

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

No. 26-KH-156

STATE OF LOUISIANA

versus

DELCOME EVANS

IN RE DELCOME EVANS
APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE
J. STERLING SNOWDY, DIVISION "C", No. 15,144

TRUE COPY

April 23, 2026



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DEPUTY CLERK

Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy,
Fredericka Homberg Wicker, and John J. Molaison, Jr.

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Delcome Evans, has filed this writ application seeking mandamus relief to have this Court order the 40th Judicial District Court to rule on his Application for Post-Conviction Relief Pursuant to *Article 930.8(A)(1)* (“APCR”), filed by the clerk’s office on May 29, 2025, or alternatively, if already ruled upon, to provide him with “actual notice” of the court’s ruling.

Mr. Evans is serving a fifty-five year sentence on his conviction for forcible rape of a juvenile, a violation of La. R.S. 14:42.1, after being adjudicated a second felony offender (La. R.S. 15:529.1). On March 24, 2026, this Court granted a writ application filed by Mr. Evans on February 12, 2026, seeking mandamus relief, wherein we ordered the Clerk of the 40th Judicial Court to respond within five

days to a September 8, 2025 status request submitted by Mr. Evans, and to provide this Court with a copy of such response. Additionally, this Court ordered the district court to consider and rule upon Mr. Evans's APCR within ten days of the order, and to provide Mr. Evans and this Court with a copy of such ruling, in the event the district court had not already done so.

In the instant writ application, Mr. Evans contends the district court failed to respond to this Court's March 24, 2026 order. However, our records show that on March 24, 2026, the district court provided this Court with a Status on Application for Post-Conviction Relief, stating that it had not yet ruled on Mr. Evans's APCR, but would do so within ten days. *See State v. Edwards*, 26-68 (La. App. 5 Cir. 3/24/26) (unpublished writ disposition). Our records further indicate that, on that same date, the district court denied Mr. Evans's APCR in accordance with La. C.Cr.P. art. 930.8. *Id.* No written reasons for the denial were provided. A courtesy copy of the district court's March 24, 2026 ruling denying Mr. Evans's APCR is attached hereto.

For the forgoing reasons, we deny Mr. Evans's writ application as moot.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 23rd day of April, 2026.

SMC
FHW
JJM

Wherefore, Applicant prays that the Court Grant Applicant relief to which he/she may be entitled.

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[Day / Month / Year]

Delcome Evans
[Signature of Applicant or Applicant's attorney]

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

Delcome EVANS [Name of Applicant/Attorney], being first duly sworn says that he/she has read the application for postconviction relief and swears or affirms that all of the information therein is true and correct.

Delcome Evans
[Signature of Applicant or Applicant's attorney]

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this

7 day of May, 2025.

Grace Williams ex-officio 203659
NOTARY or person authorized to administer oath

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Considering the foregoing Application for Postconviction Relief, this Honorable

DENIES this application in accordance with La. C.Cr.P. Art.

926(E) 928 929 930.4 or 930.8 , or

ORDERS that the Applicant show cause in writing on or before the _____ day of _____, 20____ why the application should not be dismissed in accordance with La. C.Cr.P. Art.

926(E) 928 929 930.4 or 930.8 , or

ORDERS that the State be required to file a response to this application on or before the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed in Edg, Louisiana, this 24 day of March, 2026.

J. Sterling Snowdy
JUDGE

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St. John the Baptist Parish Clerk of Court
Felicia C. Feist
Filed: Edgard Court House
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26-KH-156

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