

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FOURTH DISTRICT  
*January Term 2008*

**A.T.**, a Child,  
Appellant,

v.

**STATE OF FLORIDA,**  
Appellee.

No. 4D07-2129

[April 23, 2008]

POLEN, J.

Appellant A.T., a sixteen-year-old child, appeals the disposition order committing her to the care of the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a level eight high risk residential program.

A.T. argues that the “characteristics vis-à-vis the needs” test is the most workable test for trial courts to use in deciding whether to depart from the Department’s Predisposition Report recommendation. In *E.A.R. v. State*, No. 4D07-1061, 4D07-3228, 2008 WL 583791 at \*1 (Fla. 4th DCA March 5, 2008), this court rejected this argument and certified conflict with *M.S. v. State*, 927 So. 2d 1044, 1046 (Fla. 2d DCA 2006). We again note conflict as we did in *E.A.R. v. State*.

A.T. also argues that upwardly departing after a juvenile disposition has already been imposed violates double jeopardy. We concur with the reasoning of the third district in *J.E. v. State*, 676 So. 2d 39, 40 (Fla. 3d DCA 1996). There is no double jeopardy violation as the departure only increased the restrictiveness level. It was not a resentencing.

*Affirmed.*

GROSS and MAY, JJ., concur.

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Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, St. Lucie County; Elizabeth A. Metzger, Judge; L.T. Case No.

562007CJ000594A.

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***Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing***