

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

Carlos Llwenlyn Petterson-Grifith v. State of Florida

No. 3D25-1944 · No. No. 3D25-1944 · Decided May 27, 2026

SUMMARY

The Third District Court of Appeal of Florida held that sufficient evidence supported the jury's finding that the appellant intended a battery. The court noted that the appellant, who was familiar with firearms, intentionally fired a handgun twice at tiles near the victim's feet, causing tile shards to strike her legs, and affirmed the conviction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Third District Court of Appeal of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Logue; Lindsey; Gordo
JURISDICTION	Florida Third District Court of Appeal
DECIDED	May 27, 2026
DOCKET	No. 3D25-1944
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appellant appealed a criminal conviction from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, challenging the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the jury's finding that he intended a battery.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Whether, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the State, a rational trier of fact could find the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Carlos Llwenlyn Petterson-Grifith v. State of Florida

TOPICS

- evidence
- burden of proof
- criminal procedure
- appellate procedure
- standard of review

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- criminal procedure
- appellate practice

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the evidence was sufficient for a rational jury to find beyond a reasonable doubt that Appellant intended a battery.

HOLDINGS

1. The evidence was sufficient for the jury to find that Appellant intended a battery.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“If, after viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the State, a rational trier of fact could find the existence of the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt, sufficient evidence exists to sustain a conviction.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Appellant was familiar with firearms and intentionally fired a handgun twice at tiles near the victim's feet. The resulting tile shards drove into the victim's legs, and the State presented this evidence to establish that Appellant intended a battery.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The jury found sufficient evidence that Appellant intended a battery after he intentionally fired a handgun twice at tiles near the victim's feet, causing tile shards to strike her legs. The Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County entered the judgment, and the Third District Court of Appeal affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Pagan v. State, 830 So. 2d 792, 803 (Fla. 2002)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Third District Court of Appeal State of Florida Opinion filed May 27, 2026. Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing. _____ No. 3D25-1944 Lower Tribunal No. F24-19721 _____ Carlos Llwenlyn Petterson-Grifith, Appellant, vs. State of Florida, Appellee. An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Tanya Brinkley, Judge.

Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender, and Amy Weber, Assistant Public Defender, for appellant. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, and Daniel Colmenares, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee. Before LOGUE, LINDSEY, and GORDO, JJ. PER CURIAM.

The State presented sufficient evidence for the jury to find Appellant intended a battery. The evidence reflected Appellant was familiar with firearms and intentionally fired the handgun twice at the tiles near the feet of the victim, which drove tile shards into her legs.

Accordingly, we affirm. *Pagan v. State*, 830 So. 2d 792, 803 (Fla. 2002) (“If, after viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the State, a rational trier of fact could find the existence of the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt, sufficient evidence exists to sustain a conviction.”). Affirmed. 2