



Tennessee Supreme Court  
**DISCRETIONARY APPEALS**  
Grants & Denials List  
November 13, 2023 - November 17, 2023

**DENIALS**

<b>Style/Appeal Number</b>	<b>County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.</b>	<b>Intermediate Court</b>	<b>Supreme Court Action</b>
<b><u>Nashville</u></b>			
GREGG MERRILEES v. STATE OF TENNESSEE M2021-01324-SC-R11-PC	Rutherford County Circuit Court (CRIMINAL) James A. Turner 77445-C	McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm Greenholtz, Tom: Concur in Part/Dissent in Part	DENIED - Application of Gregg Merrilees;  Order Filed 11-16-2023
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE EX REL. JOAN ROSS WESTERMAN ET AL. v. PEGGY D. MATHES ET AL. M2022-00611-SC-R11-CV	Davidson County Chancery Court Anne C. Martin 19-1310-II	Armstrong, Kenny W.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Joan Ross Westerman;  Order Filed 11-16-2023
<b><u>Knoxville</u></b>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOEL MICHAEL GUY, JR. E2021-00560-SC-R11-CD	Knox County Criminal Court Steven Wayne Sword 110145	Witt Jr., James Curwood: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Joel Michael Guy, Jr.; Granted - Joel Michael Guy, Jr.'s Motion to exceed word limitation;  Order Filed 11-16-2023

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. LUIS ALEXIS BRICENO  
E2022-00414-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court  
Steven Wayne Sword  
115160

Ayers, Jill Bartee: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Luis  
Alexis Briceno;

Order Filed 11-17-2023

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CODY LYNN WYRICK  
E2022-00956-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court  
Steven Wayne Sword  
112658

Witt Jr., James Curwood: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Cody  
Lynn Wyrick;

Order Filed 11-17-2023

NIKITA R. THOMAS v. DONALD L. SMITH  
E2022-00964-SC-R11-CV

Cumberland County Chancery Court  
Ronald Thurman  
2021-CH-2011

Frierson II, Thomas R.: Affirm in Part

DENIED - Application of Donald  
L. Smith;

Order Filed 11-17-2023

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JERRY GRAY  
E2022-01000-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court  
Steven Wayne Sword  
91603

Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Jerry  
Rommell Gray;

Order Filed 11-17-2023

BENJAMIN SCOTT BREWER v. STATE OF  
TENNESSEE  
E2022-01191-SC-R11-PC

Hamilton County Criminal Court  
Don W. Poole  
310932

Holloway Jr., Robert L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of  
Benjamin Scott Brewer;  
  
Order Filed 11-17-2023  
(Tarwater, J., not participating)

JONATHAN MICHAEL ATHA v. STATE OF  
TENNESSEE  
E2022-01247-SC-R11-PC

Sevier County Circuit Court  
Rex H. Ogle  
20183, 20185-III

Witt Jr., James Curwood: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Jonathan  
Michael Atha;  
  
Order Filed 11-17-2023