

JAMAL C. HARRIS

NO. 25-K-369

VERSUS

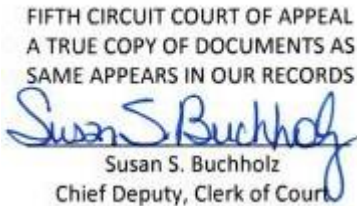
FIFTH CIRCUIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

COURT OF APPEAL

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October 24, 2025



Susan Buchholz
Chief Deputy Clerk

IN RE JAMAL C. HARRIS

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE DONALD A. ROWAN, JR., DIVISION "L", NUMBER 20-5861

Panel composed of Judges Marc E. Johnson,
Stephen J. Windhorst, and John J. Molaison, Jr.

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Jamal Harris, filed the instant *pro se* writ of mandamus stating, in pertinent part:

I've file [sic] several motion with the 24 [sic] JDC & never appeared before a Judge. Motion for a Speedy Trial 701(F) and my public Defender (Mark A. Vicknair) violating my constitutional Rights by refusing to sign affadaivt [sic]. B/C [sic] the State is not ready. Motion to Dismiss never been answered.

Mandamus is an extraordinary remedy that is used to compel the performance of ministerial duties imposed by law when ordinary means fail to provide adequate relief or when delays in obtaining ordinary relief may cause in injustice. La. C.C.P. arts. 3861-3863; Lewis v. St. John the Baptist Parish Through Cadour, 22-43 (La. App. 5 Cir. 10/19/22), 351 So.3d 734, 738-739. In cases where a writ of mandamus is filed to compel a trial court to rule on a motion, this court has recognized the importance of ensuring that the trial court fulfills its duty to address pending motions. See *e.g.*, Davis v. Lopinto, 25-130 (La. App. 5 Cir. 04/08/25), 2025 WL

1042703 (unpublished writ disposition); Durall v. Darensburg, 24-141 (La. App. 5 Cir. 09/10/24), 2024 WL 4131867 (unpublished writ disposition). Therefore, in the interest of justice, and in an effort to use reasonable due diligence in determining whether the trial court has fulfilled its duty to rule on the alleged pending motion indicated in relator's writ of mandamus, this court has reviewed the official trial court record as this is the most reasonable, efficient, and logical way for us to determine if relator is entitled to mandamus relief.

Upon review of the official record, it appears that relator's *pro se* motions have been set and continued numerous times and are currently set for November 10, 2025. Therefore, on the showing made, relator is not entitled to the relief requested at this time and this writ application is denied.¹

Gretna, Louisiana, this 24th day of October, 2025.

SJW
MEJ

¹ Because relator has filed so many *pro se* motions, while represented by counsel, it is unclear what motions are actually set on November 10, 2025. If relator's *pro se* motions are in fact not heard on November 10, 2025, relator may file for mandamus relief at that time and relator must specifically state the name of the motion not heard and the date filed.

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MOLAISON, J., CONCURS WITHOUT REASONS

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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 **10/24/2025** 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis B. Pursell".

CURTIS B. PURSELL
CLERK OF COURT

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Thomas J. Butler (Respondent)

MAILED

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