

**Statement from Kelly Gleason, Randy Spivey, Stephen Ferrell and Molly Kincaid,
attorneys for Christa Gail Pike, regarding the Tennessee Supreme Court order for her
execution on September 30, 2026**

We are disappointed in the Tennessee Supreme Court's order that grants the State of Tennessee's motion for Christa's execution. We remain steadfast that Christa's death sentence should be commuted given her youth and severe mental illness at the time of the crime. Christa was sentenced to death in 1996 for a crime she and two others committed when she was just 18 years old.

Christa's childhood was fraught with years of physical and sexual abuse and neglect. With time and treatment for bipolar and post-traumatic stress disorders, which were not diagnosed until years later, Christa has become a thoughtful woman with deep remorse for her crime.