

**IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DIVISION III**

PAUL DENNIS REID,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	Case No. 97-C-1834
v.)	(Capital Case)
)	
STATE of TENNESSEE,)	Sup. Ct. No. M1999-00803-SC-DDT-DD
Respondent.)	FILED: April 28, 2003 at 10:31 p.m.

ORDER

Paul Dennis Reid, Jr. has now personally filed a Petition for Post-Conviction Relief, which directly challenges the convictions and sentences of death imposed by this Court upon Docket Number 97-C-1834 (Captain D's case).

It appears to this Court that the Petition has been filed within one (1) year of the date of the final action of the Tennessee Supreme Court upon the direct appeal of this conviction. Thus, the Petition appears to be timely and in apparent compliance with the jurisdictional provisions set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-30-202. By so finding, this Court does not yet make any other findings concerning the adequacy of the Petition or its respective merits. All such matters are reserved for further proceedings upon the processing of the Petition and its preliminary consideration. Later, this Court will enter a Preliminary Order as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-30-207.

Upon the filing of a Petition for Post-Conviction Relief by an inmate sentenced to death, Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-30-220(a) requires the court in which the conviction occurred to issue a stay of the execution date, which shall continue in effect for the duration of these proceedings and until the post-conviction action is final.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the execution of this Court's sentence of death upon Docket Number 97-C-1834 is now stayed, pending further orders by this Court or by any court having appellate jurisdiction over this Petition.

ENTERED on this _____ day of April, 2003.

Cheryl Blackburn
Judge

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