

10/23/2015 "See News Release 052 for any Concurrences and/or Dissents."

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 14-KH-2629**

**STATE EX REL. WESLEY ALFONSO**

**v.**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**On Supervisory and/or Remedial Writs from the  
22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany**

**PER CURIAM:**

Denied. Relator's sentencing claim is not cognizable on collateral review. See La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.3; State ex rel. Melinie v. State, 93-1380 (La. 1/12/96), 665 So.2d 1172. See also State v. Cotton, 09-2397 (La. 10/15/10), 45 So.3d 1030; State v. Thomas, 08-2912 (La. 10/16/09), 19 So.3d 466.

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. Relator'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, relator has exhausted his right to state collateral review.