

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No.2020-KP-00014

VS.

SONNY JAMES CASTON

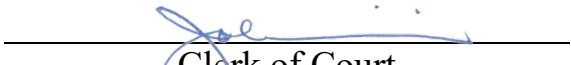
IN RE: Sonny James Caston - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Supervisory Writ,
Parish of Richland, 5th Judicial District Court Number(s) F-1993-9311, Court of
Appeal, Second Circuit, Number(s) 53,377-KW;

February 17, 2021

Writ application denied. See per curiam.

PDG
JLW
JDH
SJC
JTG
WJC
JBM

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Clerk of Court
For the Court

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**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RICHLAND**

PER CURIAM:

Denied. The application was not timely filed in the district court, and applicant fails to carry his burden to show that an exception applies. La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8; *State ex rel. Glover v. State*, 93-2330 (La. 9/5/95), 660 So.2d 1189.

Applicant has now fully litigated his application for post-conviction relief in state court. Similar to federal habeas relief, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 2244, Louisiana post-conviction procedure envisions the filing of a second or successive application only under the narrow circumstances provided in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4 and within the limitations period as set out in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8. Notably, the legislature in 2013 La. Acts 251 amended that article to make the procedural bars against successive filings mandatory. Applicant's claims have now been fully litigated in accord with La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.6, and this denial is final. Hereafter, unless he can show that one of the narrow exceptions authorizing the filing of a successive application applies, applicant has exhausted his right to state collateral review. The district court is ordered to record a minute entry consistent with this per curiam.