

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

No. 26-KH-86

STATE OF LOUISIANA

versus

MATTHEW K. SMITH

IN RE MATTHEW K. SMITH
APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE
HONORABLE JACQUELINE F. MALONEY, DIVISION " ", No. 22-1239

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April 17, 2026



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Panel composed of Judges Marc E. Johnson,
Stephen J. Windhorst, and John J. Molaison, Jr.

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Matthew K. Smith, seeks review of the 24th Judicial District Court's November 20, 2025 ruling denying his application for post conviction relief (APCR).

On July 8, 2025, Relator filed his APCR claiming: (1) factual innocence; (2) ineffective assistance of counsel; and (3) he pled guilty involuntarily. On November 3, 2025, the State filed its opposition, arguing that Relator's claims were procedurally barred as repetitive, and alternatively, without merit. On November 20, 2025, the district court denied relief, finding that Relator's claims were procedurally barred as repetitive and successive under La. C.Cr.P. art. 930.4, based on relator's previous filings for post-conviction relief, and he was not entitled to relief after reviewing his latest APCR on the merits.

Relator failed to include documentation of a return date with relator's writ application as required by Uniform Rules – Courts of Appeal, Rule 4-3, and his application does not include the State's opposition and the district court's ruling as required pursuant to Uniform Rules – Courts of Appeal, Rule

4-5. Nevertheless, upon review of the application, we find Relator did not show that he was entitled to relief, and the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying Relator's APCR. Accordingly, the writ is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 17th day of April, 2026.

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JJM

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Thomas J. Butler (Respondent)

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