



Tennessee Supreme Court
DISCRETIONARY APPEALS

Grants & Denials List

May 18, 2026 - May 22, 2026

GRANTS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Knoxville</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JAY JUNIOR HEIFNER E2024-01517-SC-R11-CD	Knox County Criminal Court Steven Wayne Sword 120264	Wilson, Matthew J.: Reverse	GRANTED - Application of State of Tennessee; Order filed 05/21/2026 (copy attached)
ROBIN M. MCNABB v. GREGORY HARRISON E2025-01097-SC-R11-CV	Loudon County Chancery Court Tom McFarland 12997	Frierson II, Thomas R.: Affirm in Part	GRANTED - Application of Gregory H. Harrison; Ms. McNabb's response as to the first and second issues raised; Order filed 05/21/2026 (copy attached)

DENIALS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Nashville</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CHAISTY DAWN JONES M2024-00446-SC-R11-CD	Maury County Circuit Court Russell Parkes 29042	McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Chaisty Dawn Jones; Order filed 05/21/2026
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. LUCIAN A. CLEMMONS M2024-00520-SC-R11-CD	Wilson County Criminal Court Brody N. Kane 21-CR-192	Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Lucian A. Clemmons; Order filed 05/21/2026
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. MICHAEL THOMAS HUNTER, JR M2024-01610-SC-R11-CD	Montgomery County Circuit Court Robert Bateman 63CC1-2021-CR-406	Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Michael Thomas Hunter, Jr. Order filed 05/21/2026
KENNETH KELLY ET AL. v. THOMAS A. STEWART M2024-01939-SC-R11-CV	Montgomery County Chancery Court Ben Dean MC-CH-CV-CD-20-20	Swiney, D. Michael: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Thomas A. Stewart; Order filed 05/21/2026

RAUL MARTINEZ v. DAVIDS GROUP, LLC
M2025-00024-SC-R11-CV

Wilson County Circuit Court
Clara W. Byrd
23-CV-517

Davis, Kristi M.: Modify in Part

DENIED - Application of Davids
Group, LLC;

Order filed 05/21/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. TAIVAUN MARQUISE
MALLORY
M2025-00095-SC-R11-CD

Montgomery County Circuit Court
William R. Goodman, III
63CC1-2023-CR-641

Sword, Steven W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Taivaun
Marquise Mallory;

Order filed 05/21/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. LORENZA ZACKERY
M2025-00597-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Jennifer Smith
2009-A-941

Dyer, J. Ross: Dismiss

DENIED - Application of Lorenza
Zackery; Court waives filing
deadline in the interest of justice
(TRAP Rule 11(b));

Order filed 05/21/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. EDDRICK BOOKER
M2025-02010-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Steve R. Dozier
2011-1-1206

Ayers, Jill Bartee, Holloway Jr.,
Robert L., Wedemeyer, Robert W.:
Case Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Application of Eddrick
Booker;

Order filed 05/21/2026

LAWRENCE M. GILLEN v. STATE OF TENNESSEE M2026-00324-SC-R11-CV	Davidson County Chancery Court Anne C. Martin 0000	Per Curiam: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Application of Lawrence M. Gillen; Order filed 05/21/2026
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Knoxville

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JUSTIN DAVID WHALEY E2024-00387-SC-R11-CO	Hamilton County Criminal Court Boyd M. Patterson 306929	Wilson, Matthew J.: Reverse in Part	DENIED - Application of Justin David Whaley; Order filed 05/21/2026
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STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CHARLES EDWARD BLANKENSHIP E2024-00942-SC-R11-CD	Monroe County Criminal Court Andrew M. Freiberg 22-109	Ayers, Jill Barte: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Charles Edward Blankenship; Order filed 05/21/2026
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STATE OF TENNESSEE v. REX A. MOORE E2025-00278-SC-R11-CD	Knox County Criminal Court G. Scott Green 118748, 122449, 126575	Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Rex A. Moore; Order filed 05/21/2026
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Jackson

JOHN WINDER v. KENNETH WOODS ET AL. W2024-00595-SC-R11-CV	Fayette County Circuit Court J. Weber McCraw 23-CV-72	Smith, Valerie L.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of John Winder; Order filed 05/21/2026
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STATE OF TENNESSEE v. WILLIE E. SPENCER
W2024-01120-SC-R11-CD

Hardin County Circuit Court
J. Brent Bradberry
22-CR-177

Holloway Jr., Robert L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Willie E. Spencer; Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule 11(b));

Order filed 05/20/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOSHUA DAMONE PEWITTE
W2024-01128-SC-R11-CD

Gibson County (Humboldt) Circuit Court
Clayburn Peebles
H10226

Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Joshua Damone Pewitte;

Order filed 05/21/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DARRELL PETERSON
W2024-01573-SC-R11-CD

Shelby County Criminal Court
Chris Craft
21-00639

Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Darrell Peterson;

Order filed 05/20/2026

QUADARIUS DEVONTA BUFFORD v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2024-01691-SC-R11-PC

Gibson County (Humboldt) Circuit Court
Clayburn Peebles
H-9538

Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Quadarius Devonta Bufford;

Order filed 05/21/2026

SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE v. STEPHANIE
TAYLOR ET AL.
W2024-01756-SC-R11-CV

Shelby County Chancery Court
James R. Newsom
CH-17-0787

Armstrong, Kenny W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of
Stephanie Taylor;
Order filed 05/20/2026

CLIFFORD LAMAR CLARK, III v. STATE OF
TENNESSEE
W2025-00038-SC-R11-PC

Henderson County Circuit Court
Kyle C. Atkins
22-084-3, 22-307-3, 23-223-3

Sword, Steven W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Clifford
Lamar Clark, III;
Order filed 05/21/2026

ROBERT LEE ADAMS, JR. v. STATE OF
TENNESSEE
W2025-00167-SC-R11-PC

Tipton County Circuit Court
A. Blake Neill
10395

Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Robert
Lee Adams, Jr.;
CCA Opinion designated "Not for
Citation" pursuant to Tenn. Sup.
Ct. R. 4 § E;
Order filed 05/21/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. AUSTIN DRUMMOND
W2025-01799-SC-R11-CO

Lake County Circuit Court
Mark L. Hayes
23-CR-10945, 24-CR-11036

DENIED - Application of Austin
Drummond;
Order filed 05/21/2026