

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
CENTRAL DIVISION

****CAPITAL RELATED CASE****
EXECUTION SCHEDULED NOV. 29, 2022

Corionsa Ramey,

Plaintiff,

v.

Michael L. Parson, *in his official capacity as
Governor of Missouri,*

Eric Schmitt, *in his official capacity as Attorney
General of Missouri,*

Anne L. Precythe, *in her official capacity as
Director of the Missouri Department of
Corrections,*

Defendants.

No. 2:22-cv-4171

**AFFIDAVIT OF CORIONSA
RAMEY**

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I, Corionsa (“Khorry”) Ramey, declare:

1. I was born on July 3, 2003, in Kirkwood, Missouri. I am over the age of 18 and a resident of Missouri. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the facts stated below, all of which are within my personal knowledge.

2. My father is Kevin Johnson, Jr., and my mother was Dana Ramey.

3. In 2005, when I was two years old, my father, Kevin Johnson, Jr., was arrested and charged with capital murder for the shooting death of William McEntee.

4. My father was convicted and sentenced to death, and is currently scheduled to be executed on November 29, 2022.

5. In 2007, when I was four years old, my mother, Dana Ramey, was murdered in front of me by her ex-boyfriend.

6. My father has been my only parent for almost all of my life, and he is the most important person in my life. For as long as I can remember since his incarceration, I visited him in prison as often as family and friends were able to take me to see him, and I speak to him by phone at least once a week. I also currently correspond with him several times a week through the JPay email and tablets, as I can afford it.

7. From prison, my father arranged to have an academic liaison with my school so that the school could update him on my grades and my performance. He monitored my assignments and grades until I graduated from high school in 2020. Throughout my years in school, he encouraged me to study and complete my high school studies, and held me accountable to try my hardest in class. My father continues to encourage me to pursue my educational and career ambitions in the nursing field.

8. My father has given me advice and guidance on my personal relationships, family relationships, and life choices. There is not anyone else in my life who understands me the way that my father does.

9. I gave birth to a baby son in September 2022, and my father is my biggest source of support, advice, and love as I navigate adjusting to being a new mom. On October 18, 2022, I was able to visit my father with my baby son, Kaius, so that they could meet each other. My father was able to hold his grandson, and we were able to get a photograph taken together. It was a beautiful but bittersweet moment for me, because I realized that it might be the only time that my father would get to hold my son.



10. I recently learned that Missouri law won't let anyone under the age 21 witness an execution. I am 19 years old, and except for not being allowed to buy alcohol until I am 21, it is my understanding that I am considered an adult for all other purposes in the eyes of the law.

11. My father has listed me as a witness he wants present at his execution, and asked me to be present. As his only child, I want to be a witness to his execution.

12. I am Kevin Johnson's closest living blood relative, and he is mine, other than my baby son. If my father were dying in the hospital, I would sit by his bed holding his hand and praying for him until his death, both as a source of support for him, and as a support for me as a necessary part of my grieving process and for my peace of mind.

13. I have suffered so much loss in my life thus far—first I lost my father to prison when I was 2, and then I watched my mother's ex-boyfriend murder her when I was only 4 years old. It is excruciating to know that I am about to lose my father all over again when the State kills him, yet I cannot be present for his death simply because of my age. The fact that I will not be able to give him comfort, and experience any sort of grief and closure for myself, for no other reason than I am 19 years old, is a new and fresh loss, and a total injustice.

14. My father was 19 years old when he tragically killed another person, as I am 19 years old now. If the State of Missouri thinks that my father's actions at age 19 make him mature enough to be executed, then it makes no sense that under Missouri law, an adult who is 19 is not mature enough to be present at that person's execution.

15. The harm that I will suffer because Missouri officials bar me from attending my father's execution for no other reason than my current age is deep and cannot be fixed. There is no amount of money in the world that could ever make me whole because I was not allowed to be with my father during his death simply because of my age.

16. If the State of Missouri will not allow me to be present for my father's execution because I am 19 years old, then the only remedy would be that they be ordered to let me be present at his execution now, despite the state law. Alternatively, the execution should be delayed until I am at least 21 years of age, and under Missouri law, finally able to be a witness when he is killed.

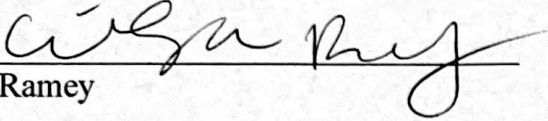
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed November 17, 2022, in St. Louis, Missouri.



Corionsa Ramey