

**OPINION SUMMARY**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED92416
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of Warren County
vs.	)	
	)	
RONALD MCCARTNEY,	)	Hon. Keith M. Sutherland
Appellant.	)	FILED: November 17, 2009

Ronald McCartney (“Defendant”) was convicted by a jury of one count of possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute, in violation of section 195.211 RSMo 2000 and one count of unlawful possession of an illegal weapon, in violation of section 571.020 RSMo 2000. The trial court sentenced Defendant as a prior offender to a term of five years’ imprisonment for each count, to run concurrently. Defendant appeals from these convictions.

DISMISSED.

DIVISION ONE HOLDS:

Defendant failed to obey the order to appear and surrender himself following his conviction, causing more than a sixteen-week delay, necessitating the filing of an arrest warrant, and requiring the efforts of law enforcement to find and apprehend him. Defendant’s escape adversely affected the criminal justice system, and accordingly his appeal is dismissed.

Opinion by: Clifford H. Ahrens, Judge Kathianne Knaup Crane, P.J., and Nannette A. Baker, J., concur.

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