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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JULY TERM A.D., 2004

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CRAIG TRAPP,

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Appellant,

\*\* CASE NO. 3D03-2005

V.

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA,

\*\* LOWER

Appellee.

TRIBUNAL NO. 02-5538

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Opinion filed September 29, 2004.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Leonard E. Glick, Judge.

Bennett H. Brummer, Public Defender, and Robert Kalter, Assistant Public Defender, for appellant.

Charles J. Crist, Jr., Attorney General, and Thomas C. Mielke, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

Before SCHWARTZ, C.J., and GODERICH, and RAMIREZ, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Affirmed in part, reversed in part. We find no abuse of discretion in the denial of the motion for mistrial made following the prosecutor's allegedly improper comment on Trapp's

right to remain silent and thus affirm the conviction. However, we conclude that the trial court erred in sentencing him as a violent career criminal because spitting on a police officer is not a qualifying offense for sentencing as a violent career criminal. See Johnson v. State, 858 So. 2d 1071 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) (holding that spitting on a law enforcement officer is not a current qualifying offense for sentencing as a violent career criminal).

Affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded for a new sentencing proceeding.