IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

PERCY LEE PALMER v. STATE OF TENNESSEE

Appeal from the Circuit Court for Rutherford County No. F-57466 Don R. Ash, Judge

No. M2006-01673-CCA-R3-PC - Filed January 31, 2007

The Appellant, Percy Lee Palmer, appeals the trial court's dismissal of his petition for post-conviction relief. Appellant concedes on appeal that the trial court's judgment is correct. Accordingly, the judgment of the trial court is affirmed pursuant to Rule 20, Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Tenn. R. App. P. 3; Judgment of the Trial Court Affirmed Pursuant to Rule 20, Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals

THOMAS T. WOODALL, J., delivered the opinion of the court, in which JERRY L. SMITH, J., and ROBERT W. WEDEMEYER, J., joined.

John H. Baker, III, for the appellant, Percy Lee Palmer.

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General & Reporter; Rachel E. Willis, Assistant Attorney General, for the appellee, State of Tennessee.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The Appellant timely filed a petition for post-conviction relief challenging the validity of his guilty pleas to three counts of first degree murder. The trial court appointed counsel, who subsequently filed an amended petition. At the hearing on the petition, the Appellant, against the advice of counsel, declined to testify or present any proof. Finding that Appellant failed to prove the allegations by clear and convincing evidence, <u>see</u> Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-30-110(f), the trial court dismissed the petition.

In his brief on appeal, the Appellant acknowledges that the trial court's dismissal of his petition is supported by the record and the law. The Appellant states that he appeals the dismissal

so that the issues raised in the petition may be preserved for subsequent federal habeas corpus or other collateral review. In response to the Appellant's brief, the State filed a motion to dismiss. According to the State, the appeal should be dismissed because the Appellant seeks no relief from this Court.

The Court has reviewed the record on appeal. In lieu of granting the State's motion to dismiss, and in light of the Appellant's concessions on appeal, the Court hereby affirms the judgment of the trial court in accordance with Rule 20, Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

THOMAS T. WOODALL, JUDGE