

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

Raudel Edwards Robinson v. State of Florida

No. 3D25-1920 · No. 3D25-1920 · Decided December 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The Third District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the circuit court’s judgment in an appeal under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.141(b)(2). The court relied on precedent holding that a sentence of life imprisonment does not violate the Florida Constitution’s prohibition against an indefinite term of imprisonment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Third District Court of Appeal of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Judge Scales; Judge Emas; Judge Fernandez
JURISDICTION	Third District Court of Appeal of Florida
DECIDED	December 17, 2025
DOCKET	3D25-1920
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion; precedential value subject to the disposition of any timely motion for rehearing.
PARTIES	Raudel Edwards Robinson v. State of Florida

TOPICS

- sentencing
- cruel and unusual punishment
- state post-conviction relief
- criminal procedure
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a sentence of life imprisonment violates Article I, section 17 of the Florida Constitution as an indefinite term of imprisonment.

HOLDINGS

1. A sentence of life imprisonment does not violate Article I, section 17 of the Florida Constitution's prohibition against an indefinite term of imprisonment.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains no factual background beyond identifying the appeal as arising under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.141(b)(2) and addressing the legality of a life-imprisonment sentence.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Robinson appealed from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County in a proceeding identified by lower tribunal case numbers F05-5281A and F06-15941. The Third District Court of Appeal affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Ratliff v. State, 914 So. 2d 938, 940 (Fla. 2005)
- Alvarez v. State, 418 So. 3d 723 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Sheppard v. State, 417 So. 3d 497 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Sanchez v. State, 414 So. 3d 436 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Simmons v. State, 413 So. 3d 1003 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Alvarez v. State, 411 So. 3d 1260 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Lemon v. State, 411 So. 3d 584 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Padgett v. State, 411 So. 3d 528 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)
- Holmes v. State, 245 So. 3d 857 (Fla. 3d DCA 2018)