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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 16-KH-0320

STATE EX REL. ROBERT LEE WILLIS

v.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF CALCASIEU

PER CURIAM:

WRIT NOT CONSIDERED. Untimely filed pursuant to La.S.Ct. Rule X § 5.

Relator has now exhausted his right to obtain post-conviction relief in state court. Similar to federal habeas relief, <u>see</u> 28 U.S.C. § 2244, Louisiana postconviction 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 has filed an application for post-conviction relief in the District Court, and the District Court's ruling denying relief is now 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. The District Court is ordered to record a minute entry consistent with this per curiam.