

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

State of Louisiana v. Samuel Lee Hamilton, Jr.

No. 2025 KW 1363 (La. Ct. App. 2026) · No. 2025 KW 1363 · Decided February 23, 2026

SUMMARY

The Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit denied Samuel Lee Hamilton, Jr.’s application for supervisory writs. The court held that his challenge based on *Ramos v. Louisiana* was untimely because his conviction and sentence were final before *Ramos*, he had not established an exception to the post-conviction filing deadline, and the deadlines for related post-verdict motions had expired.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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VERSUS

SAMUEL LEE HAMILTON, JR. FEBRUARY 23, 2026

In Re: Samuel Lee Hamilton, Jr., applying for supervisory writs, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 09-88-0898. BEFORE : LANIER, WOLFE, AND HESTER, JJ. WRIT DENIED. On direct appeal, this court affirmed relator’s attempted second degree murder sentence and conviction. *State v. Hamilton*, 561 So.2d 1021 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1990) (unpublished), writ denied, 92-2929 (La. 1/13/94), 631 So.2d 1160. The new rule of criminal procedure announced in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, 590 U.S. 83, 140 S.Ct. 1390, 206 L.Ed.2d 583 (2020), is not retroactive in Louisiana. *State v. Reddick*, 2021-01893 (La. 10/21/22), 351 So.3d 273, 283. Relator’s conviction and sentence were final at the time the *Ramos* decision was rendered, and he has not established an exception to the statutory time delay. See La. Code Crim. P. art. 930.8 (A) (1). Furthermore, the delays to file a motion for new trial and a motion for post-verdict judgment of acquittal have run. See La. Code Crim. P. arts. 821(A) & 853(A). Thus, relator’s attack on the sufficiency of the evidence is untimely as a request for postconviction relief. If an application for postconviction relief is untimely under Article 930.8, it should not be considered on the merits. See *State v. LeBlanc*, 2006-0169 (La. 9/15/06), 937 So.2d 844 (per curiam). wi EW

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