

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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HAROLD WAYNE NICHOLS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE

**Criminal Court for Hamilton County
No. 205863**

No. E1998-00562-SC-R11-PD

ORDER

More than thirty-five years ago, Harold Wayne Nichols pled guilty to the rape and murder of Karen Pulley. A jury sentenced him to death, and his execution is scheduled for December 11, 2025. On the eve of his execution, Mr. Nichols moves this Court to stay his execution due to a pending state collateral proceeding “that will potentially show an Eighth Amendment violation as well as a violation of Tennessee’s own lethal injection protocol.” Upon due consideration of the motion, Mr. Nichols’ motion for stay is denied.

PER CURIAM