

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**NO. 2012-KA-0653**

**VERSUS**

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**COURT OF APPEAL**

**DEVIN T. JONES**

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**FOURTH CIRCUIT**

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**BELSOME, J., CONCURS AND ASSIGNS REASONS**

I respectfully concur with the majority and write separately to further discuss the speedy trial issue. Under the circumstances of this case, the reasons for the delay weigh heavily against finding a speedy trial violation. In addition to the one-year delay attributed to defendant's unsuccessful participation in the diversionary program; defendant was also responsible for a delay of nearly nine months when he failed to appear after receiving notice in open court on three separate occasions. For these reasons, I agree that the trial court abused its discretion in granting defendant's motion to quash on speedy trial grounds.