

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

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RONALD JAMES RICHARDS,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 5D17-2704

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed December 7, 2018

Appeal from the Circuit Court for
Volusia County,
Leah Case, Judge.

James S. Purdy, Public Defender, and
Matthew Funderburk, Assistant Public
Defender, Daytona Beach, for Appellant.

Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General,
Tallahassee, and L. Charlene Matthews,
Assistant Attorney General, Daytona
Beach, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

Ronald Richards appeals his violation of probation sentence arguing that the trial court erred in imposing costs of investigation in the absence of a request from the State or any evidence from the investigating agency. We agree. See Taylor v. State, 242 So. 3d 1203–1204 (Fla. 5th DCA 2018); Foulkes v. State, 221 So. 3d 789, 790 (Fla. 5th DCA

2017). We therefore remand for the trial court to strike these costs from the judgment, noting that the State should be given the opportunity to request the imposition of investigative costs. See McCarthy v. State, 893 So. 2d 689, 690 (Fla. 5th DCA 2005).

REVERSED and REMANDED.

TORPY, LAMBERT, and HARRIS, JJ., concur.