

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED97595
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Louis County
vs.	)	
	)	Honorable Colleen Dolan
SHARNIQUE N. JONES,	)	
	)	
Appellant.	)	FILED: October 2, 2012

Sharnique Jones (“Jones”) appeals from the trial court judgment following her conviction by a jury of second-degree murder, second-degree assault, and endangering the welfare of a child. Jones argues on appeal that the trial court erred in overruling her motion for judgment of acquittal because there exists insufficient evidence to support the offenses for which she was convicted. Jones also contends that the trial court committed plain error in admitting Jones’s statement into evidence without proof of *corpus delicti*.

AFFIRMED IN PART, REVERSED AND REMANDED IN PART.

Division Four holds: With regard to the count of murder in the second degree, the trial court erred in admitting Jones’s statement into evidence without the required proof of *corpus delicti*. We reverse that portion of the judgment of the trial court and remand that matter for trial. Finding no other error, the judgment of the trial court is affirmed in all other respects.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, J., Lawrence E. Mooney, P.J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., Concur.

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