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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JANUARY TERM, 2004

ROYCE M. REED, \*\*

Appellant, \*\*

vs. \*\* CASE NO. 3D04-526

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, \*\* LOWER

TRIBUNAL NO. 89-36248

Appellee. \*\*

Opinion filed April 21, 2004.

An Appeal under Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, David C. Miller, Judge.

Royce M. Reed, in proper person.

Charles J. Crist, Jr., Attorney General, for appellee.

Before GERSTEN, GODERICH, and FLETCHER, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Royce Reed appeals the denial of his motion for post-conviction DNA testing pursuant to section 925.11(1)(a), Florida

Statutes (2002), and Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.853. We affirm the trial court's denial because "[a] defendant who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere may not seek postconviction DNA testing based on the language of the statute." <u>Smith v. State</u>, 854 So. 2d 684, 685 (Fla. 2d DCA 2003) (citing <u>Stewart v. State</u>, 840 So. 2d 438 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2003)).

Affirmed.