

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

Derrick L. Lowe v. State of Florida

Lowe v. State · No. 6D2025-0755 · Decided May 29, 2026

SUMMARY

The Sixth District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the denial of Derrick L. Lowe's post-conviction appeal arising from a Polk County criminal case. 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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_____ Case No. 6D2025-0755 Lower Tribunal No. 1997-CF-001109 _____

DERRICK L. LOWE,

Appellant, v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee. _____ Appeal pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Polk County. Michelle O. Pincket, Judge. May 29, 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.”). STARGEL, MIZE and BROWNLEE, JJ., concur. Derrick L. Lowe, Bushnell, pro se. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee, and Marilyn Frances Muir, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Tampa, for Appellee.

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND
DISPOSITION THEREOF IF TIMELY FILED