MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

LOUIS JAMES ADAMS,	)	No. ED102887
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Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Charles County
vs.	)	
	)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	Hon. Nancy L. Schneider
	)	
Respondent.	)	FILED: March 15, 2016

Appellant Louis James Adams ("Adams") appeals from the judgment of the motion court denying his Rule 24.035 motion for post-conviction relief without an evidentiary hearing.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The record before us suggests that Adams's amended motion for post-conviction relief was untimely filed. Because the motion court did not make an independent inquiry into whether Adams was abandoned by post-conviction counsel as a result of the untimely filing, we are compelled by the Supreme Court's holding in Moore v. State to reverse the motion court's judgment and remand the case to the motion court to determine whether Adams was abandoned by post-conviction counsel.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, Judge Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J., and Lisa P. Page, J., concur.

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