

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No. 2024-KP-01025

VS.

DERRICK WALKER STAFFORD A/K/
A DERRICK STAFFORD

IN RE: Derrick Walker Stafford - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Writ Of
Certiorari, Parish of Avoyelles, 12th Judicial District Court Number(s) 2015-CR-
190819-B, Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, Number(s) KW 23-00695;

May 20, 2025

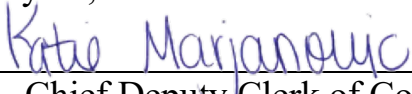
Writ application denied. See per curiam.

JBM
JLW
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Griffin, J., would grant. See State v. Reddick, 2021-01893 (La. 10/21/22) 351
So.3d. 273. (Griffin, J. dissenting).

Guidry, J., would grant. See State v. Reddick, 2021-01893 (La. 10/21/22) 351
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**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE TWELFTH
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PER CURIAM:

Denied. Applicant fails to show that he received ineffective assistance of counsel under the standards of *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 80 L.Ed.2d 674 (1984) or *United States v. Cronin*, 466 U.S. 648, 104 S.Ct. 2039, 80 L.Ed.2d 657 (1984).

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.