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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 12-KH-1275

STATE EX REL. THINH TRAN

V.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

On Writ of Certiorari to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

PER CURIAM:

Writ granted. Following a rape conviction in which the state's case rested on identification testimony and in which relator presented a defense of misidentification at trial, the lower courts erred when they denied the application for post conviction DNA testing based on the alleged failure of the testing to establish relator's innocence. La.Code Crim. Proc. art. 926.1(B) and (C). The district court is therefore directed to hold a hearing to evaluate the availability and integrity of the physical evidence and to order DNA testing in the event that it determines the results could tend to make relator's guilt more or less probable. La.Code Crim. Proc. art. 926.1(C) and (D). See e.g., State ex rel. Jackson v. State, 11-0394 (La. 5/25/12), __ So.3d __; State v. Stokes, 10-1387 (La. 2/11/11), 56 So.3d 1008.