MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DIVISION
OPINION SUMMARY

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED101545
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of Saint Louis
vs.	)	
	)	Honorable Michael K. Mullen
CORAN NETTLES,	)	
	)	
Appellant.	)	FILED: December 1, 2015

Appellant Coran Nettles ("Nettles") appeals from the judgment of the trial court entered after a jury verdict. The jury convicted Nettles of first-degree murder, first-degree robbery, and two associated counts of armed criminal action. On appeal, Nettles first argues that the trial court failed to sua sponte disqualify defense counsel due to a conflict of interest because defense counsel previously represented a material State witness in the case. Nettles also argues that the trial court erred in precluding cross-examination of the State witness about an uncharged incident in which the witness allegedly assaulted his cousin with a baseball bat.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: Although the record indicates Nettles may have a legitimate concern regarding defense counsel's conflict of interest stemming from counsel's prior representation of a material state witness, Missouri case law recognizes that issues of conflict of interest generally are not cognizable on direct appeal, but are to be raised in a motion for post-conviction relief. Accordingly, Nettle's first point on appeal is denied. Because Nettles waived his second point on appeal by not submitting an offer of proof to the trial court, this point is not preserved on appeal. Because we find no substantial grounds to believe that a manifest injustice or miscarriage of justice occurred by the trial court's ruling limiting cross-examination, we decline to exercise plain-error review and deny Nettles's second point on appeal.

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

Attorney for Appellant: Richard H. Sindel and Kathryn B. Parish

Attorney for Respondent: Chris Koster and Daniel N. McPherson

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT PART OF THE OPINION OF THE COURT. IT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE READER AND SHOULD NOT BE QUOTED OR CITED.