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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JULY TERM, A.D., 2002

ROBERT I	PIERCE,		* *			
		Appellant,	* *			
vs.			* *	CASE NO.	3D02	-822
KENNETH			* *	LOWER TRIBUNAL	NO. 0	01-435
		Appellee.	* *			01 IJJ

Opinion filed September 25, 2002.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Luis Garcia, Judge.

Stephen E. Tunstall, for appellant.

Kenneth Marc, in proper person.

Before SCHWARTZ, C.J., and GERSTEN, and SORONDO, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Plaintiff Robert Pierce appeals an adverse order granting defendant Kenneth Marc's motion for relief from default judgment. We reverse.

The trial court erred in granting the defendant's motion for

relief from judgment because the motion was unsworn, failed to allege either excusable neglect or a meritorious defense, and failed to provide any basis for relief under Florida Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 1.540. <u>See Lederman v. Shore</u>, 707 So. 2d 1134 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998); <u>Florida Specialized Carriers, Inc. v. Tierra Constr.</u> <u>Co. Inc.</u>, 632 So. 2d 282 (Fla. 5th DCA 1994); <u>Perry v. University</u> <u>Cabs, Inc.</u>, 344 So. 2d 914 (Fla. 3d DCA 1977). Accordingly, the order granting relief from the default judgment is reversed, and the trial court is instructed on remand to reinstate the final judgment.

Reversed and remanded with instructions.