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NO. 2026 KW 0842

VERSUS

BENJAMIN J. HART

AUGUST 24, 2026

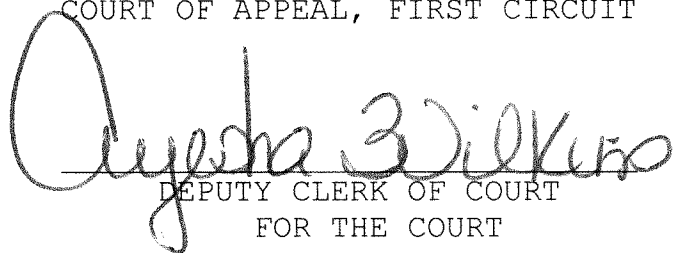
In Re: Benjamin J. Hart, applying for supervisory writs, 22nd
Judicial District Court, Parish of Washington, No. 24-
CR10-153684.

BEFORE: McCLENDON, C.J., HESTER AND MILLER, JJ.

WRIT DENIED. As an indigent inmate, relator is entitled to receive certain court documents without the necessity of establishing a particularized need. See State ex rel. Simmons v. State, 93-0275, 94-2630, 94-2879, (La. 12/16/94), 647 So.2d 1094, 1095 (per curiam). As to all other documents, an indigent inmate has the constitutional right to free copies only in those instances in which he shows that denial of the request will deprive him of an adequate opportunity to present his claims fairly. Meeting that constitutional threshold requires a showing of a particularized need. An inmate therefore cannot make a showing of particularized need absent a properly filed application for post-conviction relief, which sets out specific claims of constitutional errors requiring the requested documentation for support. See State ex rel. Bernard v. Criminal District Court Section J., 94-2247 (La. 4/28/95), 653 So.2d 1174, 1175 (per curiam).

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