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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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STATE OF FLORIDA,

Petitioner,

vs. :

KELLEN LEE BETZ,

Respondent.

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

BRIEF OF RESPONDENT ON JURISDICTION

JAMES MARION MOORMAN PUBLIC DEFENDER TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No. SC01-319

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# STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND FACTS

The Respondent accepts the Petitioner's Statement of the Case and Facts as accurate.

# SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

The case relied upon by the Petitioner has been effectively overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### **ARGUMENT**

#### **ISSUE**

THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL'S DECISION IN BETZ V. STATE, 26 FLA. L. WEEKLY D304 (FLA. 2D DCA JANUARY 24, 2001) DOES NOT EXPRESSLY AND DIRECTLY CONFLICT WITH THE FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL (as restated by Respondent).

The state claims the Second District's decision in <a href="Betz">Betz</a>
conflicts with the Fifth District's decision in <a href="State v. Jarrett">State v. Jarrett</a>,
530 So. 2d 1089 (Fla. 5th DCA 1988). The Second District addressed this issue in its opinion. As noted by that court, <a href="Jarrett">Jarrett</a> was decided prior to the United States Supreme Court case of <a href="California v. Acevado">California v. Acevado</a>, 500 U.S. 565 (1991). <a href="See Betz">See Betz</a>, 26 Fla. L. Weekly at 305 n.1. The Second District relied in part on the <a href="Acevado">Acevado</a> holding which reached a conclusion opposite that of the <a href="Jarrett">Jarrett</a> case. Since <a href="Acevado">Acevado</a> effectively overruled <a href="Jarrett">Jarrett</a>, the <a href="Jarrett">Jarrett</a> case is no longer good law and cannot be the basis for a finding of express and direct conflict with <a href="Betz">Betz</a>. The Respondent believes this Court should not grant jurisdiction in the instant case.

#### CONCLUSION

In light of the Second District Court's opinion and the Acevado case, the Respondent respectfully asks this Honorable Court to deny jurisdiction in the instant case.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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