OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

ALONZO SHOWALTER,	)	No. ED108085
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Louis County
vs.	)	Cause No. 14SL-CC01674
	)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	Honorable Gloria Clark Reno
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: September 15, 2020

Alonzo Showalter ("Movant") appeals the denial of his Rule 24.035 post-conviction relief ("PCR") motion without an evidentiary hearing. In his sole point on appeal, Movant argues the motion court clearly erred in denying his PCR motion because his plea counsel was ineffective for failing to depose the victim prior to advising Movant to plead guilty and he was thereby prejudiced by counsel's ineffectiveness.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Division One Holds: The motion court's judgment is reversed and the case is remanded to the motion court to conduct an independent inquiry into whether Movant was abandoned by post-conviction counsel.

Opinion by: Colleen Dolan, P.J.

Mary K. Hoff, J., and Robert M. Clayton III J., concur.

Attorney for Appellant: Susan A. DeGeorge

Attorney for Respondent: Karen L. Kramer

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