

FLORIDA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

Nathaniel Brown v. State of Florida

No. 3D25-0399 · No. 3D25-0399 · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The Third District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the trial court's judgment in Nathaniel Brown's appeal. The court cited standards governing review of a motion for mistrial and the State's ability to expose contradictions in a defendant's testimony after the defendant testifies.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Third District Court of Appeal State of Florida Opinion filed March 31, 2026. Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing. _____ No. 3D25-0399 Lower Tribunal No. F22-23158 _____ Nathaniel Brown, Appellant, vs. State of Florida, Appellee. An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Andrea R. Wolfson, Judge.

Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender, and Jennifer Thornton, Assistant Public Defender, for appellant. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, and Ivy R. Ginsberg, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee. Before SCALES, C.J., and EMAS and MILLER, JJ. PER CURIAM. Affirmed. See *Guzman v. State*, 214 So. 3d 625, 632 (Fla. 2017) (holding that a ruling on a motion for mistrial is reviewed for an abuse of discretion); *Ward v. State*, 306 So.

3d 1004, 1007 (Fla. 3d DCA 2020) ("The trial court should not grant a motion for mistrial merely because an error is prejudicial. Rather, the lower court should grant a mistrial only when 'an error is so prejudicial as to vitiate the entire trial[.]'" (citation omitted) (quoting *Jennings v. State*, 124 So. 3d 257, 265 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013))); *Granados v. State*, 199 So.

3d 384, 389 (Fla. 4th DCA 2016) (holding that, once a defendant takes the stand and his credibility becomes an issue at trial, the State can expose contradictions and improbabilities in his testimony).