

Update and Statement from Christa Pike's attorneys Stephen Ferrell and Luke Ihnen from Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee

Today, attorneys for Christa Pike filed an emergency motion in Davidson County Chancery Court seeking an order requiring the Tennessee Department of Correction to protect and preserve all evidence related to the State's failed attempt to execute her on Wednesday night. The filing details the serious complications that occurred during the execution attempt, many of which Christa and her attorneys had warned the State and the courts about months earlier. Preserving this evidence is essential to understanding what happened, ensuring accountability and protecting Christa's legal rights.

Christa remains critically ill and is receiving medical care for the devastating effects of Wednesday night's events. As detailed in today's filing, Christa remains hospitalized following Wednesday night's failed execution attempt. She is critically ill, unconscious, intubated and receiving breathing assistance through a ventilator. She is being treated for the serious effects of the pentobarbital administered during the execution attempt, including significant injuries to both arms.

"We are working closely with those closest to Christa to respect her wishes, safeguard her privacy and protect her rights as a patient during this extraordinarily difficult time." said Luke Ihnen, attorney for Christa with Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee. "We ask that the public and the media respect that privacy as well."

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