

IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE

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STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DONYELL DEWAYNE HOLLAND

**Criminal Court for Hamilton County
Nos. 317210 and 311081**

No. E2024-01809-CCA-R3-CD

ORDER

On August 29, 2025, the incarcerated pro se Appellant filed an opening brief in this direct appeal from his convictions of second degree murder, first degree felony murder, especially aggravated kidnapping, employing a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, and possession of a firearm by an individual with a prior violent felony conviction. On September 24, 2025, the State filed a motion to dismiss the appeal for inadequate briefing. The Appellant did not respond to the State's motion to dismiss. In consideration of the seriousness of the convicted offenses, on October 15, 2025, this court directed the Appellant to file a corrected brief and later granted an extension of time up to December 15, 2025 within which file a corrected brief. On December 19, 2025, the Appellant timely filed a corrected brief, which was entered by the appellate court clerk on December 22, 2025.¹ Upon review, the Appellant's corrected brief sufficiently complies with the requirements of the appellate rules.

Accordingly, the State's motion to dismiss is DENIED. The State's responsive brief shall be filed no later than 30 days from the date of entry of this order, absent the State's filing a motion for extension establishing good cause for additional time.

JUDGE KYLE A. HIXSON

¹ The prison mailroom stamp indicates that the corrected brief was delivered to prison authorities for mailing on December 15, 2025. Tenn. R. App. P. 20(g).