

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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STATE OF TENNESSEE v. ANTHONY DARRELL DUGARD HINES

**Circuit Court for Cheatham County
No. 9852**

No. M2025-00221-SC-DPE-DD

ORDER

On February 14, 2025, the State filed a motion to set an execution date for Anthony Darrell Dugard Hines, stating that Mr. Hines has completed the standard three-tier appeals process and requesting that an execution date be set pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 12(4)(A). In his response, Mr. Hines asks the Court to deny the motion pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-23-119 or to issue a certificate of commutation to the governor under Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-27-106 based on the extenuating circumstances of his case.

After careful review of the response and supporting documentation, the Court concludes that no “legal reason exists against the execution of the sentence” under section 40-23-119 and that under the principles announced in *Workman v. State*, 22 S.W.3d 807 (Tenn. 2000), Mr. Hines has presented no extenuating circumstances warranting issuance of a certificate of commutation. Accordingly, the request for a certificate of commutation is DENIED.

Upon due consideration, the State’s motion to set an execution date is GRANTED. Accordingly, under the provisions of Rule 12(4)(E), it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by this Court that the Warden of the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, or his designee, shall execute the sentence of death as provided by law on the 13th day of August, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by this Court or other appropriate authority. No later than July 13, 2026, the Warden or his designee shall notify Mr. Hines of the method that the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) will use to carry out the execution and of any decision by the Commissioner of TDOC to rely upon the Capital Punishment Enforcement Act. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-23-114.

Counsel for Anthony Darrell Dugard Hines shall provide a copy of any order staying execution of this order to the Office of the Clerk of the Appellate Court in Nashville. The Clerk shall expeditiously furnish a copy of any order of stay to the Warden of the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution.

PER CURIAM