

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI, ) No. ED92578  
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Respondent, ) Appeal from the Circuit Court  
) of the City of St. Louis  
v. ) Case Number 22051-01353-01  
)  
JAMEL WHITT, ) Honorable Mark H. Neill  
)  
Appellant. ) Filed: March 9, 2010

Jamel Whitt (Defendant) appeals from the trial court’s judgment, following a bench trial, convicting him of two counts of the Class A felony of murder in the first degree in violation of Section 565.020 RSMo 2000.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: The trial court: 1) did not err, plainly or otherwise, in failing to order sua sponte an additional competency evaluation; and 2) did not err in overruling Defendant’s motion for judgment of acquittal at the close of all the evidence, in entering judgment of conviction, and in sentencing Defendant for murder in the first degree because the State’s evidence was sufficient to support a finding of guilty beyond a reasonable doubt that Defendant caused the death of Rodney Staples after deliberation upon the matter.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.  
Kurt S. Odenwald, P.J., and George W. Draper III, J., concur.

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