

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 25-KH-330

VERSUS

FIFTH CIRCUIT

EDGAR HIDALGO

COURT OF APPEAL

STATE OF LOUISIANA



August 07, 2025

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First Deputy Clerk

IN RE EDGAR HIDALGO

APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE FRANK A.  
BRINDISI, DIVISION "E", NUMBER 20-5193

Panel composed of Judges Jude G. Gravois,  
Marc E. Johnson, and Scott U. Schlegel

### WRIT DENIED

Relator, Wesley Ricks, seeks review of the trial court's denial of his motion to compel discovery in district court number 20-5193, *State v. Edgar Hidalgo*. In his motion, Relator requested a free copy of the bill of indictment and bill of particulars for Mr. Hidalgo's case. In its denial, the trial court directed Relator to the Clerk of Court for the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for records request. However, the trial court also noted that the Clerk of Court is not required to provide third parties, such as Relator, with free copies of its public records. After review, we find that the trial court did not err in denying Relator's motion to compel discovery. The requested documents Relator seeks are not from his own case, but rather concern a defendant (Mr. Hidalgo) convicted in a different case and in a different parish other than Relator's conviction and sentence. Generally, an incarcerated indigent must demonstrate a particularized need before receiving a copy of a court document free of charge. *State ex rel. Simmons v. State*, 93-275 (La. 12/16/94), 647 So.2d 1094,

1095 (*per curiam*). We find that Relator's motion does not show any particularized need that would entitle him to free copies of the documents he requested for Mr. Hidalgo's case.

Accordingly, the writ application is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 7th day of August, 2025.

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**JGG**  
**SUS**

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24th Judicial District Court (Clerk)  
Honorable Frank A. Brindisi (DISTRICT JUDGE)  
Thomas J. Butler (Respondent)

**MAILED**

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