

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

RONALD N. JAEGER, S,

Appellant

v.

STATE OF MISSOURI.

Respondent

DOCKET NUMBER WD70611

DATE: May 25, 2010

Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Lafayette County, MO
The Honorable Dennis Allen Rolf, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Four: Thomas H. Newton, C.J., James Edward Welsh, and Gary D. Witt, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY
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Before Division Four Judges: Thomas H. Newton, C.J., James Edward Welsh, and Gary D. Witt, JJ.

Ronald N. Jaegers appeals the circuit court's judgment denying his Rule 24.035 motion without an evidentiary hearing. Jaegers pleaded guilty to aggravated stalking. In this appeal, Jaegers alleges the circuit court clearly erred in denying his motion without an evidentiary hearing because he alleged facts, which if true would entitle him to relief and which are not refuted by the record. Specifically, Jaegers claims that he felt coerced into pleading guilty because his attorney demanded payment of additional money that Jaegers did not have to continue to represent Jaegers at trial.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four holds:

That counsel told Jaegers that he would require an additional \$5,000 to continue to represent Jaegers is not an allegation of fact that would be the basis for relief. Such a statement is not in and of itself coercive. The record in this case sufficiently refutes Jaegers's conclusory allegation that his guilty plea was involuntarily entered because his attorney told him that he would require an additional \$5,000 to continue to represent Jaegers.

Opinion by: James Edward Welsh, Judge

May 25, 2010

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