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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
OF FLORIDA
THIRD DISTRICT
JULY TERM, A.D. 2001

CLEOPHUS HOFFMAN,	**	
Appellant,	**	
vs.	**	CASE NO. 3D00-3527
THE STATE OF FLORIDA,	**	
Appellee.	**	LOWER TRIBUNAL NO. 00-14393

Opinion filed October 10, 2001.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Dade County, Jerald Bagley, Judge.

Bennett H. Brummer, Public Defender, and Maria E. Lauredo and Robert Godfrey, Assistant Public Defenders, for appellant.

Robert A. Butterworth, Attorney General, and Linda S. Katz, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

Before COPE and GERSTEN, JJ., and NESBITT, Senior Judge.

PER CURIAM.

Although the trial court conducted a Nelson inquiry,* it is not clear that the trial court ever squarely confronted the question whether appellant had received effective assistance of

* Nelson v. State, 274 So. 2d 256 (Fla. 2d DCA 1973).

counsel, and the record indicates that the appellant did not. We reverse the convictions and remand for a new trial.

Reversed and remanded.