STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA IN THE INTEREST OF A.T.

NO. 2017 CW 1561

NOVEMBER 10, 2017

In Re:

C.T., applying for supervisory writs, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Tangipahoa, No. J-17359.

BEFORE: McCLENDON, WELCH AND THERIOT, JJ.

WRIT DENIED.

JEW PMc

Theriot, J., concurs in part and dissents in part. I would grant the writ with respect to Motion for 672.1 Hearing filed on behalf of the State and reverse the trial court's ruling. Louisiana Children's Code article 672.1(B) places the burden on the Department of Child and Family Services to prove "by clear and convincing evidence that reunification efforts are not required, considering the health and safety of the child and the child's need for permanency." The evidence presented by the State was not sufficient to meet the high standard of "clear and convincing."

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FOR THE COURT