

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

TYRONE ARNOLD,)	No. ED102943
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Appellant,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,)	Hon. John Garvey
)	
Respondent.)	FILED: April 26, 2016

Appellant Tyrone Arnold (“Arnold”) appeals from the judgment of the motion court denying his Rule 24.035 motion for post-conviction relief without an evidentiary hearing. Arnold pleaded guilty, pursuant to a plea agreement, to voluntary manslaughter and received a sentence of 20 years’ imprisonment. On appeal, Arnold contends the motion court clearly erred in denying his Rule 24.035 motion because Arnold alleged facts showing that he was denied effective assistance of counsel, in that his attorneys (collectively referred to as “plea counsel”) were ineffective for refusing to make offers of 10 and 15 years’ imprisonment in exchange for Arnold’s guilty plea to voluntary manslaughter. Arnold further claims the motion court abused its discretion in denying his request to disqualify the City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office (“the Circuit Attorney”) from representing the State in this matter.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: Because the record of Arnold’s guilty plea and sentencing directly refutes that his guilty plea was involuntary and unknowing, and because his motion to disqualify the Circuit Attorney is moot, we affirm the judgment of the motion court.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, Judge
concur.

Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J., and Lisa P. Page, J.,

Attorney for Appellant: Timothy Forneris

Attorney for Respondent: Chris Koster and Shaun J. Mackelprang

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