

**Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal
State of Louisiana**

No. 25-K-618

STATE OF LOUISIANA

versus

BRANDON B. RAY

IN RE BRANDON B. RAY

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE RAYMOND S. STEIB, JR., DIVISION "A", No. 25-861

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January 15, 2026



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Panel composed of Judges Marc E. Johnson,
John J. Molaison, Jr., and Scott U. Schlegel

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Brandon B. Ray, filed an application for reduction of bail with this Court on December 29, 2025. In his application, Relator appears to complain that the trial court improperly denied his prior motions seeking a bond reduction since his incarceration 10 months ago. Relator attached a minute entry printout to his application indicating that his last motion to reduce bond was filed on June 6, 2025 and denied on June 26, 2025.

On the showing made, we find that Relator's application is untimely because it exceeds the time delay for a return date. Uniform Rules—Courts of Appeal, Rule 4-3, provides that the return date for criminal cases shall not exceed 30 days from the date of the ruling at issue when the rulings are not reduced to writing, and 30

days from the date the ruling is signed when the rulings are reduced to writing. Relator has failed to present a written ruling permitting the filing of a December 2025 writ application, and more than 30 days have passed since the issuance of the June 26, 2025 ruling.¹ To the extent that Relator requests an order from this Court to set a hearing on his motion for bond reduction, the request is beyond this Court's scope of review.²

Accordingly, the writ application is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 15th day of January, 2026.

MEJ
JJM
SUS

¹ For future writ applications, Relator should comply with the Uniform Rules—Courts of Appeal, particularly Rules 4-2, 4-3 and 4-5.

² See, Uniform Rules—Courts of Appeal, Rule 1-3.

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