NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

SECOND DISTRICT

VINCENT MISTRETTA,)	
Appellant,)	
V.)	Case No. 2D11-6370
STATE OF FLORIDA,)	
Appellee.)))	

Opinion filed August 31, 2012.

Appeal pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Pasco County; Susan Gardner, Judge.

Vincent Mistretta, pro se.

DAVIS, Judge.

Vincent Mistretta appeals the summary denial of his motion to correct illegal sentence filed pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.800(a). Mistretta was originally sentenced as a youthful offender for counts of lewd and lascivious battery, child abuse, and assault and battery on a prison facility detainee or visitor. While serving the probationary portions of those sentences, Mistretta violated his

probation by committing a new law violation. He was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for the original lewd and lascivious battery conviction. We reverse Mistretta's sentence on this count and remand for the trial court to designate him a youthful offender. See Yegge v. State, 88 So. 3d 1058, 1059-60 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012) ("[T]he sentencing court must maintain the defendant's youthful offender status upon resentencing for a violation of probation even when the violation was substantive."); Tidwell v. State, 74 So. 3d 503, 503 (Fla. 2d DCA 2011) ("[W]hen a youthful offender commits a violation of probation, even a substantive one as described in section 958.14, his status as a youthful offender cannot be revoked."); Lee v. State, 67 So. 3d 1199, 1202 (Fla. 2d DCA 2011) (" 'Once a circuit court has imposed a youthful offender sentence, it must continue that status upon resentencing after a violation of probation or community control.' " (quoting Blacker v. State, 49 So. 3d 785, 788 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010))).

We also note that under section 958.14, Florida Statutes (2005), a youthful offender who commits a substantive violation of probation can be sentenced to the maximum sentence allowable for the original crime. Therefore Mistretta's eight-year prison sentence for one count of lewd and lascivious battery is legal. See § 800.04(4), Fla. Stat. (2005); State v. Meeks, 789 So. 2d 982, 984-85 (Fla. 2001); Swilley v. State, 781 So. 2d 458, 460 (Fla. 2d DCA 2001). Accordingly, we reverse the postconviction court's order and remand only for amendment of Mistretta's sentence to reflect his youthful offender classification.

Reversed and remanded.

WHATLEY and WALLACE, JJ., Concur.