

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal State of Louisiana

No. 26-K-48

EDWARD JEFFERSON

versus

WESTWEGO MAYOR'S COURT

IN RE EDWARD JEFFERSON

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE UNKNOWN, PARISH OF JEFFERSON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE UNKNOWN, DIVISION "UNKNOWN",
NUMBER 185521

TRUE COPY

February 13, 2026



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Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy,
Jude G. Gravois, and Marc E. Johnson

WRIT DENIED

On February 2, 2026, relator filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus with this Court. In it, relator, who indicates that he is currently incarcerated in the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center, complains that the Mayor's Court in Westwego has not acted on his motions captioned as "Plea Entrance/Resolution of Detainer – Attachments," which he claims were filed more than thirty days ago.¹

La. R.S. 33:441(A)(1) provides for the establishment of mayor's courts in municipalities "with jurisdiction over all violations of municipal ordinances." Mayor's courts are courts which have "jurisdiction to conduct trials, determine guilt, and impose sentences including fines and imprisonment for breach of municipal ordinances." *See State v. Foy*, 401 So.2d 948, 949 (La. 1981). Generally, as to

¹ Relator's writ application does not include a copy of the motions relator claims that he filed in the Mayor's Court in Westwego.

appellate jurisdiction over cases in mayor's courts, La. R.S. 13:1896 provides, in relevant part:

(A)(1) In criminal cases, the district courts have appellate jurisdiction over all appeals from orders of justices of the peace requiring a peace bond, and, except as otherwise provided by law, over all appeals from a mayor's court where a person has been subjected to imprisonment or a forfeiture of rights or property.

In the instant filing, relator provides no documentation showing that he first filed for mandamus relief with the district court before seeking such relief from this Court. As such, this Court does not have jurisdiction over this matter. This Court cannot grant the relief relator seeks. Accordingly, this writ application is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 13th day of February, 2026.

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