

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**NO. 2005-CP-01373-COA**

**PAULA RANKINS**

**APPELLANT**

**v.**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**APPELLEE**

DATE OF JUDGMENT:	6/14/2005
TRIAL JUDGE:	HON. LARRY O. LEWIS
COURT FROM WHICH APPEALED:	TUNICA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT:	PAULA RANKINS (PRO SE)
ATTORNEY FOR APPELLEE:	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY: JEFFREY A. KLINGFUSS
NATURE OF THE CASE:	CIVIL - POST-CONVICTION RELIEF
TRIAL COURT DISPOSITION:	MOTION FOR PCR DENIED.
DISPOSITION:	DISMISSED - 09/05/2006
MOTION FOR REHEARING FILED:	
MANDATE ISSUED:	

**BEFORE KING, C.J., SOUTHWICK AND IRVING, JJ.**

**SOUTHWICK, J., FOR THE COURT:**

¶1. This is an appeal from the denial of Paula Rankins' motion for post-conviction relief. Since the appeal was perfected, the inmate has been released from incarceration. A discharge certificate from the Mississippi Department of Corrections has been provided to us, dated April 5, 2006.

¶2. Post-conviction relief may be considered only for individuals convicted under our laws and who are presently in custody. Miss. Code Ann. § 99-39-5 (Supp. 2005). Since Rankins is no longer in custody, we dismiss the appeal as moot.

**¶3. THE APPEAL FROM THE JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUNICA COUNTY IS DISMISSED AS MOOT. ALL COSTS OF THIS APPEAL ARE ASSESSED TO TUNICA COUNTY.**

**KING, C.J., LEE AND MYERS, P.JJ., IRVING, CHANDLER, GRIFFIS, BARNES, ISHEE AND ROBERTS, JJ., CONCUR.**