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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 94-DP-01016-SCT

CHARLES RAY CRAWFORD

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Appellant

v.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Appellee

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EN BANC ORDER

On April 23, 1994, Charles Ray Crawford was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death. Today, the Court considers the State's motion to set Crawford's execution.

During the sentencing phase of Crawford's capital murder trial, the State introduced as an aggravating factor, evidence that in 1993, Crawford had been convicted of rape. In the rape case, the trial court denied Crawford's post-trial motions on October 13, 1998, and on November 12, 1998, Crawford filed with the trial court, a notice of appeal of that rape conviction. For reasons not apparent from the record, nothing further was transmitted to this Court until January 10, 2014, when Crawford filed a supplemental and corrected notice of appeal in the Circuit Court of Tippah County and in this Court. *Charles Ray Crawford v. State*, No. 2014-TS-00175-SCT.

Because Crawford's appeal of the rape conviction currently is pending, we deny the State's motion to set Crawford's execution. It is therefore

ORDERED that the State's Motion to Reset Execution Date is denied.

SO ORDERED, this the 31st day of March, 2014.



JESS H. DICKINSON, PRESIDING JUSTICE

TO DENY: WALLER, C.J., DICKINSON, P.J., LAMAR, KITCHENS, KING AND COLEMAN, JJ.

TO GRANT: RANDOLPH, P.J., CHANDLER AND PIERCE, JJ.