OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI, Respondent,	)	No. ED99468
	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
vs.	)	the City of St. Louis
	)	Honorable Robert H. Dierker
RAYMON DENZMORE, Appellant.	)	Filed: April 29, 2014

Raymon Denzmore (Defendant) appeals the judgment of conviction entered after a jury found him guilty of one count of first-degree robbery, one count of armed criminal action, two counts of kidnapping, one count of resisting arrest, and one count of leaving the scene of an accident. Defendant claims the trial court erred in: (1) denying his motion to sever Defendant's trial from that of his codefendant; (2) overruling his motions for judgment of acquittal because the State presented insufficient evidence to support Defendant's conviction of felony leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident; and (3) imposing a forty-four-year prison sentence.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: The trial court properly denied Defendant's motion to sever his trial because the evidence was not so complex that a jury could not keep separate its admissibility against the co-defendant alone and the trial court's jury instructions prevented prejudice to Defendant. The trial court did not err in overruling Defendant's motions for judgment of acquittal on the charge of felony leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident because Defendant admitted his guilt to the crime charged. Finally, Defendant's forty-four-year prison sentence does not violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

Opinion by: Patricia L. Cohen, J.
Lisa S. Van Amburg, P.J., and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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