

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY  
AT SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE**

**ZACHARY RYE ADAMS  
PETITIONER,**

**vs.**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
RESPONDENT.**

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**No. 17-CR-10-PC**

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**STATE'S RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR A COURT  
ORDER APPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH JASON AUTRY**

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Comes now the State of Tennessee, by and through the undersigned attorneys and in response to Petitioner's Motion for a Court Order Approving Communication with Jason Autry submits said Motion should be denied and in support thereof submits the following:

1. The State has filed a motion requesting this Court first appoint counsel to represent Inmate Autry and incorporates the arguments for that motion in this response.
2. If that motion is granted and said counsel –after meeting with Inmate Autry- relays that Inmate Autry wishes to waive his rights and testify for the Petitioner, then Petitioner's attorneys can confer with, meet with, interview Inmate Autry without any objection from the State.

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3. Petitioner fails to outline any potential harm to Petitioner's case or the duty of this Court in simply sending an independent, objective, unbiased attorney to have the initial contact and discussion with Inmate Autry.

For the foregoing reasons, the State requests said motion be denied.

Respectfully Submitted:

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been emailed to Douglas Bates IV and Crystal M. Etue, attorneys for Petitioner Adams, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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