OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	ED109731
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County
v.	)	19SL-CR07249-01
	)	
JEFFREY REUTER,	)	Honorable Steven R. Ohmer
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: October 26, 2021

The State of Missouri (State) appeals the trial court's suppression of Jeffrey Reuter's (Defendant) statements to a crisis negotiator during a barricaded standoff with police and to detectives while en route to the police station.

REVERSED.

Division Four holds: The trial court clearly erred in suppressing Defendant's statements to a crisis negotiator during a standoff with police because the totality of the circumstances show that Defendant was not in custody while he was barricaded inside his house. The trial court also clearly erred in suppressing Defendant's statements to detectives while en route to the police station because a detective could not reasonably expect that thanking Defendant for his peaceful surrender would cause Defendant to volunteer his incriminating statements.

Opinion by: Lisa P. Page, J.

Michael E. Gardner, P.J. and James M. Dowd, J., concur.

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