

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No. 2023-KK-01477

VS.

JOHN JACOB JENKINS

IN RE: John Jacob Jenkins - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Writ Of Certiorari,
Parish of St. Tammany, 22nd Judicial District Court Number(s) 3085-F-2020, Court
of Appeal, First Circuit, Number(s) 2023 KW 0723;

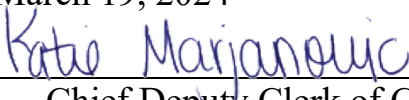
March 19, 2024

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

PDG
JDH
SJC
JTG

Weimer, C.J., dissents.
Crain, J., dissents.
McCallum, J., dissents.

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For the Court

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PER CURIAM:

Writ granted. We find the videos at issue here to be of such a graphic nature that the danger of unfair prejudice substantially outweighs their slight probative value. *See* La.C.E. arts. 404(B), 403. Furthermore, the videos are not needed to complete the State’s narrative of its case. *See generally State v. Taylor*, 01-1638, pp. 12–13 (La. 1/14/03), 838 So.2d 729, 743 (rule of “narrative completeness” permits the use of evidence “to tell a story of guiltiness [and] to support an inference of guilt, to convince the jurors a guilty verdict would be morally reasonable as much as to point to the discrete elements of a defendant’s legal fault.” (citing *Old Chief v. United States*, 519 U.S. 172, 188, 117 S.Ct. 644, 654, 136 L.Ed.2d 574 (1997))). We therefore find the trial court abused its discretion in admitting the videos. Accordingly, we reverse the rulings of the courts below, and we grant defendant’s motion to suppress the videos in their entirety. The matter is remanded for further proceedings.

REVERSED AND REMANDED