In the Missouri Court of Appeals
Eastern District

DIVISION THREE

ROJAI R. JACKSON,	)	No. ED108640
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County, Missouri
vs.	)	No. 19SL-CC01246
	)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	Honorable John D. Warner, Jr.
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: January 26, 2021

Rojai Jackson appeals the judgment denying without an evidentiary hearing his Rule 24.035 motion for post-conviction relief alleging his plea counsel was ineffective (1) for failing to advise him of the potential defense at trial that he was guilty of involuntary manslaughter, a lesser-included offense, instead of murder, (2) for failing to be ready for trial and then coercing Jackson to plead guilty by telling him that he had no defense, would be convicted at trial, and would receive a sentence of life without parole, and (3) that his counsel had a financial conflict of interest because Jackson still owed him attorney's fees.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION III HOLDS: The trial court did not err in denying Jones's 24.035 motion because:

(1) The record refutes Jackson's claim that plea counsel failed to inform him of the potential defense that he was guilty of the lesser included offense of involuntary manslaughter, instead of murder.

(2) The record refutes Jackson's claim that his plea was not knowing and voluntary because his counsel coerced him to enter the plea.

(3) Jackson has failed to establish his counsel had an actual conflict of interest.

Opinion by: James M. Dowd, J.

Angela T. Quigless, P.J., and Kurt S. Odenwald, J., concur.

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Attorney for Respondent: Kristen Shively Johnson

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