

**Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal
State of Louisiana**

No. 26-K-113

MICHAEL VERNELL YOUNG

versus

MICHAEL MENTZ, JUDGE

IN RE MICHAEL VERNELL YOUNG
APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE
HONORABLE MICHAEL P. MENTZ, DIVISION "F", No. 23-5911

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April 01, 2026



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Panel composed of Judges Jude G. Gravois,
John J. Molaison, Jr., and Timothy S. Marcel

WRIT DENIED

Relator, Michael Young, seeks mandamus relief concerning the trial court's alleged failure to set a hearing on his *pro se* motion to represent himself and his *pro se* motion for a speedy trial.

Relator is charged with attempted second-degree murder in violation of La. R.S. 14:27 and La. R.S. 14:30.1, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of La. R.S. 14:95.1.

Our review of the record indicates that the trial court denied Relator's *pro se* motion for speedy trial without prejudice on March 10, 2026, noting that the motion may be re-urged at a later date. Accordingly, Relator's request for mandamus relief as to his motion for speedy trial is moot.

As to Relator's motion to represent himself filed February 6, 2026, the record indicates the motion is set for hearing on April 22,

2026. In light of the scheduled hearing, mandamus relief is not warranted.

Accordingly, this writ application is denied.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 1st day of April, 2026.

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