In the Missouri Court of Appeals
Eastern District

DIVISION THREE

RONALD L. SMITH,	)	No. ED108739
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County
vs.	)	19SL-CC00699
	)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	Honorable Richard M. Stewart
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: February 2, 2021

Angela T. Quigless, P.J., Kurt S. Odenwald, J., and James M. Dowd, J.

Ronald L. Smith appeals the judgment denying his Rule 24.035 motion for post-conviction relief without an evidentiary hearing alleging that his guilty plea was unknowing and involuntary because (1) there was not a sufficient factual basis to convict Smith of violating § 569.055(1) ("Knowingly burning or exploding") as he had ownership interest in the damaged property at issue; and (2) his plea counsel was ineffective for advising Smith to plead guilty instead of going to trial when the facts did not satisfy the elements of the charged offense.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION III HOLDS: The motion court did not err in denying Smith's 24.035 motion for post-conviction relief without an evidentiary hearing because Smith's plea counsel was not ineffective and Smith's guilty plea was made knowingly and voluntarily.

Opinion by: James M. Dowd, J.

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

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