

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2017 KW 1091

VERSUS

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STEVEN JERMAINE CHARLES

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In Re: Steven Jermaine Charles, applying for supervisory writs, 22nd Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, No. 548,792.


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**BEFORE: WHIPPLE, C.J., McDONALD AND CHUTZ, JJ.**

**WRIT GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART.** As an indigent inmate, relator is entitled to receive certain court documents, such as the bill of information, commitment papers, court minutes for various portions of the trial, and minutes of his sentencing, free of charge without the necessity of establishing a particularized need. See **State ex rel. Simmons v. State**, 93-0275 (La. 12/16/94), 647 So.2d 1094 (*per curiam*). For all other documents, including the trial transcript, the inmate is required to establish a particularized need by properly filing an application for postconviction relief, which sets out specific claims of constitutional errors requiring the requested documentation for support. See **State ex rel. Bernard v. Criminal District Court Section "J"**, 94-2247 (La. 4/28/95), 653 So.2d 1174 (*per curiam*); **State ex rel. McKnight v. State**, 98-2258 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/3/98), 742 So.2d 894, 895 (*per curiam*). Accordingly, the district court is instructed to provide relator with free copies of the bill of information, commitment papers, court minutes for various portions of the trial, and minutes of his sentencing, if it has not already done so. However, there is no indication that relator has filed an application for postconviction relief in the district court. Therefore, the writ application is denied relative to his request for a copy of the trial transcript.

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