No. 26-5864
DEATH PENALTY CASE
Execution Scheduled: September 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. CDT

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

CHRISTA PIKE,
Petitioner,

v.

KENNETH NELSEN, WARDEN,
Respondent,

RESPONDENT RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY

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The petitioner has filed a motion for stay based upon certain factual allegations. The petitioner requests that the Court immediately stay her execution and order the Tennessee Department of Correction to "take all possible lifesaving measures on Ms. Pike."

Without waiving any objection to whether the Court has jurisdiction to resolve the request posed in this concluded habeas corpus petition, the execution process has ceased, and an ambulance has been called to the prison facility. It is the understanding of undersigned counsel that medical professionals are with the petitioner now.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing motion has been served through the Court's electronic case filing system on the 30th day of September, 2026, to Assistant Federal Community Defender Stephen Ferrell at Stephen_Ferrell@fd.org.

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