

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE           §  
PETITION OF KEAVNEY       §     No. 445, 2001  
WATSON FOR A WRIT OF     §  
MANDAMUS.                   §

Submitted: October 12, 2001  
Decided: November 1, 2001

Before **VEASEY**, Chief Justice, **WALSH** and **STEELE**, Justices.

**ORDER**

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2001, upon consideration of the petition for a writ of mandamus and related “affidavit” filed by Keavney L. Watson, and the answer and motion to dismiss filed by the State of Delaware, it appears to the Court that:

(1) Watson has applied to this Court for a writ of mandamus to be directed to the Superior Court. According to Watson, he filed petitions for a writ of habeas corpus on or about May 24, 2001 and August 24, 2001. Both petitions concerned a sentence imposed on Watson in August 2000.<sup>1</sup> Watson contends that the Superior Court has taken no action on his habeas corpus petitions, and he asks that a writ of mandamus issue to compel disposition of the petitions.

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<sup>1</sup>*State v. Watson*, Del. Super., Cr.A. No. PS99-10-0260, Stokes, J. (Aug. 11, 2000).

(2) The Superior Court docket reflects that Watson's May 24 habeas corpus petition was docketed on May 30, 2001. On the basis of an order entered in March 2001 in a previous habeas corpus case filed by Watson,<sup>2</sup> the Superior Court Prothonotary rejected Watson's May 2001 petition on June 1, 2001. Furthermore, by order dated October 26, 2001, the Superior Court dismissed Watson's May 2001 petition.<sup>3</sup> Similarly, by order dated October 26, 2001, the Superior Court dismissed Watson's August 27 habeas corpus petition that was docketed on August 29, 2001.<sup>4</sup> The Superior Court's October 26 orders render moot Watson's petition for a writ of mandamus in this Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Watson's petition for a writ of mandamus is DISMISSED as moot.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph T. Walsh  
Justice

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<sup>2</sup>*See Watson v. State*, Del. Super., C.A. No. 01M-02-005, Stokes, J. (March 5, 2001) (providing that the court will not permit the filing of any further habeas corpus petitions unless a judge first determines that the petitions are neither repetitive or frivolous).

<sup>3</sup>*Watson v. State*, Del. Super., C.A. No. 01M-05-022, Stokes, J. (Oct. 26, 2001).

<sup>4</sup>*Watson v. State*, Del. Super., C.A. No. 01M-08-021, Stokes, J. (Oct. 26, 2001).