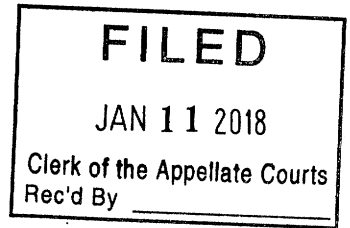


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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

AT NASHVILLE



STATE OF TENNESSEE,)

Movant,)

v.)

No. M1987-00130-SC-DPE-DD

STEPHEN MICHAEL WEST,)

Defendant.)

NOTICE

By order dated December 17, 2013, this Court granted a motion filed by the State of Tennessee to set an execution date for the defendant Stephen Michael West. The Court set a date of February 10, 2015.

On November 26, 2014, the Court vacated its order setting an execution date due to ongoing litigation and appeal of a declaratory judgment action challenging the constitutionality of Tennessee's lethal injection protocol. The Court ultimately ruled that the petitioners in that matter, which included the defendant West, failed to show that the State's method of execution violated the Eighth Amendment or was otherwise unlawful. *West v. Schofield*, 519 S.W.3d 550 (Tenn. 2017).


Petitioners filed two separate petitions for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court seeking further review of this Court's decision. *Stephen Michael West, et al. v.*

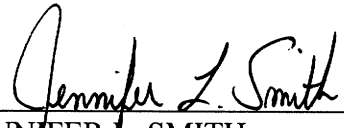
Tony Parker, et al., No. 17-6024 (U.S.); *Abu Ali Abdur'Rahman, et al. v. Tony Parker, et al.*, No. 17-6068 (U.S.).

The State now provides notice that the Supreme Court denied certiorari in both petitions on November 27, 2017, and January 8, 2018, respectively. Copies of the two letters from the U.S. Supreme Court notifying the parties that certiorari has been denied in the respective petitions are attached. Thus, the defendant's challenge to the lethal injection protocol is finally concluded, and this Court's March 31, 2015, reprieve is lifted or dissolved. *See* Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 12.4(E) ("Where the date set by the Court for execution has passed by reason of a stay or reprieve, this Court shall sua sponte set a new date of execution when the stay or reprieve is lifted or dissolved, and the State shall not be required to file a new motion to set an execution date.").

Respectfully submitted,

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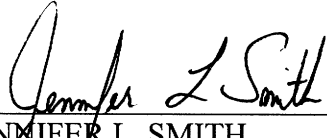

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I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Notice was forwarded by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on the 11th day of January, 2018, to the following:

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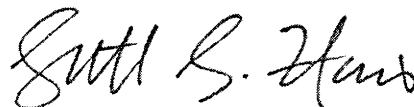
Re: Stephen Michael West, et al.
v. Tony Parker, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of
Corrections, et al.
No. 17-6024

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Court today entered the following order in the above-entitled case:

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

Sincerely,



Scott S. Harris, Clerk

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January 8, 2018

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Re: Abu Ali Abdur'Rahman, et al.
v. Tony Parker, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of
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No. 17-6068

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Court today entered the following order in the above-entitled case:

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott S. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Scott S. Harris, Clerk