# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE 

AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: STEVE HENLEY

| JACKSON COUN |
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| ORIGINAL APPEAL |
| No. 87-73-I |

## MOTION TO SET EXECUTION DATE

Pursuant to Rule 12.4(A), Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the State of Tennessee respectfully requests that the Court set an execution date for Steve Henley. In support of this motion, the State relies on the following:

1. Henley was convicted by a Jackson County Criminal Court jury in 1986 of the first-degree murders of Fred and Edna Stafford. He was sentenced to death for the murders. This Court affirmed the judgment, State v. Henley, 774 S.W.2d 908 (Tenn. 1989), and the United States Supreme Court denied a petition for a writ of certiorari. Henley v. Tennessee, 497 U.S. 1031 (1990).
2. Henley subsequently sought post-conviction relief in the trial court, which conducted a hearing, made findings, and denied relief. The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals reversed, finding that Henley's counsel was ineffective during sentencing. Henley v. State, No. 01C01-9506-CC-00193, 1996 WL 234075 (Tenn. Crim. App., May 9, 1996. However, this Court reversed and reinstated the judgment of the
trial court after concluding the Court of Criminal Appeals erred in finding that Henley was prejudiced by counsel's performance at sentencing. Henley v. State, 960 S.W.2d 572 (Tenn. 1997), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 830 (1998).
3. In July 1998, Henley filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. On April 1, 2003, the district court entered a memorandum opinion and order granting the State's motion for summary judgment and dismissing the petition. The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed the district court's judgment on May 15, 2007. Henley v. Bell, 487 F.3d 379 (6th Cir. 2007), reh'g and sugg. for reh'g en banc denied (Oct. 17, 2007). The United States Supreme Court denied a petition for a writ of certiorari on June 23, 2008, Henley v. Bell, 128 S.Ct. 2862 (No. 07-1194), and denied a petition for rehearing on August 18, 2008. (copy of order list attached)
4. Henley has completed the standard three-tier appeals process, making the setting of an execution date appropriate. See Rule 12.4(A).

For the reasons stated, a new execution date should be set.

Respectfully submitted,


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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008

ORDERS IN PENDING CASES CARCIERI, GOV. OF RI, ET AL. V. KEMPTHORNE, SEC. OF INTERIOR The motion of Citizens Equal Rights Foundation, et al. for leave to file a brief as amici curiae out of time is granted. ALTRIA GROUP, INC., ET AL. V. GOOD, STEPHANIE, ET AL. PLEASANT GROVE CITY, UT, ET AL. V. SUMMUM

The motions of the Acting Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument are granted.

BARTLETT, GARY, ET AL. V. STRICKLAND, DWIGHT, ET AL.
The motion of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et a1. for leave to file a brief as amici curiae out of time is granted. PEARSON, CORDELL, ET AL. V. CALLAHAN, AFTON

The motion of the Acting Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument is granted.

## REHEARINGS DENIED

MUNAF, MOHAMMAD, ET AL. V. GEREN, SEC. OF ARMY
GEREN, SEC. OF ARMY, ET AL. V. OMAR, SANDRA K., ET AL.
THOMAS, ROBERT V. TRICO PRODUCTS CORP., ET AL.
HENLEY, STEVE V. BELL, WARDEN
SPLITTORFF, FRANCIS w. V. AIGNER, JERRY, ET AL.
DAHLQUIST, DARYL V. VUKICH, PATRICK G.

ROSA, BERNARD J. V. CALIFORNIA, ET AL.
KIM, CYRUS Y. V. WA DEPT. OF LICENSING
WARE, WILLIAM A., ET AL. V. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMIN., ET AL.
GLENMONT HILLS ASSOC. V. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
TERRY, GARY I., ET AL. V. UNITED STATES
SIMEONE, MICHAEL D. V. DiGUGLIELMO, SUPT., GRATERFORD
LANG, DANIEL J. V. HAMLET, WARDEN
WILMS, CHESTER L. V. FINNAN, SUPT., WABASH VALLEY
GUINN, GENE A. V. QUARTERMAN, DIR., TX DCJ
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BRIGHT, WINFRED R. V. WRIGHT, WARDEN
SHANKLIN, GEORGE V. ORTIZ, EXEC. DIR., CO DOC
SMITH, CALVIN L. V. VIRGINIA
ZHANG, ZHENLU V. SCIENCE \& TECH. CORP., ET AL.
CALLIGAN, EDWIN D. V. WILSON, SUPT., WESTVILLE COMIER, LEE V. SCHRIRO, DIR., AZ DOC VANDERWALL, ROBIN W. V. VIRGINIA CORNET, STANLEY V. FLORIDA

GIBBS, ARSON I. V. MINNER, GOV. OF DE, ET AL.
DUNLAP, TIMOTHY A. V. GREEN, JAY, ET AL.
McCREARY, CARNELL V. BIRKETT, WARDEN, ET AL.
TAVAREZ, TEOFILO V. MARSHALL, SUPT., SING SING
SCHILS, MICHAEL V. WASHTENAW COMMUNITY HEALTH
YORK, JAMES 0. V. SOUTH CAROLINA, ET AL.
MANNING, GWENESTHER F. V. POTTER, POSTMASTER GEN.
The petitions for rehearing are denied.

