STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2013 KW 2024

VERSUS

MARK ANTHONY VERRETT

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In Re:

Mark Anthony Verrett, applying for supervisory writs, 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, No. 345745.

BEFORE: PETTIGREW, McDONALD AND McCLENDON, JJ.

WRIT DENIED. Relator's assertion that district courts have the authority to resentence inmates following the 2012 repeal of La. R.S. 15:574.22 and La. R.S. 15:308(C) is incorrect. The legislature did not intend, nor does La. R.S. 15:308 provide, that these offenders may seek resentencing in the courts. Moreover, allowing the courts to reduce the offenders' final sentences would, in effect, commute a valid sentence, a power the legislature knows to be constitutionally reserved to the executive branch. See State v. Dick, 2006-2223 (La. 1/26/07), 951 So.2d 124, 133. See also State v. Surry, 48,464 (La. App. 2d Cir. 8/2/13), 121 So.3d 804.

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