

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No. 2024-KK-00533

VS.

JOSHUA JAMES WILLIS

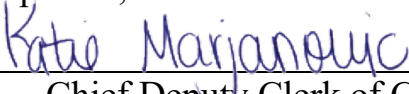
IN RE: Joshua Willis - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Supervisory Writ, Parish of Lafayette, 15th Judicial District Court Number(s) 157793, Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, Number(s) KW 24-00209;

April 28, 2024

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

JDH
JLW
JTG
WJC
JBM
PDG

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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On Supervisory Writ to the 15th Judicial District Court, Parish of Lafayette

PER CURIAM

Writ granted. The trial court erred in sustaining the state’s objection to the defendant’s question about whether the witness has been involved in drug dealing from prison after the witness initially denied such activities and the defendant was in possession of jail communications that might be used to impeach the witness. Confrontation is a fundamental right. U.S. Const. amendment VII; La. Const. Art. I, section 16. Applicant has shown specific extrinsic evidence that contradicts the sworn testimony at trial of witness Sylvester. Applicant is entitled to cross-examine with this evidence to attack the credibility of the witness. La. C.E. art. 607(D)(2). Unduly repetitive or cumulative evidence may be regulated by the trial court in its discretion to conduct an orderly proceeding.