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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL  
OF FLORIDA  
SECOND DISTRICT

WALTER BRYANT,	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 2D03-358
	)	
JOHN WALSH; WILLIAM BALKWILL,	)	
Sheriff of Sarasota County; and	)	
SARASOTA COUNTY,	)	
	)	
Appellees.	)	
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Opinion filed December 31, 2003.

Appeal from the Circuit Court for Sarasota  
County; Nancy K. Donnellan, Judge.

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P.A., Sarasota, Michele S. Stephan,  
Venice, and John P. Graves of Law Office  
of John P. Graves, Jr., Chartered,  
Sarasota, for Appellant.

Jorge L. Fernández, County Attorney, and  
Milan Brkich, Assistant County Attorney,  
Sarasota, for Appellees.

VILLANTI, Judge.

Walter Bryant appeals the trial court's order granting a new trial based on  
its determination that the verdict entered in Bryant's favor was against the manifest  
weight of the evidence. The order failed to provide express reasons from the record to

support the conclusion that the verdict was against the manifest weight of the evidence. See Wackenhut Corp. v. Canty, 359 So. 2d 430, 434 (Fla. 1978); Hawk v. Seaboard Sys. R.R., 547 So. 2d 669, 671 (Fla. 2d DCA 1989). We conclude that the trial court abused its discretion in determining the verdict was against the manifest weight of the evidence. Accordingly, the order granting new trial is reversed and the cause remanded for reinstatement of the jury's verdict.

Reversed and remanded.

WHATLEY and WALLACE, JJ., Concur.