

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

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SUMMARY

The Third District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the juvenile court's order in an appeal involving a motion to dismiss based on Stand Your Ground immunity. The court cited standards governing review of factual findings, the use of a bleach bottle as a deadly weapon, the tipsy coachman doctrine, and the statutory limitation on self-defense by an initial aggressor.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Third District Court of Appeal State of Florida Opinion filed November 5, 2025. Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing. _____ No. 3D24-0711 Lower Tribunal No. J23-1532 _____ I.J., a Juvenile, Appellant, vs. State of Florida, Appellee. An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Dawn Denaro, Judge. Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender and Andrew Stanton, Assistant Public Defender, for appellant.

James Uthmeier, Attorney General and Daniel Colmenares, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee. Before EMAS, MILLER and BOKOR, JJ. PER CURIAM. Affirmed. See *State v. Quevedo*, 357 So. 3d 1249, 1252 (Fla. 3d DCA 2023) (noting that on review of trial court's order on motion to dismiss due to Stand Your Ground immunity, "the trial court's factual findings are presumed correct and can be reversed only if they are not supported by competent substantial evidence"); *Smith v. State*, 969 So.

2d 452, 455 (Fla. 1st DCA 2007) (affirming jury finding that bottle of bleach can be used as deadly weapon); see also *Robertson v. State*, 829 So. 2d 901, 906 (Fla. 2002) (explaining tipsy coachman doctrine); § 776.041(2), Fla. Stat. (limiting use of self-defense by defendant who "[i]nitially provokes the use or threatened use of force against himself or herself").