

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Robert E. Rowles v. State of Florida

No. 6D2025-2803, Sixth District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida (June 5, 2026)

SUMMARY

The Sixth District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the Lee County Circuit Court's decision in an appeal under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.141(b)(2). The court cited *Ratliff v. State* for the principle that a sentence of life imprisonment means imprisonment for the remainder of the defendant's life.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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ROBERT E. ROWLES,

Appellant, v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee. _____ Appeal pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Lee County. Bruce Kyle, Judge. June 5, 2026 PER CURIAM. AFFIRMED. See *Ratliff v. State*, 914 So. 2d 938, 940 (Fla. 2005) (“[T]he Legislature, by prescribing a sentence of life imprisonment, intends that the defendant remain in prison for the rest of his life. The term ‘life’ is sufficiently definite so that it can be understood and applied.”). SMITH, MIZE and KAMOUTSAS, JJ., concur. Robert E. Rowles, Miami, pro se. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee, and Cerese Crawford Taylor, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Tampa, for Appellee. NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND DISPOSITION THEREOF IF TIMELY FILED