

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No. 2025-K-00735

VS.

MICHAEL R. SHORTS, JR.

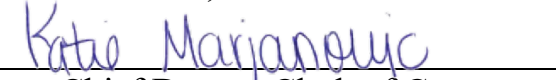
IN RE: Michael R. Shorts, Jr. - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Writ Of
Certiorari, Parish of Orleans Criminal, Criminal District Court Number(s) 549-715,
Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, Number(s) 2023-KA-0771;

December 16, 2025

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

JLW
JDH
PDG
JMG
CRC

Crain, J., dissents.
McCallum, J., dissents.

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For the Court

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PER CURIAM

Writ granted in part. We remand to the court of appeal for evaluation of defendant's confrontation clause challenges. The affirming opinion, while recognizing that defendant raised Sixth Amendment confrontation clause challenges, only evaluated the testimony as potential hearsay under the Code of Evidence. The opinion omitted the necessary analysis of the constitutional dimension of those assignments of error. *See State v. Shorts*, 23-0771, pp. 7–12 (La. App. 4 Cir. 5/8/25), ___ So.3d ___, available at 2025 WL 1341537, *4–6. We therefore remand to the court of appeal for the purpose of performing that analysis. In all other respects, the writ is denied.