

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

No. 26-K-195

STATE OF LOUISIANA

versus

A.C.

IN RE A.C.

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT,
PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE JENNIFER
G. WOMBLE, DIVISION "A", No. 26-JU-26

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May 20, 2026



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DEPUTY CLERK

Panel composed of Judges Jude G. Gravois,
Stephen J. Windhorst, and Timothy S. Marcel

WRIT DENIED

In this writ application, A.C., a juvenile, requests we exercise our supervisory jurisdiction to review the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court's May 7, 2026 denial of her motion to transfer venue. By way of background, on April 22, 2026, an adjudication hearing was conducted by the Juvenile Court in which she entered counseled admissions to each allegation in the State's petition. The admissions were accepted and the Juvenile Court adjudicated A.C. delinquent as to each count. Thereafter, juvenile defense counsel filed a motion to transfer venue under Louisiana Children's Code article 315(B), which provides for transferring venue to the juvenile's domicile parish where the court of that parish has proceedings pending before it. In that motion which sought to have the disposition phase of her proceeding conducted in Orleans Parish, A.C. alleged that she was domiciled in Orleans Parish with her mother and that she has two open cases in Orleans Parish Juvenile Court¹. The State opposed the motion, citing Louisiana Children's Code article 805(B), which confers permissive authority for a juvenile court to transfer a delinquency proceeding to the juvenile's domicile parish.

¹ The motion contains two numbers for the cases pending in Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

At the May 7, 2026 hearing, no evidence was offered in support of the motion to transfer venue. The Juvenile Court denied the motion after argument, assigning reasons on the record. Specifically cited was the lack of reliable information presented in support of the two elements required for transferring venue under Louisiana Children's Code article 315(B). Additionally, the Juvenile Court observed that Louisiana Children's Code article 805 is the more specific venue provision for delinquency proceedings and is therefore applicable to the instant matter.

On the showing made, we do not find the Juvenile Court erred in denying the motion to transfer venue. Accordingly, this writ is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 20th day of May, 2026.

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