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VERSUS

CHRISTOPHER E. HIRES

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In Re: Christopher E. Hires, applying for supervisory writs, 22nd Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, No. 509245.

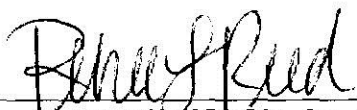
BEFORE: GUIDRY, CRAIN AND THERIOT, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED. As a general matter, incarcerated indigents must demonstrate a particularized need for court documents before receiving copies free of charge, but without showing need, they are entitled to a free copy of the transcript of guilty plea colloquy, the bill of information, district court minutes for the sentencing, and the documents committing them to custody. See **State ex rel. Bernard v. Criminal District Court Section J.**, 94-2247 (La. 4/28/95), 653 So.2d 1174 (per curiam); **State ex rel. Simmons v. State**, 93-0275 (La. 12/16/94), 647 So.2d 1094 (per curiam). The trial court's ruling denying relator's motion for production of documents is reversed, and the court is instructed to provide relator, if it has not already done so, with a copy of the **Boykin** transcript, bill of information, the criminal court minutes of April 12, 2012, and the documents committing relator to custody.

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Crain, J., dissents and would deny the writ.

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