

**NO. 2019-C-0988**

**COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH CIRCUIT**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**GUSTE HOMES RESIDENT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

**VERSUS**

**RENARD THOMAS**

IN RE: RENARD THOMAS

APPLYING FOR: SUPERVISORY WRIT; EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION  
REQUESTED

DIRECTED TO: HONORABLE ERNESTINE L. ANDERSON-TRAHAN  
FIRST CITY COURT OF NEW ORLEANS  
SECTION "D", 2019-07997

**WRIT GRANTED**

Relator, Renard Thomas, seeks supervisory review of the city court's November 12, 2019 order setting relator's suspensive appeal bond. In light of the city court's prior order granting pauper status to relator, the city court abused its discretion by setting the appeal bond at \$801.00, where his monthly income is \$973.00 and his portion of rent is \$247.00. *See Jenkins v. Johnson*, 2019-0985, p. 1 (La. App. 1 Cir. 7/29/19), 2019 WL 3407178, \*1. Moreover, there has been no showing that relator has not paid his rent when due. We, therefore, grant the writ and remand this matter to the city court with instructions to set the suspensive appeal bond at \$200.00.

Nothing in this Court's ruling should be construed to prevent relator from continuing to pay his rent in accordance with the terms of his lease.

New Orleans, Louisiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2019.

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JUDGE JOY COSSICH LOBRANO

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JUDGE EDWIN A. LOMBARD

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JUDGE DANIEL L. DYSART