IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JULY TERM, A.D. 2001

RAFAEL SUAREZ, \*\*

Appellant, \*\*

vs. \*\* CASE NO. 3D01-2034

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, \*\* LOWER

TRIBUNAL NO. 92-2742

Appellee. \*\*

Opinion filed October 31, 2001.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Pedro Echarte, Judge.

Rafael Suarez, in proper person.

Robert A. Butterworth, Attorney General, for appellee.
Before SCHWARTZ, C.J., and SORONDO, and RAMIREZ, JJ.

## ON MOTIONS FOR REHEARING, CLARIFICATION, CERTIFICATION OR REHEARING EN BANC

PER CURIAM.

We grant the motion for rehearing and deny the motion for clarification. As in <u>Major v. State</u>, 790 So. 2d 550 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001), we certify that we have passed on the following question of

great public importance:

WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT OR COUNSEL HAS A DUTY TO ADVISE A DEFENDANT THAT HIS PLEA IN A PENDING CASE MAY HAVE SENTENCE ENHANCING CONSEQUENCES IF THE DEFENDANT COMMITS A NEW CRIME IN THE FUTURE?