

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**NO. 2008-KK-0804**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**VERSUS**

**ANTHONY BELL**

**ON WRIT OF REVIEW TO THE COURT OF APPEAL  
FIRST CIRCUIT, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

JOHNSON, J., would deny the stay, deny the writ application and assigns reasons.

Defendant's present attorneys were appointed to represent him on June 16, 2006. They continued to assist as stand-by counsel after Defendant asserted his Sixth Amendment right to represent himself, and throughout the guilt phase of this trial.

Since jury sequestration is mandated by LSA-C. Cr. P. art.791(B), this jury should be allowed to proceed with the penalty phase of this trial without interruption.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> LSA-C.Cr.P. art.791(B) provides:

B. In capital cases, after each juror is sworn he shall be sequestered, unless the state and the defense have jointly moved that the jury not be sequestered