

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	No. ED102361
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Respondent,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	Honorable Timothy J. Wilson
SELOUS R. RASHAD,)	
)	
Appellant.)	FILED: March 22, 2016

Appellant Selous Rashad (“Rashad”) appeals from the judgment entered by the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis following a jury trial. The jury convicted Rashad of two counts of first-degree attempted forcible sodomy, in violation of Section 566.060 (Cum. Supp. 2013); two counts of first-degree attempted statutory sodomy, in violation of Section 566.062 (Cum. Supp. 2006); and one count of first-degree child molestation, in violation of Section 566.067 (Cum. Supp. 2006). Rashad was sentenced to life in prison without parole as a prior and persistent offender and a persistent sexual offender. Rashad now contends on appeal that the trial court clearly erred in overruling his Batson challenges.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The trial court did not clearly err in overruling Rashad’s Batson challenges. The striking of three African-American venirepersons did not violate the equal protection rights of Rashad and the venirepersons because the State’s peremptory strikes failed to demonstrate pretext in light of the totality of the facts and circumstances.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, Judge Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J., concur
 Lisa Van Amburg, C.J., concurs in separate opinion.

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