



In the Missouri Court of Appeals  
Eastern District

**DIVISION THREE**

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED102786
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County, Missouri
vs.	)	13SL-CR10672-01
	)	
CURTIS STOKES, JR.,	)	Honorable Robert S. Cohen
	)	
Appellant.	)	Filed: June 14, 2016

Curtis Stokes, Jr., appeals the judgment entered upon his convictions following a jury trial in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County of one count of first-degree robbery and one count of armed criminal action. Stokes contends that the trial court erred by improperly admitting hearsay evidence, and by improperly instructing the jury that it could convict Stokes of armed criminal action in connection with the lesser included offense of second-degree robbery.

AFFIRMED.

**DIVISION THREE HOLDS:** The trial court did not abuse its discretion in admitting the hearsay evidence because the evidence permitted an inference that Stokes was connected to or committed the offense and provided context for the evidence. The trial court's instruction on armed criminal action in connection with second-degree robbery did not misdirect, mislead, or confuse the jury, and thus was not erroneous.

Opinion by: James M. Dowd, J.

Robert M. Clayton III, P.J., Lawrence E. Mooney, J. concur

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