

Third District Court of Appeal

State of Florida

Opinion filed December 19, 2018.
Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing.

No. 3D17-2492
Lower Tribunal No. 16-2615

J.J., a juvenile,
Appellant,

vs.

The State of Florida,
Appellee.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Marcia B. Caballero, Judge.

Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender, and Jeffrey Paul DeSousa, Assistant Public Defender, for appellant.

Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, and Natalia Costea, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

Before EMAS, FERNANDEZ, and LOGUE, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Affirmed. See Williams v. State, 689 So. 2d 393, 396 (Fla. 1997) (“A defendant’s confession or statement may be considered in connection with the other evidence, but the corpus delicti cannot rest upon the confession or admission alone. Therefore, the state must introduce substantial independent evidence of corpus delicti that tends to show that the charged crimes were committed.”) (citations and quotations omitted); Burks v. State, 613 So. 2d 441, 443 (Fla. 1993) (“[T]he state has the burden of proving by substantial evidence that a crime was committed, and . . . such proof may be in the form of circumstantial evidence.”) (quoting State v. Allen, 335 So. 2d 823, 824 (Fla. 1976)); Thomas v. State, 531 So. 2d 708, 711 (Fla. 1988) (“Corpus delicti need not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, but merely by evidence tending to show a crime has been committed.”).