IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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PATRICE RATCLIFFE,

SID J. WHITE

Petitioner,

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vs.

Case No. 85,203

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STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF DECISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA SECOND DISTRICT

INITIAL BRIEF OF PETITIONER ON THE MERITS

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ARGUMENT

<u>ISSUE</u>

WHETHER FLORIDA'S ANTI-STALKING STATUTE IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE AND OVERBROAD?

Between the time appellant filed her Notice To Invoke Discretionary Review, Brief on Jurisdiction, and the filing of this brief, this court issued its opinion in <u>Bouters v. State</u>, Case No. 83,558 (Fla. April 27, 1995). In this opinion the court upheld the constitutionality of 748.048, Florida's Anti-Stalking Statute on both vagueness and overbreadth challenges.

Although acknowledging this court's current position on the question, the Petitioner would ask this court to reconsider its holding and accept the arguments against finding the statute to be constitutional as advanced by the Petitioner in <u>Bouters</u>, <u>id</u>.

CONCLUSION

Petitioner asks this court to reject its recent holding in Bouters v. State and accept the arguments advanced by the petitioner in that case and find 748.048 Florida Statutes unconstitutional.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy has been mailed to Michael J. Neimand, Office of the Attorney General, 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Suite N921, Post Office Box 0113241, Miami, Fla. 33101, and Patrice Ratcliffe on this // day of May, 1995.

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APPENDIX

1. Opinion of the Second District Court of Appeal rendered on February 1, 1995.

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

SECOND DISTRICT

PATRICE RATCLIFFE,

Appellant,

v.

CASE NO. 93-04054

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

Opinion filed February 1, 1995.

Appeal from the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Claire K. Luten, Judge.

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PER CURIAM.

Affirmed. See State v. Tremmel, 644 So. 2d 102 (Fla. 2d DCA 1994).

PATTERSON, A.C.J., and BLUE and FULMER, JJ., Concur.