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STATE OF LOUISIANA

COURT OF APPEAL

FIRST CIRCUIT

NO. 2011 CA 0285

JAMES LEE WASHINGTON

VERSUS

JAMES M. LEBLANC, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS,
and TERRY TERRELL

Judgment Rendered: September 14, 2011.

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On Appeal from the
19th Judicial District Court,
In and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge,
State of Louisiana
Trial Court No. 592,851

The Honorable Kay Bates, Judge Presiding

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James Lee Washington
Kinder, LA

Plaintiff/Appellant,
In Proper Person

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BEFORE: CARTER, C.J., PARRO AND HIGGINBOTHAM, JJ.

BJP
AKB
TMH

CARTER, C. J.

James Lee Washington, an inmate in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, appeals a judgment of the 19th Judicial District Court (19th JDC), dismissing his petition for writ of *habeas corpus* for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Washington contends that, for reasons recently discovered by him, the habitual offender sentence that he is serving, which was imposed by the 20th Judicial District Court (20th JDC), is illegal. He argues that since the sentence is illegal, he is entitled to have his sentence reduced by application of “good time,” and after such “good time” is credited, he completed serving his sentence in 2005, therefore entitling him to immediate release.

Any claim of an illegal sentence may be corrected at any time by the sentencing court or by an appellate court on review. La. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 882A. The commissioner who screened Washington’s petition correctly reasoned that the 19th JDC lacks jurisdiction to review the validity of sentences of other district courts. As such, the 19th JDC properly determined that it lacked subject matter jurisdiction and dismissed the suit.

Considering the foregoing, the judgment of the 19th JDC is affirmed in accordance with Uniform Rules-Courts of Appeal, Rule 2-16.2A(2) and (5). Costs of this appeal are assessed to James Lee Washington.

AFFIRMED.