#### Nos. 18-6906, 18A578

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

DAVID EARL MILLER, Petitioner,

**V**.

TONY PARKER, et al., Respondent.

## ON APPLICATION FOR STAY OF EXECUTION AND ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

#### **RESPONDENTS' APPENDIX**

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

| DAVID EARL MILLER, et al., | )   |                                     |
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| Plaintiffs,                | 2 ) | CAPITAL CASE                        |
| v.                         | )   | No. 3:18-cv-01234<br>JUDGE CAMPBELI |
| TONY PARKER, et al.,       | )   |                                     |
| Defendants.                | )   |                                     |

# DEFENDANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' "EMERGENCY MOTION" FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON METHOD OF EXECUTION

On November 21, 2018, Miller filed an "emergency" motion ("Motion") seeking "immediate disclosure" of information regarding the method the State of Tennessee will use to carry out his death sentence on December 6, 2018. Emergency Motion, Doc. No. 31. In it, he claimed that he needed detailed information from the Defendants about lethal injection and electrocution in order to make an "informed" decision about his method of execution. Miller also requested that he be granted a three-day extension of time until November 29, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. to complete an Affidavit Concerning Execution Method which was presented to his counsel. *Id.* at p. 12. This Court directed the Defendants to respond to the motion no later than Friday, November 23, 2018, Order, Doc. No. 32, and Defendants responded as directed. Response, Doc. No. 33.

This morning, Monday, November 26, 2018, undersigned counsel was notified by the Department that Miller had presented a signed document to officials at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution on November 23, 2018, which states, "I waive lethal injection and wish to be

electrocution [sic]." The document appears to be signed by Miller and is dated November 23, 2018. Copies of the document and cover envelope are attached.

Miller's waiver renders moot his request for "immediate disclosure of information" regarding the method of execution that will be used to carry out his sentence on December 6, 2018, and his accompanying request for an extension of the deadline to elect his method of execution. The Motion should thus be denied as moot.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on the 26th day of November 2018, a copy of the foregoing Supplemental Response was filed and served by operation of the Court's ECF/PACER system on the following counsel for the Plaintiffs: Stephen M. Kissinger, Asst. Federal Community Defender, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2400, Knoxville, TN 37929.

/s/ Scott C. Sutherland SCOTT C. SUTHERLAND

Deputy Attorney General



I waive lethal injection and wish to be electrication

November 21, 2018

**HAND DELIVERED** 

David Earl Miller # 095792 Riverbend Maximum Security Institution 7475 Cockrill Bend Blvd. Nashville, TN 37209 Dent Miller 1/23/18 4NIT 2 A204

RE:

Method of Execution Scheduled for December 6, 2018

Mr. Miller:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Supreme Court's Amended Order dated July 10, 2018, in Case No. E1982-00075-SC-DDT-DD, this letter is to notify you that the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) will carry out your death sentence by lethal injection on December 6, 2018, unless you notify me in writing by Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. CST of your waiver of execution by lethal injection, in which case your sentence will be carried out by electrocution. Unless you waive lethal injection, in accordance with the protocol and procedures in TDOC's Lethal Injection Manual, as amended on July 5, 2018, TDOC will use a three-drug combination consisting of Midazolam, Vecuronium Bromide, and Potassium Chloride. TDOC will not be relying upon the Capital Punishment Enforcement Act, T.C.A. 40-23-114.

Sincerely,

Tony Mays, Warden

Riverbend Maximum Security Institution

Encl. form Affidavit Concerning Method of Execution

Cc via email:

Stephen Kissinger, Attorney for Defendant

Tony Parker, Tennessee Commissioner of Corrections

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Respondent's Appendix was forwarded by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, and by email on the 4th day of December, 2018, to the following:

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