

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION THREE

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| STATE OF MISSOURI, |) | No. ED102583 |
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| Respondent, |) | Appeal from the Circuit Court |
| |) | of Franklin County |
| vs. |) | 11AB-CR01094-01 |
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| JAMES E. SPURGEON, |) | Honorable Isidore I. Lamke |
| |) | |
| Appellant. |) | Filed: February 23, 2016 |

James Spurgeon (“Appellant”) appeals the judgment entered after a bench trial convicting him of one count of driving while intoxicated, one count of operating a motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner, and one count of failing to maintain financial responsibility.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Division Three holds: Appellant’s actions in absconding from justice adversely impacted the criminal justice system, warranting the application of the escape rule. Therefore, we dismiss his appeal.

Opinion by: Robert M. Clayton III, P.J.
Lawrence E. Mooney, J., and James M. Dowd, J., concur.

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