

OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	No. ED101136
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Plaintiff/Respondent,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of Jefferson County
v.)	
)	
TODD MEINE,)	Honorable Gary P. Kramer
)	
Defendant/Appellant.)	Filed: September 1, 2015

Todd Meine (Appellant) appeals from the trial court’s judgment entered upon a jury verdict convicting him of first-degree murder and armed criminal action. On appeal, Appellant argues the trial court erred in refusing to instruct the jury on the lesser-included offense of second-degree involuntary manslaughter, and in allowing the State to present evidence concerning the presence of other weapons in his vehicle at the crime scene that were unrelated to the crime for which he was being tried.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: Although Appellant was entitled to the requested instruction on second-degree involuntary manslaughter, the error was not prejudicial and reversal is not required because the court instructed the jury on two other lesser-included offenses, second-degree murder and first-degree involuntary manslaughter, and the jury convicted Appellant of the greater, charged offense of first-degree murder. The trial court did not abuse its discretion in allowing the State to present evidence that additional weapons were located in Appellant’s vehicle at the crime scene because this evidence was relevant to the jury’s determination of whether Appellant acted with intent and deliberation.

Opinion by: Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J. Patricia L. Cohen, J., and Kurt S. Odenwald, J., concur.

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