

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal State of Louisiana

No. 26-K-325

WILLIAM WILLIAMS

versus

STATE OF LOUISIANA

IN RE WILLIAM WILLIAMS
APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE
DONALD L. FORET, DIVISION "H", No. 25-3455

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July 27, 2026



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Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy,
Jude G. Gravois, and Marc E. Johnson

WRIT GRANTED

Relator, William Williams, seeks mandamus relief that would order the trial court to render rulings on his outstanding *pro se* motions. In *Williams v. Foret*, 26-53 (La. App. 5 Cir. 2/18/26), 2026 WL 457341, Relator sought similar mandamus relief ordering the trial court to rule on his *pro se* motions. In granting the writ application, this Court ordered the trial court to hold a hearing to determine whether defense counsel wishes to adopt Relator's *pro se* motions.

A review of the official record shows that defense counsel adopted Relator's *pro se* motions on March 17, 2026. A motion hearing was held on April 29, 2026; however, the record does not reflect any rulings made by the trial court on those motions.

Therefore, we order the trial court to rule upon the outstanding *pro se* motions that were adopted by defense counsel, if it has not already done so, within 30 days of this disposition. The trial court is further ordered to supply this Court with a copy of its rulings. Accordingly, the writ application is granted.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 27th day of July, 2026.

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SMC
JGG

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