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**LEONARD GREEN, Clerk**

No. 03-5526

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

JANET KIRKPATRICK, Next Friend for Paul Dennis Reid,  
Petitioner - Appellant

v.

RICKY BELL, Warden,  
Respondent - Appellee

**ORDER**


Before: SILER, BATCHELDER, and CLAY, Circuit Judges

This matter comes before the court upon the motion of the petitioner for a stay of execution. Having considered the motion, the response of the State of Tennessee in opposition to the motion, and the transcript of the proceedings held before the district court earlier today, and having concluded that the petitioner has shown reasonable cause for a full evidentiary hearing on the issue of the present competence of her brother, Paul Dennis Reid, to make the decision to forego any further challenge to his conviction and sentence, *Harp v. Parker*, 177 F.3d 567 (6th Cir. 1999);

IT IS ORDERED that the motion for stay be, and it hereby is, GRANTED, and the matter is hereby REMANDED to the district court with instructions to provide a full evidentiary hearing on the issue of Reid's competence.

A written opinion setting forth the basis for the panel's decision will be entered at a later date.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

  
Leonard Green  
Clerk of Court