

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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NO. 2000-KA-2280

VERSUS

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COURT OF APPEAL

DONNEL COLEMAN

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FOURTH CIRCUIT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

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JONES, J., CONCURS IN PART AND DISSENTS IN PART

While I agree that Coleman is guilty of the underlying offense, I absolutely cannot agree that his sentence of life imprisonment is within neither the United States Constitutional ban, nor the Louisiana Constitutional ban against the imposition of "...cruel or unusual punishment..." La. C.Cr.P. Art. 878. Lest we forget, Coleman will serve the balance of his life imprisoned for selling "bunk" [sic] cocaine. In any reasonable state this offense would merely constitute fraud. Thus, I respectfully dissent on the issue of the excessive sentence.