

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No. 2024-KP-01574

VS.

JOSHUA BELTON

IN RE: Joshua Belton - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Supervisory Writ, Parish of Desoto, 42nd Judicial District Court Number(s) 20-CR-030622, Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, Number(s) 56,088-KW;

September 10, 2025

Writ application denied. See per curiam.

CRC
JLW
JDH
WJC
JBM
PDG
JMG

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE FORTY-SECOND
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF DESOTO**

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). Furthermore, the application is repetitive. La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4.

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.