OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

FORREST D. RUSSELL,	)	No. ED112090
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from St. Louis County
	)	Circuit Court
	)	
vs.	)	Cause No. 18SL-CC04792
	)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	Honorable Nancy W. McLaughlin
	)	
Respondent.	)	FILED: August 27, 2024

Forrest D. Russell (Movant) appeals from the motion court's judgment denying his Rule 29.15 amended motion for post-conviction relief from his jury convictions on first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, first-degree kidnapping, unlawful possession of a firearm, and associated counts of armed criminal action. In his sole point on appeal, Movant argues the motion court clearly erred because Trial Counsel was ineffective in failing to adduce evidence of an alternate perpetrator at trial.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FIVE HOLDS: Because Trial Counsel performed effectively by employing a reasonable trial strategy in choosing not to present evidence of a specific alternate perpetrator, instead electing to proceed on an equally reasonable theory of mistaken identity, the motion court did not clearly err in denying post-conviction relief.

Opinion by: Rebeca M. Navarro-McKelvey, J.
Thomas C. Clark II, C.J., and Charles H. McKenzie, Sp.J., concur.

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