

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

CORNELL MANLEY, Appellant,	)	No. ED102454
	)	
vs.	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
STATE OF MISSOURI, Respondent.	)	
	)	Hon. Robin R. Vannoy
	)	Filed: February 23, 2016

Cornell Manley appeals from the judgment denying his claim for post-conviction relief under Rule 29.15 after an evidentiary hearing.

AFFIRMED.

Division One holds:

Counsel was not ineffective for failing to call three alibi witnesses because he had a reasonable trial strategy for not calling them. The trial court's temporary closing of the courtroom during a co-defendant's testimony for the State was proper, and counsel was not ineffective for failing to object or request a mistrial on that ground.

Opinion by: Robert G. Dowd, Jr., P.J.  
Mary K. Hoff, J. and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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