

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

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OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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_____ Case No. 5D2024-2269 LT Case No. 2021-CF-001304

_____ MICHAEL HIGHTOWER, JR. Appellant, v. STATE OF
FLORIDA, Appellee. _____ On appeal from the Circuit Court for

Putnam County. Alicia R. Washington, Judge. Michael C. Nappi, Chief Assistant Regional
Counsel, of Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, 5th District, Casselberry, for
Appellant.

Michael Hightower, Jr., Lake City, pro se. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee, and
Stephen R. Putnam, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Daytona Beach, for Appellee. October 10,
2025 PER CURIAM. In this Anders 1 appeal, we affirm, without further discussion, the
convictions and sentences imposed by the trial court upon Appellant after a jury trial.

However, we remand with directions to the trial court to correct two clerical errors in its second
amended judgment and sentence. First, we direct the court to strike from the judgment the \$100
assessment for investigative costs as these were not requested by the State. See *Richards v. State*,
288 So. 3d 574, 576–77 (Fla. 2020).

Second, the judgment inadvertently shows that Appellant pleaded guilty to the crimes for which
he stands convicted instead of showing that he was tried and found, by the jury, to be guilty of the
crimes. AFFIRMED; REMANDED with directions. JAY, C.J., and LAMBERT and SOUD, JJ.,
concur. _____ Not final until disposition of any timely and
authorized motion under Fla. R. App.

P. 9.330 or 9.331. _____ 1 *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738
(1967). 2