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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2017-CC-1372

STEVE BLANCHARD

VERSUS

MICHAEL J. MITCHELL, ET AL.

**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE 12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF AVOUELLES**

CRICHTON, J., would grant and assigns reasons

I disagree with the majority's decision to deny this writ application, as I find the application of La. R.S. 32:145 under circumstances such as these to be an important issue this Court has not recently addressed. In my view, I do not find the statute was intended to create a duty to protect third persons from the negligence of unauthorized users of a vehicle. As such, I would grant and docket this matter to examine this issue more closely.