STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

CORNELIUS ELLIS, SR.

NO. 23-KH-542

FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Linda Wiseman First Deputy, Clerk of Court December 01, 2023

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IN RE CORNELIUS ELLIS, SR.

**APPLYING FOR** SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH A. MARINO, III, DIVISION "D", NUMBER 17-7016

> Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy, Jude G. Gravois, and John J. Molaison, Jr.

# WRIT GRANTED IN PART; JUDGMENT VACATED; REMANDED

The relator, Cornelius Ellis, seeks review of the trial court's October 11, 2023 judgment that denied his "Motion To Correct An Illegal Sentence." After the relator had filed the instant writ application, the trial court granted the relator's counseled motion for appeal on November 29, 2023. A copy of the order is attached. Based upon the current procedural posture, we find that the relator's Motion to Correct an Illegal Sentence was prematurely filed. The relator may now raise the issue of an illegal sentence on direct appeal.

Accordingly, the judgment of October 11, 2023 is vacated. We remand the matter to the district court with instructions to correct the relator's name on the order granting the appeal.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 1st day of December, 2023.

JJM SMC JGG

#### 24th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 17-07016

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#### <u>ORDER</u>

Considering the foregoing Motion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that an Appeal is granted, returnable to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, State of Louisiana on or before the 1274 day of FEBRUARY 2024. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of this Court, lodge, in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, the entire record of these proceedings, including, but not limited to all Pre-Trial, Trial, and Post Trial proceedings and testimony in connection therewith.

IT IS FURTHERE ORDERED that the Assignment of Errors be filed herein within 30 days after the Attorney for the defendant receives the transcript of these proceedings, but not later than 5 days prior to the return set.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trial counsel, Jerome Matthews, be allowed to withdraw from these proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Louisiana Appellate Project is appointed to represent Timmy Doucet fort the purposes of this Appeal. The Clerk is directed to notify the Louisiana Appellate Project of this appointment.

Gretna, Louisiana, this <u>29<sup>TH</sup> day of NOVEWBER</u>, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the prosecution by placing same in the United States mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid, or by hand delivery in open court, on this 5th Tay of December, 2023.

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## **NOTICE OF DISPOSITION CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY**

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I CERTIFY THAT A COPY OF THE DISPOSITION IN THE FOREGOING MATTER HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH **UNIFORM RULES - COURT OF APPEAL, RULE 4-6** THIS DAY <u>12/01/2023</u> TO THE TRIAL JUDGE, THE TRIAL COURT CLERK OF COURT, AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY, AND TO EACH PARTY NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, AS LISTED BELOW:

CURTIS B. PURSELL CLERK OF COURT

### **E-NOTIFIED**

24th Judicial District Court (Clerk) Hon. Joseph A. Marino, III (DISTRICT JUDGE) Thomas J. Butler (Respondent)

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