

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE EX REL. ALCUS SMITH

No. 2023-KP-00726

VS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: Alcus Smith - Applicant Plaintiff; Applying For Supervisory Writ, Parish of Jefferson, 24th Judicial District Court Number(s) 16-0951, Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit, Number(s) 23-KH-183;

November 21, 2023

Writ application denied. See per curiam.

JDH
JLW
SJC
JTG
WJC
JBM
PDG

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Katie Marjanovic
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For the Court

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**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON**

PER CURIAM:

Denied. Applicant fails to show that he was denied the effective assistance of counsel during plea negotiations under the standard of *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 80 L.Ed.2d 674 (1984). As to his remaining claim, applicant fails to satisfy his post-conviction burden of proof. La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.2.

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.