



Tennessee Supreme Court
DISCRETIONARY APPEALS

Grants & Denials List
April 27, 2026 - May 1, 2026

GRANTS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Nashville</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. GAVIN ALLEN CLARK M2023-01427-SC-R11-CD	Coffee County Circuit Court Robert Thomas Carter 2020-CR-46,811F	McMullen, Camille R.: Reverse Easter, Timothy L.: Concur in Part/Dissent in Part	GRANTED - Application of the State of Tennessee; DENIED - Gavin Allen Clark's request that the Court grant additional issues; Order filed 04/27/2026 (copy attached)

DENIALS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Nashville</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. STANLEY WILLIAM HAVENS M2023-01601-SC-R11-CD	Putnam County Criminal Court Caroline E. Knight 2022-CR-280	Usman, Jeffrey: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Stanley William Havens; Order filed 04/27/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. WILLIAM JOEL
LAUPER
M2024-00240-SC-R11-CD

Rutherford County Circuit Court
(CRIMINAL)
Barry R. Tidwell
84811

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of William
Joel Lauper; Court waives filing
deadline in the interest of justice
(TRAP Rule 11(b));

Order filed 04/27/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CARLOS MONALITO
CLARK
M2025-00435-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Jennifer Smith
2022-C-1735

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Carlos
Monalito Clark;

Order filed 04/27/2026

Knoxville

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. PAUL ROGERS
E2024-01210-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
Steven Wayne Sword
127721

Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Paul
Rogers;

Order filed 04/28/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. GERALD TYSHAWN
HENRY
E2024-01548-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
G. Scott Green
115686

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Gerald
Tyshawn Henry;

Order filed 04/28/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. TYLER CHRISTIAN
E2025-00557-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
Steven W. Sword
127872

Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Tyler Benjamin Christian;

Order filed 4/28/2026

GREGORY RYAN WEBB v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
E2026-00261-SC-R10-PC

Cumberland County Criminal Court
Gary McKenzie
CR-22-130

Hixson, Kyle A., Montgomery Jr., Robert H., Sword, Steven W.: Case Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application, Pro Se Motion for Appointment of Counsel and Pro Se Motion to Proceed as a Poor Person;

Order filed 04/28/2026

Jackson

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN CURRAN, III
W2023-01775-SC-R11-CD

Hardin County Circuit Court
J. Brent Bradberry
21-CR-170

Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of John F. Curran, III and Motion to Waive Payment of his Court Fees; Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule 11(b));

Order filed 04/27/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. ALERIQ LORENZO SMITH
W2023-01818-SC-R11-CD

Madison County Circuit Court
Kyle C. Atkins
22-601

Greenholtz, Tom: Affirm in Part

DENIED - Application of Aleriq Lorenzo Smith;

Order filed 04/27/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. RICHARD KINSINGER,
JR.
W2024-01176-SC-R11-CD

Shelby County Criminal Court
Paula L. Skahan
21-00567

Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Richard
Kinsinger;

Order filed 04/27/2026

ABDOULAYE MAMADOU v. GATTI, KELTNER,
BIENVENU & MONTESI, P.C.
W2024-01262-SC-R11-CV

Shelby County Circuit Court
W. Mark Ward
CT-3240-23

Stafford, J. Steven: Affirm

DENIED - Application of
Abdoulaye F Mamadou;

Order filed 04/27/2026

RICKEY BENSON v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-00372-SC-R11-HC

Shelby County Criminal Court
Carolyn W. Blackett
C2306264, C2403632

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Rickey
Benson;

Order filed 04/27/2026

TARVIS WEATHERLY v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-00489-SC-R11-PC

Shelby County Criminal Court
Jennifer Johnson Mitchell
17-01447/C1702178

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Travis
Patterson Weatherly; Court
waives filing deadline in the
interest of justice (TRAP Rule
11(b));

Order filed 04/27/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN F. CURRAN, III
W2025-00895-SC-R11-CD

Hardin County Circuit Court
J. Brent Bradberry
24-CR-121

Campbell Sr., John W., McMullen,
Camille R., Wilson, Matthew J.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Application of John F.
Curran, III and Pro Se Motion to
Waive Payment of his Court Fees;

Order filed 04/28/2026