

FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

No. 1D21-2429

ROBERT MAJOR ROLLO,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

On appeal from the Circuit Court for Santa Rosa County.
Darlene F. Dickey, Judge.

November 30, 2022

PER CURIAM.

Rollo appeals an order denying his motion to dismiss based on objective entrapment after entering an open plea. *See* Fla. R. App. P. 9.140(b)(2)(A)(i) (allowing appeals from pleas if the defendant “expressly reserve[s] the right to appeal a prior dispositive order.”). Rollo argues the conduct of law enforcement in engaging a confidential informant to initiate a drug transaction with Rollo as the seller was so outrageous that the government should be barred from invoking the judicial process to obtain a conviction. *See State v. Laing*, 182 So. 3d 812, 816 (Fla. 4th DCA 2016).

We disagree. Law enforcement’s work with the confidential informant was controlled, and otherwise appropriate. Rollo had previously sold drugs to the very confidential informant engaged

by law enforcement. This was a traditional, straightforward sting operation that has long been understood to be permissible. *See Taylor v. State*, 634 So. 2d 1075 (Fla. 1994). We therefore reject Rollo's argument.

AFFIRMED.

B.L. THOMAS, KELSEY, and LONG, JJ., concur.

Not final until disposition of any timely and authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or 9.331.

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