



**IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
OF TEXAS**

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**NO. PD-0087-12**

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**VAUGHN RAY BELL, Appellant**

**v.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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**ON APPELLANT'S PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW  
FROM THE SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS  
FANNIN COUNTY**

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**KEASLER, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which KELLER, P.J., PRICE, WOMACK, JOHNSON, HERVEY, COCHRAN, and ALCALA, JJ., joined. MEYERS, J., filed a dissenting opinion.**

**OPINION**

Vaughn Bell contends the court of appeals erred in finding the trial judge's error in ordering him shackled during trial was harmless. We hold that the judge erred in shackling Bell, but conclude the error was not constitutional error because there is no evidence the jury saw his restraints. Despite the court of appeals' erroneous application of a constitutional-error harm analysis, we affirm its judgment.