

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2014 KW 1774

VERSUS

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SHANE MEDINE

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In Re: Shane Medine, applying for supervisory writs, 23rd Judicial District Court, Parish of Ascension, Nos. 30,467 & 30,793.

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**BEFORE: McDONALD, CRAIN, & HOLDRIDGE, JJ.**

**WRIT DENIED.** Relator appears to be requesting documents under the Public Records Law. However, a writ application arising in a criminal proceeding is not the proper procedural vehicle to establish a right to records under the Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1, et seq. A person who wants to examine public records must make the request to the custodian of records. See La. R.S. 44:31 & 44:32. An individual in custody after sentence following a felony conviction who has exhausted his appellate remedies is permitted access to public records if the request is limited to grounds upon which the individual could file for postconviction relief under La. Code Crim. P. art. 930.3. La. R.S. 44:31.1. If a request for public records is denied by the custodian, before seeking relief from this Court, the person must first file a civil petition requesting 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. After the trial court rules 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). See **State ex rel. McKnight v. State**, 98-2258 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/3/98), 742 So.2d 894 (per curiam).

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