

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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NO. 2014 KW 0260

VERSUS

WILBERT THIBODEAUX

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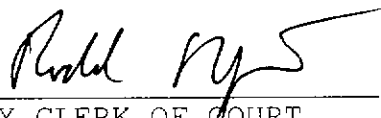
In Re: James T. Dixon, Jr., Jean M. Faria, and the Louisiana Public Defender Board, applying for supervisory writs, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Mary, No. 2013-190149.

BEFORE: KUHN, HIGGINBOTHAM AND THERIOT, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED. The trial court has no statutory authority to order the Louisiana Public Defender Board to spend funds on a particular case. See **State v. Lee**, 2004-0129 (La. App. 1st Cir. 4/6/04), 879 So.2d 173, 176 (per curiam). See also **State v. Citizen**, 2004-1841 (La. 4/1/05), 898 So.2d 325, 338-39. Accordingly, the trial court's ruling ordering the Louisiana Public Defender Board to pay the sum of \$15,600.00 to the local Iberia Parish Indigent Defender Board for the mitigation expert in Wilbert Thibodeaux's case within fifteen days is reversed, and the matter is remanded to the trial court for further proceedings.

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