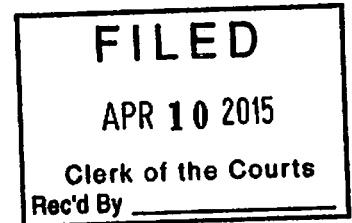


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

**ABU-ALI ABDUR' RAHMAN (FORMERLY KNOWN AS JAMES LEE
JONES) v. STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**Criminal Court for Davidson County
No. 87W417**

No. M1988-00026-SC-DPE-PD



STATE OF TENNESSEE v. LEE HALL, a/k/a LEROY HALL, JR.

**Criminal Court for Hamilton County
Nos. 188000 & 188001**

No. E1997-00344-SC-DDT-DD

DONALD WAYNE STROUTH v. STATE OF TENNESSEE

**Circuit Court for Sullivan County
No. S35, 090, 12548K, 12572BL**

No. E1997-00348-SC-DDT-DD

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. NICHOLAS TODD SUTTON

**Circuit Court for Morgan County
No. 7555**

No. E2000-00712-SC-DDT-DD

ORDER

Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Lee Hall, Nicholas Sutton and Donald Strouth each have pending execution dates. Each also has pending in the Chancery Court for Davidson County a declaratory judgment action challenging the constitutionality of the Tennessee Department of Correction's lethal injection protocol. *See Stephen Michael West, et al. v. Derrick D. Schofield, et al.*, No. 13-16274 (Davidson Chancery). Following interlocutory appeal in that

case, this Court remanded the case to the Chancery Court for resolution of the underlying issues, establishing strict procedural deadlines with which that court is to comply. *See Stephen Michael West, et al. v. Derrick D. Schofield, et al.*, ---S.W.3d 8---, No. M2014-00320-SC-R11-CV, 2015 WL 1044099 (Tenn. Mar. 10, 2015). With the exception of the above-named plaintiffs, this Court has, for all other plaintiffs involved in the declaratory judgment action, vacated execution dates pending the conclusion of that action, through appeal of the trial court's final judgment. Accordingly, the Court vacates the execution dates for these plaintiffs as well.

Upon final disposition of the declaratory judgment action in *Stephen Michael West, et al. v. Derrick D. Schofield, et al.*, No. 13-16274 (Davidson Chancery), this Court shall exercise its authority to set new dates of execution. *See* Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 12(4)(E) (authorizing this Court to sua sponte set execution dates in certain circumstances and providing that any new date of execution set "shall be no less than seven (7) days from the date of the order setting the new execution date").

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM