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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JANUARY TERM, A.D. 2004

VARI	IAN V.	SCOTT,	* *		
		Appellant,	* *		
	VS.		* *	CASE NO.	3D03-1044
THE	STATE	OF FLORIDA,	**	LOWER	
		Appellee.	**	-	NO. 01-36222C

Opinion filed February 25, 2004.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Bertila Soto, Judge.

Varian V. Scott, in proper person.

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

Before COPE, SHEVIN and RAMIREZ, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Varian V. Scott appeals an order denying his motion for discharge under the speedy trial rule. We treat the appeal as a petition for writ of prohibition and deny it on the merits. The subsequent plea bargain entered into by defendant-appellant Scott waived his claim of a violation of the speedy trial rule. <u>Monge v.</u> <u>State</u>, 286 So. 2d 34 (Fla. 3d DCA 1973). We need not reach the alternative argument that defense counsel had obtained continuances which waived the speedy trial period in any event.

Affirmed.