

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
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TONY CARRUTHERS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE

Criminal Court for Shelby County
No. 94-02797, 94-02798, 94-02799, 95-11128, 95-11129

No. W2026-00706-SC-RDM-PD

ORDER

On May 15, 2026, Tony Carruthers filed a motion pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 16-3-201(d) asking this Court to assume jurisdiction over his appeal currently pending in the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals related to his request for DNA testing under the Tennessee Post-Conviction DNA Analysis Act. The Court concludes it is appropriate to exercise its discretion to assume jurisdiction in this case, given the unusual public importance of this case in light of the impending execution date of May 21, 2026. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-3-201(d)(2). Accordingly, the motion is GRANTED. It is hereby ORDERED that both parties shall file their briefs no later than Monday, May 18, 2026, by 4:30 p.m.

PER CURIAM