

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

JAUVE' COLLINS

NO. 2013 CW 1289

VERSUS

ANN B. MCCRORY, J.D., EAST
BATON ROUGE PARISH JUDICIAL
ADMINISTRATOR

NOVEMBER 4, 2013

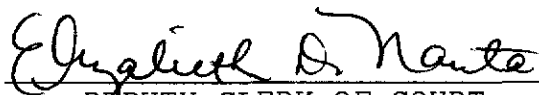
In Re: Jauve' Collins, applying for supervisory writs, 19th
Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge,
No. C620238.

BEFORE: KUHN, HIGGINBOTHAM, AND THERIOT, JJ.

WRIT DENIED. A "person" who wants to examine public records must make the request to the custodian of the records. See La. R.S. 44:31 & 44:32. This Court has been informed by the Nineteenth Judicial District Court that on August 14, 2013, a "Request for Transcript" form was mailed to relator in order for him to properly request the desired documents. If the request for public records is ultimately denied by the custodian, before seeking relief from this court, the person must first institute civil proceedings for a writ of mandamus at the trial court level. See La. R.S. 44:35(A). Should the person prevail, he should be prepared to pay the regular service fees for copies of the documents. See **State ex rel Nash v. State**, 604 So.2d 1054 (La. App. 1 Cir. 1992). After the trial court issues a ruling in the civil proceeding, the person may seek a civil appeal of the trial court's action, if he desires. See La. R.S. 44:35(C).

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