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No. 02-KK-0277

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

EUGENE FORTINO

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEAL FIFTH CIRCUIT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

CALOGERO, Chief Justice, dissents from the writ denial.

I would grant this writ. Apparently, from the application, the trial judge made a pretrial ruling without hearing testimony, medical evidence, or examining police reports.

At the least, the trial judge should not let into evidence the eleven year old incident regarding defendant and a prior wife without some showing that it is relevant to demonstrate intent, knowledge, or system and otherwise complies with <u>State v. Prieur</u>, 227 So. 2d 126 (La. 1973).