



Tennessee Supreme Court  
**DISCRETIONARY APPEALS**  
Grants & Denials List  
**October 19, 2026 - October 23, 2026**

**GRANTS**

| Style/Appeal Number                                                                       | County/Trial Judge/<br>Trial Court No.                              | Intermediate Court                | Supreme Court Action                                                                                                          |
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| <b><u>Nashville</u></b>                                                                   |                                                                     |                                   |                                                                                                                               |
| ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY v.<br>TOM JAMES COMPANY ET AL.<br>M2025-00404-SC-R11-CV | Williamson County Chancery Court<br>Deanna B. Johnson<br>20CV-50006 | Bennett, Andy D.: Affirm in Part  | GRANTED - Application of Tom<br>James Company et al.;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 (copy<br>attached)                        |
| <b><u>Knoxville</u></b>                                                                   |                                                                     |                                   |                                                                                                                               |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. EVELYN KENNEDY<br>E2024-01903-SC-R11-CD                             | Roane County Criminal Court<br>Jeffery Hill Wicks<br>2019-CR-554A   | Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm | GRANTED - Application of Evelyn<br>D. Kennedy and Christopher L.<br>Kennedy;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 (copy<br>attached) |

**DENIALS**

| Style/Appeal Number | County/Trial Judge/<br>Trial Court No. | Intermediate Court | Supreme Court Action |
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**Nashville**

CARRINGTON OWENS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE  
M2024-01450-SC-R11-PC

Montgomery County Circuit Court  
William R. Goodman, III  
2016-CR-497

Holloway Jr., Robert L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of  
Carrington Owens;  
  
Order filed 10/22/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. GEORGE HARRIS  
PATTERSON, III  
M2024-01608-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court  
Steve R. Dozier  
2023-C-1722

Easter, Timothy L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of George  
Harris Patterson, III;  
  
Order filed 10/22/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN COLLIN  
KILPATRICK  
M2024-01649-SC-R11-CD

Lewis County Circuit Court  
Michael E. Spitzer  
2023-CR-23

Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of John  
Collin Kilpatrick;  
  
Order filed 10/22/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JESSE WAYNE  
CRADDOCK  
M2024-01886-SC-R11-CD

Wilson County Criminal Court  
Brody N. Kane  
21-CR-803

Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Jesse  
Wayne Craddock;  
  
Order filed 10/22/2026

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| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. ETHAN ALLEN<br>COMPTON<br>M2025-00217-SC-R11-CD    | Maury County Circuit Court<br>Jessica Parrish<br>30552                  | Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm   | DENIED - Application of Ethan<br>Allen Compton;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026     |
| CHARLOTTE R. SAPPO v. 4404 HOLDINGS, LLC<br>M2025-00279-SC-R11-CV        | Davidson County Chancery Court<br>Anne C. Martin<br>23-1322-II          | Bennett, Andy D.: Affirm     | DENIED - Application of Charlotte<br>R. Sappo;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026      |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JACQUE BOUVIER<br>BENNETT<br>M2025-00342-SC-R11-CD | Davidson County Criminal Court<br>Steve R. Dozier<br>2019-A-750         | Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Jacques<br>Bouvier Bennett;<br><br>Order filed 10/21/2026 |
| JEFFERY D. STRONG v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>M2025-00638-SC-R11-PC         | Macon County Criminal Court<br>Brody N. Kane<br>2016-CR-110             | Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm      | DENIED - Application of Jeffery<br>Dewayne Strong;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026  |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. BARRY J. ZBLESKI JR.<br>M2025-00645-SC-R11-CD      | Dickson County Circuit Court<br>Suzanne Lockert-Mash<br>22CC-2023-CR-55 | Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm      | DENIED - Application of Barry J.<br>Zbleski, Jr.;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026   |

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| CEDRIC TAYLOR v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>M2025-00674-SC-R11-PC                 | Davidson County Criminal Court<br>Cheryl A. Blackburn<br>2018-B-914           | McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Cedric Taylor; Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule 11(b));<br><br>STRICKEN - Pro Se Application filed by Cedric Taylor;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. TIMOTHY CHRISTOPHER PILLOW<br>M2025-00720-SC-R11-CD    | Davidson County Criminal Court<br>Steve R. Dozier<br>2021-D-2018, 2024-D-2094 | Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm   | DENIED - Application of Timothy Christopher Pillow;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                            |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. THOMAS LYMN<br>M2025-00787-SC-R11-CD                   | Moore County Circuit Court<br>Forest A. Durard, Jr.<br>24-CR-1625             | Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm   | DENIED - Application of Thomas Lymn, Jr.;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                                      |
| RILEY DAVIDSON v. SHELBYVILLE HOSPITAL COMPANY, LLC<br>M2025-00905-SC-R11-CV | Bedford County Circuit Court<br>M. Wyatt Burk<br>CT-13755                     | Davis, Kristi M.: Vacate     | DENIED - Application of Shelbyville Hospital Company, LLC;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                     |

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| COY J. COTHAM, JR. v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>M2025-01171-SC-R11-PC  | Davidson County Criminal Court<br>Mark J. Fishburn<br>2010-C-2636             | Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Coy J. Cotham, Jr.;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 |
| DANIEL BURSTINER v. BRIAN BOYD ET AL.<br>M2025-01241-SC-R11-CV     | Maury County Circuit Court<br>M. Caleb Bayless<br>17761                       | Stafford, J. Steven: Affirm  | DENIED - Application of Daniel Burstiner;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026   |
| TRAY SIMMONS v. DR. SHAHIDUL ISLAM ET AL.<br>M2025-01261-SC-R11-CV | Davidson County Circuit Court<br>Joseph P. Binkley, Jr.<br>15C1107            | Usman, Jeffrey: Affirm       | DENIED - Application of Tay Simmons;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026        |
| JACOB LEE CARNEY v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>M2025-01775-SC-R11-PC    | Montgomery County Circuit Court<br>William R. Goodman, III<br>CC-2020-CR-1024 | Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm   | DENIED - Application of Jacob Lee Carney;<br><br>Order filed 10/21/2026   |

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| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. MARC ANTHONY CROWDER<br>M2025-01794-SC-R11-CD | Montgomery County Circuit Court<br>Robert Bateman<br>63CC1-2020-CR-648   | Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm                                                                             | DENIED - Application of Marc Anthony Crowder;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                              |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CHRISTOPHER KIGER<br>M2026-00500-SC-R11-CD    | Rutherford County Circuit Court (CRIMINAL)<br>Barry R. Tidwell<br>F68995 | Easter, Timothy L., Holloway Jr., Robert L., Wedemeyer, Robert W.:<br>Case Dispositional Decision | DENIED - Application of Christopher Kiger; Motion to Expedite Consideration of his Application and his subsequent filings;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 |
| <b><u>Knoxville</u></b>                                             |                                                                          |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                          |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. AMIR SPEARS<br>E2024-01889-SC-R11-CD          | Knox County Criminal Court<br>G. Scott Green<br>114446                   | Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm                                                                           | DENIED - Application of Amir Spears;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 (Kyle A. Hixon, J., not participating.)                                               |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JONATHAN MAINE LOWE<br>E2025-00140-SC-R11-CD  | Scott County Criminal Court<br>Zachary R. Walden<br>11799                | Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm                                                                           | DENIED - Application of Jonathan Maine Lowe;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 (Kyle A. Hixson, J., not participating.)                                      |

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| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHNNY MCBEE<br>E2025-00191-SC-R11-CD          | Knox County Criminal Court<br>Steven Wayne Sword<br>121725                                                   | Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm           | DENIED - Application of Johnny Robert McBee;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                    |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. BOONE BEVERLY<br>E2025-00302-SC-R11-CD         | Knox County Criminal Court<br>Hector Sanchez<br>117958, 121152, 121153,<br>121154, 121155, 121156,<br>121157 | Sword, Steven W.: Affirm          | DENIED - Application of Boone Beverly;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 (Kyle A. Hixson, J., not participating.) |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JEROME NCHYAKO DOOLEY<br>E2025-00399-SC-R11-CD | Knox County Criminal Court<br>G. Scott Green<br>116372                                                       | Ayers, Jill Bartee: Affirm        | DENIED - Application of Jerome Nchiyako Dooley;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                 |
| GEOFFREY PASCHEL v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>E2025-00491-SC-R11-PC      | Knox County Criminal Court<br>Hector Sanchez<br>129951                                                       | Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Geoffrey Paschel;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                       |

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| ERIC S. ROBINSON v. STACI L. MCCLELLAN ET AL.<br>E2025-00512-SC-R11-CV | Hawkins County Circuit Court<br>William Erwin Phillips, II<br>2023-CC-176 | McClarty, John W.: Affirm    | DENIED - Application of Eric Scott Robinson;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                                                                         |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DEMETRUICE BENNETT<br>E2025-00599-SC-R11-CD      | Knox County Criminal Court<br>Steven W. Sword<br>120853                   | Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Demetruice Bennett;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                                                                          |
| VONDA STAR SMITH v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>E2025-00640-SC-R11-PC        | Greene County Criminal Court<br>John F. Dugger, Jr. 2022CR223             | Ayers, Jill Bartee: Affirm   | DENIED- Application of Vonda Star Smith; Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule 11(b));<br><br>GRANTED - Motion to Accept Late-Filed Application;<br><br>DISMISSED - Pro Se Application;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026 |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DEVON HOLLOWAY<br>E2025-01043-SC-R11-CD          | Knox County Criminal Court<br>Hector Sanchez<br>127239                    | Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm      | DENIED - Application of Devon D. Holloway;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                                                                           |
| WAYNARD Q. WINBUSH v. STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>E2025-01232-SC-R11-HC      | Knox County Criminal Court<br>G. Scott Green<br>130808                    | Ayers, Jill Bartee: Affirm   | DENIED - Application of Waynard Q. Winbush;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                                                                                                                                          |

CLIFFORD LEON HOUSTON v. KRISTI M. DAVIS  
ET AL.  
E2025-01812-SC-R11-CV

Roane County Chancery Court  
Robert E. Lee Davies  
2024-83

Clement Jr., Frank G.: Dismiss

DENIED - Application of Clifford  
Leon Houston;

Order filed 10/22/2026

**Jackson**

IN RE TROY R. ET AL.  
W2024-01738-SC-R11-JV

Shelby County Juvenile Court  
W. Ray Glasgow  
Z2683

McGee, Carma Dennis: Vacate

DENIED - Application of Jianping  
Huang;

Order filed 10/23/2026

TERESA SUMPTER v. STATE OF TENNESSEE  
W2025-00539-SC-R11-PC

Shelby County Criminal Court  
Carlyn L. Addison  
C1902662

Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Teresa  
Sumpter;

Order filed 10/22/2026

CARLOS ORTIZ v. STATE OF TENNESSEE ET AL.  
W2025-00632-SC-R11-HC

Shelby County Criminal Court  
Lee V. Coffee  
09-05233

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Carlos  
Ortiz;

Order filed 10/23/2026

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| FRED AUSTON WORTMAN III v. STATE OF<br>TENNESSEE<br>W2025-00697-SC-R11-PC                       | Shelby County Criminal Court<br>James Jones, Jr.<br>15-02878     | Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm             | DENIED - Application of Fred<br>Auston Wortman, III;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                        |
| JAYLUN MALIK CURRIE v. STATE OF<br>TENNESSEE<br>W2025-00800-SC-R11-PC                           | Tipton County Circuit Court<br>A. Blake Neill<br>10493           | Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm | DENIED - Application of Jaylun<br>Malik Currie;<br><br>Order filed 10/23/2026 (Kyle A.<br>Hixson, J., not participating.) |
| STATE OF TENNESSEE v. HUNTER JAY<br>CHANTLER<br>W2025-00977-SC-R11-CD                           | Henry County Circuit Court<br>Bruce Irwin Griffey<br>17064       | Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm           | DENIED - Application of Hunter<br>Jay Chantler;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                             |
| VALESIA KENNARD v. MID-SOUTH<br>TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT, INC. ET AL.<br>W2025-00997-SC-R11-CV | Shelby County Circuit Court<br>Damita J. Dandridge<br>CT-0105-20 | Stafford, J. Steven: Reverse      | DENIED - Application of Valesia<br>Kennard;<br><br>Order filed 10/22/2026                                                 |

JEFFERY REED-RICHARDSON v. THE STALLION  
ET AL.

W2025-01183-SC-R10-CV

Shelby County Circuit Court

Robert L. Childers

CT-0154-25

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional  
Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of  
the Plaintiff; Request to Delay  
Payment for Permission to Enter  
the Supreme Court due to  
Temporary Financial Hardship;

Order filed 10/22/2026