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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JANUARY TERM, A.D. 2004

PEDRO LARA, **

Appellant, ** CASE NO. 3D03-8

vs. ** LOWER

TRIBUNAL NO. 01-34454

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, **

Appellee. **

Opinion filed March 17, 2004.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Cecilia M. Altonaga, Judge.

Bennett H. Brummer, Public Defender, and Susan Martin, Special Assistant Public Defender, for appellant.

Charles J. Crist, Jr., Attorney General, and Jill K. Traina, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

Before SCHWARTZ, C.J., and GREEN, J., and BARKDULL, THOMAS H., JR., Senior Judge.

PER CURIAM.

Affirmed. <u>See</u> § 59.041, Fla. Stat. (2003); <u>Bradley v. State</u>, 787 So. 2d 732, 743-44 (Fla. 2001); <u>Murphy v. Int'l Robotic Sys.</u>,

Inc., 766 So. 2d 1010, 1028-29 (Fla. 2000); State v. Jano, 524 So.
2d 660, 661-62 (Fla. 1988); Bell v. State, 847 So. 2d 558, 560-61
(Fla. 3d DCA 2003); Pino v. State, 776 So. 2d 1081 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001).

GREEN, J., and BARKDULL, THOMAS H., JR., Senior Judge, concur.

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SCHWARTZ, Chief Judge (specially concurring).

I believe both that it was error to admit a prior written statement of the victim, which was inadmissible as an excited utterance, State v. Justice, 92 Ohio App. 3d 740, 637 N.E. 2d 85 (1994); State v. Dixon, 37 Wash. App. 867, 684 P.2d 725 (1984), or otherwise, see Coluntino v. State, 620 So. 2d 244 (Fla. 3d DCA 1993); Reyes v. State, 580 So. 2d 309 (Fla. 3d DCA 1991), and that portions of the prosecutor's unobjected to final argument went

There's nothing up my sleeves. Nothing like that. Just the evidence and the truth. You're the truth-seekers. 'We who labor here, seek only truth.' We know what the truth is. You saw him on the stand, the guy's a liar.

You have got to understand that he's lied to you. He barely looked you in the eye, because I can't say he lied right to your face, he's a liar.

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The Defendant lied. He lied on the stand. He lied to the police and he lied when he pled not guilty in this case, because he's guilty.

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Oh, this is my favorite part. Let's talk about the Defendant testifying. Now, well it's clear that the

¹ For example:

well over the line. See Card v. State, 803 So. 2d 613 (Fla. 2001), cert. denied, 536 U.S. 963, 122 S.Ct. 2673, 153 L.Ed.2d 845 (2002); First v. State, 696 So. 2d 1357 (Fla. 2d DCA 1997). Nevertheless I concur in affirmance because I am convinced beyond a reasonable doubt by the record—which shows the defendant was apprehended by the investigating officers literally in the act of brutally beating his wife—that neither issue made any difference in the ultimate outcome. See § 924.33, Fla. Stat. (2003); Goodwin v. State, 751 So. 2d 537 (Fla. 1999); State v. DiGuilio, 491 So. 2d 1129 (Fla. 1986); Justice, 92 Ohio App. 3d at 740, 637 N.E. 2d at 85; Dixon, 37 Wash. App. at 867, 684 P.2d at 725.

Defendant lies when it's convenient.