

FLORIDA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

Francisco Jose Revuelta v. State of Florida

Revuelta v. State · No. 3D24-2203 · Decided December 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The Third District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the judgment in Francisco Jose Revuelta’s criminal appeal. The opinion addresses appellate review of the sufficiency of the evidence and the objective standard for stand-your-ground immunity, concluding that the verdict was supported by competent, substantial evidence.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Florida Third District Court of Appeal
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Miller, J.; Lobree, J.; Bokor, J.
JURISDICTION	Florida Third District Court of Appeal
DECIDED	December 31, 2025
DOCKET	3D24-2203
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from a judgment of the County Court for Miami-Dade County in a criminal case.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review of the trial record for sufficiency of the evidence, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the State and affirming when competent, substantial evidence supports each element of the charged offense. Conflicting evidence and reasonable inferences are not reweighed on appeal. An objective reasonable-person standard applies to whether stand-your-ground immunity attaches.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Francisco Jose Revuelta v. State of Florida

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the State presented sufficient evidence to support the criminal judgment.
2. Whether the appellate court could reweigh conflicting evidence or substitute its view of the evidence for that of the trier of fact.
3. What objective standard governs whether stand-your-ground immunity attaches.

HOLDINGS

1. On a criminal appeal challenging the sufficiency of the State's evidence, the appellate court conducts de novo review of the trial record and determines whether competent, substantial evidence supports each element of the charged offense.
2. Whether stand-your-ground immunity attaches is evaluated under an objective standard based on whether a reasonable and prudent person in the defendant's circumstances, knowing what the defendant knew when acting, would have used the same force.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When the defendant in a criminal appeal challenges the sufficiency of the State’s evidence, the appellate court conducts a de novo review of the trial record to ensure that the guilty verdict is supported by competent, substantial evidence regarding each element of the charged crime.” (1124)

“To apply this standard to a criminal case, an appellate court must ‘view[] the evidence in the light most favorable to the State’ and, maintaining this perspective, ask whether ‘a rational trier of fact could have found the existence of the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt.’” (200)

“not retry a case or reweigh conflicting evidence submitted to a jury or other trier of fact” (1123)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion does not recite the underlying factual circumstances or identify the charged offense. It indicates that the appeal involved a challenge to the sufficiency of the State's evidence and references the objective standard applicable to stand-your-ground immunity.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Revuelta appealed from the County Court for Miami-Dade County. The Third District Court of Appeal affirmed without a separate factual discussion, citing Florida decisions addressing sufficiency-of-the-evidence review, the stand-your-ground reasonableness standard, and appellate treatment of conflicting evidence.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Acosta v. State, 399 So. 3d 1118, 1124 (Fla. 3d DCA 2024)

- Garcia v. State, 373 So. 3d 1213, 1222 (Fla. 3d DCA 2023)
- Bush v. State, 295 So. 3d 179, 200 (Fla. 2020)
- Rogers v. State, 285 So. 3d 872, 891 (Fla. 2019)
- Mobley v. State, 132 So. 3d 1160, 1164-65 (Fla. 3d DCA 2014)
- Tibbs v. State, 397 So. 2d 1120, 1123 (Fla. 1981)

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