

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

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NO. 2019 KW 0594

VERSUS

JAABAR CELESTINE

AUG 19 2019

In Re: Jaabar Celestine, applying for supervisory writs, 32nd
Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, No.
665869.

BEFORE: McCLENDON, WELCH, AND HOLDRIDGE, JJ.

WRIT DENIED. As an indigent inmate, relator is entitled to receive certain court documents, such as his guilty plea transcript, the bill of information or indictment, 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, 1095 (per curiam). As to all other documents, an indigent inmate has the constitutional right to free copies only in those instances in which he shows that denial of the request will deprive him of an adequate opportunity to present his claims fairly. Meeting that constitutional threshold requires a showing of a particularized need. An inmate therefore cannot make a showing of particularized need absent a properly filed 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, 1175 (per curiam).

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