

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal State of Louisiana

No. 26-KH-470

STATE OF LOUISIANA

versus

RONNIE LIM

IN RE RONNIE LIM

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE R. CHRISTOPHER COX, III, DIVISION "B", NUMBER 17-2323

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October 21, 2026



SUSAN BUCHHOLZ
DEPUTY CLERK

Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy,
Fredericka Homberg Wicker, and Timothy S. Marcel

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Ronnie Lim, seeks review of the district court's September 3, 2026 ruling denying his Motion to Terminate Supervised Release.¹ He contends the trial court abused its discretion by denying that motion after granting his oral motion to leave the jurisdiction for the Philippines on June 2, 2026.

¹ For context: On April 24, 2019, an eleven-to-one jury found relator guilty of sexual battery on a victim under the age of thirteen years in violation of La. R.S. 14:43.1, and on September 20, 2019, the trial court sentenced him to twenty-five years imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. On September 22, 2020, this Court vacated the conviction and sentence under *Ramos v. Louisiana*, 590 U.S. 83, 140 S.Ct. 1390, 206 L.Ed.2d 583 (2020), and remanded for further proceedings. *See State v. Lim*, 20-20 (La. App. 5 Cir. 9/22/20), 304 So.3d 114. On October 22, 2020, relator pled guilty to sexual battery, and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment at hard labor; he did not file an appeal.

On July 9, 2026, relator filed a Motion to Terminate Supervised Release citing his intent to relocate to the Republic of the Philippines.¹ After two continuances, the district court denied the motion following a hearing on September 3, 2026.

Having reviewed the application and the district court record, we find the application deficient. Relator failed to provide documentation of his conviction or sentence. *See Uniform Rules — Courts of Appeal, Rule 4-5(C)(8) and (10)*. More importantly, relator failed to provide this Court with a copy of the Motion to Terminate Supervised Release — the pleading on which the challenged ruling rests and from which he seeks review in this Court. *See Uniform Rules — Courts of Appeal, Rule 4-5(C)(8)*.²

The record is equally silent on the conflict relator asserts. Neither relator's application nor the June 2, 2026 minute entry clearly explains what his oral motion sought or what the district court's ruling entailed. The June 2, 2026 minute entry states only that relator was advised "on the record" of his supervised release requirements, that "[t]he defendant is to remain on supervised release" and that the district court "granted the Oral Motion to Leave the Jurisdiction." The September 3, 2026 minute entry that relator did attach adds little, reciting only who testified and that the district court denied the motion.

On this record, we have no meaningful basis to review relator's application. We reached the same conclusion on a comparable record in *State v. Nigrinis*, 25-298, 2025 WL 1924337 (La. App. 5 Cir. July 14, 2025), *writ denied*, 25-1031 (La. 11/12/25), 420 So.3d 709.

Accordingly, on the showing made, this writ application is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 21st day of October, 2026.

TSM
SMC
FHW

² Relator's application does include a copy of the September 3, 2026 minute entry.

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