

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 96-KP-2919

STATE OF LOUISIANA

v.

MELVIN D. FORD

On Writ of Certiorari
to the Criminal District Court,
Parish of Orleans

PER CURIAM:

Writ granted. The trial court may not avoid the procedural bars of La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4 and La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8 by "reconsidering" an application for post-conviction relief on which it has earlier ruled, see La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.6; La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.6 cmt.; State v. Clayton, 96-1658 (La. 2/27/97), 687 So.2d 996; State ex rel. Lewis v. Cr.D.C., 571 So.2d 659 (La. 1991), especially when, as here, this Court has considered and rejected the claims. La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4(D); State v. Ford, 94-2883 (La. 2/5/95), 649 So.2d 404; State ex rel. Ford v. State, 513 So.2d 816 (La. 1987). In any event, Ford's claims otherwise lack merit. See State v. Hamilton, 478 So.2d 123, 128-29 (La. 1985); State v. Mack, 403 So.2d 8, 9-10 (La. 1981); State v. Smith, 91-0749 (La. 5/23/94), 637 So.2d 398, cert. denied, ___ U.S. ___, 115 S.Ct. 641, 130 L.Ed.2d 546 (1994); Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 687, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 2064, 80 L.Ed.2d 674 (1984).