup>

Relator's application before this Court includes only a letter, dated February 8, 2024, which he addressed to the St. James District Attorney's Office, regarding a "Status Request" in which relator seeks information about a "motion to enter into a post-conviction plea agreement pursuant to the Louisiana Legislatures (sp) enactment of Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 930.10 (2021 Act 104)." That letter does not appear in the official record of this case. Further, a close reading of that letter reveals that any prior "motion" which relator may think he "filed" in 2022 may actually have been addressed and transmitted only to the District Attorney, rather than to the district court and filed into the official record of this case, as evidenced by the following statement contained in the letter:

As of todays (sic) date I have not filed any post conviction claims as outlined in my prior Motion to you, it is my desire to continue negotiations... .

Therefore, in the absence of any evidence that relator properly filed into the official record an "application for relief" addressed to the district court, on the showing made, mandamus relief in this matter is not warranted. *See Richardson v. 24th Jud. Dist. Ct. Par. of Jefferson*, No. 24-KH-529, 2024 WL 4820774 (La. App. 5 Cir. 11/18/24), *reh'g denied* (12/20/24).

Accordingly, the application for writ of mandamus is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 1st day of July, 2025.

**FHW**  
**JGG**  
**TSM**

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<sup>2</sup> The 23rd Judicial District Court's database indicates that no other pleading has been filed in relator's case since May 8, 2000, when the district court ordered the State to provide relator with a police report.

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