>> ALL RISE. HEAR YE, HEAR YE, THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS NOW IN SESSION. ALL WHO HAVE CAUSE TO PLEAD. DRAW NEAR, GIVE ATTENTION AND YOU SHALL BE HEARD. GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES, THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THIS HONORABLE COURT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA. PLEASE BE SEATED. >> GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT. THE FIRST CASE TODAY IS OYOLA VERSUS STATE. >> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. WILLIAM MCLAIN, REPRESENTING MR. OYOLA THIS IS AN APPEAL FROM RESENTENCING AFTER THIS COURT PREVIOUSLY REVERSED THE CASE FOR CAMPBELL ERRORS. IN THE SENTENCING ORDER. THE ISSUE I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS MORNING DEALS WITH WHAT I HAVE SAID WERE IMPROPER DECISION-MAKING RATIONALES THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE EMPLOYED IN IMPOSING THIS RESENTENCING. DIFFERENT FROM JUST IMPROPER AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S, SOMEWHAT UNIQUE AND I'LL JUST READ. IN THE ANALYSIS SECTION OF THE ORDER, THE JUDGE MADE THE FOLLOWING TWO STATEMENTS. THE IMPOSITION OF ONLY A LIFE SENTENCE FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER COMMITTED BY OYOLA WOULD BE A REWARD FOR HIM FOR HIS ELABORATE SCHEME TO USE A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT TO THWART JUSTICE. >> LET'S STOP RIGHT THERE. >> OKAY. >> PROBABLY TOO COLORFUL BUT ISN'T THERE EVIDENCE THAT, WHETHER WE WOULD LIKE TO USE

THEM OR NOT, WE'RE STILL USING JAILHOUSE SNICHES, AND THIS DEFENDANT CONFIDED IN A CELLMATE THAT HE IS GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS. HE ALREADY HAD IT SET UP. AND ISN'T THERE EVIDENCE OF INCONSISTENCIES THAT THE DEFENDANT TELLS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH? I'M SORT OF AGREEING WITH YOU ON THE USE OF THAT LANGUAGE BUT THERE IS EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD OF THIS DEFENDANT INTEND TO PLAY GAMES WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND IN FACT DOES, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT HE DID SO, STIPULATION OF FACTS? SO LET WHAT IF WE HAVE, OTHERWISE JUST A FULL, PORTIONATE, ORDERED SENTENCE. GOT MULTIPLE AGGRAVATORS. WE'VE GOT MINOR MITIGATION AND THIS SENTENCE APPEARS IN IT. DOES THAT CREATE A REVERSIBLE SITUATION EVEN THOUGH EVERYTHING ELSE WOULD SUPPORT THE SENTENCE THAT-->> IT DOES, YOUR HONOR. >> 0KAY. ELABORATE ON THAT, WHY. >> NUMBER ONE, THE WAY HE STRUCTURED, THE JUDGE STRUCTURED THE SENTENCING ORDER HE WENT THROUGH THE AGGRAVATORS, HE WENT THROUGH THE MITIGATETORS, WHAT HE REFERRED TO HIS ANALYSIS SECTION WHERE HE COMPARED THEM WHERE THESE TWO STATEMENTS OCCUR. >> LET ME, THIS IS FRIENDLY QUESTION. HE ACTUALLY, WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT THE AGGRAVATOR OF, YOU, NOT TO THE END OF THE SENTENCING ORDER BUT WHERE HE SAYS, IF THERE IS TO BE ANY ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES FOR ACTUALLY MURDERING A PERSON A VICTIM OF AN ARMED ROBBERY THE DEATH

PENALTY SHOULD BE IMPOSED? >> YES. THAT IS THE SECOND THING HE DID. HE DID THAT IN THE AGGRAVATING SECTION FOR THE ROBBERY. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT BUT HE REPEATED IT AGAIN AS ANALYSIS FACTOR IF YOU WILL. I MEAN, ARGUABLY I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT HE MADE THAT STATEMENT AS PART OF HIS WEIGHING PROCESS FOR THE WEIGHT TO BE AFFORDED. I REALIZE I'M SIDETRACKED. I'M SORRY. >> THAT HAPPENS HERE. >> THE ANALYSIS SECTION OF WEIGHING THE AGGRAVATOR HE MADE THIS STATEMENT WHICH I THINK WAS IMPROPER BASIS FOR WEIGHING THE AGGRAVATOR AS WELL, BUT THEN IN THE ANALYSIS SECTION AT THE END OF THE ORDER HE ALSO REPEATS IT. AND SO IT'S NOT JUST AN ISOLATED, COLORFUL LANGUAGE. THIS IS THE WAY THIS JUDGE WAS THINKING AT SENTENCING. I'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM DEATH OR OTHERWISE HE IS NOT GOING TO GET ANY PUNISHMENT FOR THE MURDER BECAUSE I'M GIVING HIM LIFE. >> I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I HAVE. I'M NOT FAR OFF IN AGREEING WITH YOU ON THIS LANGUAGE BUT I AM STILL TROUBLED WORKING WITH, IF WE HAVE IN THAT ORDER ITSELF, WE READ IT OTHERWISE, IF THAT SENTENCE IS NOT THERE AND WE WOULD HAVE A PROPORTION, OTHERWISE I ACE VALID, YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? A VALID SENTENCING ORDER. JUST THE INCLUSION OF THE SENTENCE. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO GET TO YOU ELABORATE ON. >> IT IS NOT JUST MERELY THE INCLUSION OF A SENTENCE. THIS IS THE JUDGE'S REFLECTION

ON WHAT IS GOING THROUGH HIS MIND WHEN HE IS IMPOSING SENTENCE WHICH IS A FACTOR OUTSIDE FLORIDA SENTENCING SCHEME. YOU DON'T IMPOSE DEATH JUST BECAUSE HE IS HAS GOTTEN LIFE ON A ROBBERY. >> DID THE JURY NOT RECOMMEND DEATH? >> THEY DID. >> OKAY. >> THEY DID. SO, YOU KNOW, THAT IS SOMETHING TOTALLY OUTSIDE OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE DEATH PENALTY SCHEME ITSELF. >> WELL I MEAN THAT'S, THEN TELL ME WHERE I WOULD BE WRONG IF I WOULD SAY, WELL, I MEAN THAT IS THE COLORFUL LANGUAGE. THAT IS REALLY NOT PART OF HIS SENTENCING ANALYSIS AND WE HAVE DIFFERENT TALENT OF JUDGES JUST LIKE WE DO LAWYERS THAT MAYBE WE WOULD PREFER THAT THIS JUDGE WRITE A BETTER ORDER BUT DOES HOW IT'S WRITTEN WITH WHAT ELSE IS IN THERE GIVE US A CIRCUMSTANTIAL THAT WE HAVE TO SEND IT BACK FOR A NEW PENALTY PHASE? THIS JUDGE IS DEAD SO-->> YES IT DOES. AGAIN THIS JUDGE WAS REFLECTING ON HIS THOUGHT PROCESSES OF HOW HE WAS IMPOSING SENTENCE AND HE WAS USING SOMETHING WAY BEYOND THE STATUTE CRITERIA TO IMPOSE SENTENCE. THE SAME WAY WITH GOING BACK TO YOUR OTHER ISSUE, JUSTICE LEWIS, ON THE QUESTION ABOUT REWARDING SOMEONE FOR, WITH A LIFE SENTENCE-->> THERE IS NO QUESTION HE IS DENIGRATING. >> DENIGRATING THE MENTAL MITIGATION. AS HE EXPERT TESTIFIED, YES HE

GAVE ME SOME INCONSISTENT STATEMENTS DURING THE INTERVIEW. I EXPECT THAT. THE MAN IS MENTALLY ILL. HE IS IN AND OUT OF PSYCHOTIC EPISODES. HE HAS DELUSIONS AND HALLUCINATIONS. >> THAT IS IF YOU ACCEPT, IF YOU ACCEPT YOUR SIDE TOTALLY. THERE IS EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY HERE. THIS IS FACTUAL BATTLE GOING ON. >> EXPERT SAID HE IS NOT ALWAYS DELUSIONAL. HE HAS DELUSIONAL EPISODES BUT EVEN THE EXPERT SAID, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT HE GAVE ME ABOUT THE OFFENSE WAS CONTRADICTED BY OTHER EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, AS THIS COURT IN THE PRIOR OPINION DISCUSSED THIS, IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN MY EVALUATION THAT THIS MAN STILL HAS THESE PROBLEMS AND HE WAS STILL HAVE BEEN LIKELY TO HAVE THESE MISCONSTRUED THINGS. >> LET ME MAKE SURE ABOUT THE MENTAL ILLNESS, THERE IS ANOTHER PART OF THE SENTENCING ORDER, ON THE RECORD I GUESS, 125. ALL THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY THE DEFENDANTS TO THE TRIAL COURT SHOWED THAT OYOLA HAD A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG ABUSE AND ABUSIVE HOME LIFE AS A CHILD, EACH OF MIGHT MITIGATE THE AGAINST THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY. SO IT'S, IF HE WERE REJECTING THE MENTAL HEALTH MITIGATION, BECAUSE, IT HADN'T BEEN PROVEN, BUT IT APPEARS, INCONSISTENT IN THIS ORDER, THAT HE IS ON ONE HAND SAYING, THAT, HE DID HAVE THIS HISTORY. BUT THEN IN THE END, MAKING THESE STATEMENTS WHICH

INTERESTINGLY AN NONE OF THEM WERE IN THE PRIOR SUBPOENAING ORDER THAT WE REVERSED FOR CAMPBELL. SORT OF LIKE, I THINK, WHAT I SEE WITH WHAT JUSTICE LEWIS IS SAYING, IF HE STUCK TO HIS PRIOR ORDER BUT ELABORATED ON WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN TO THE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES THIS WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE? >> WE ASKED THE TRIAL JUDGE FOR HIS REASONING OF WHY IMPOSE DEATH AND HE GAVE IT TO US AND THESE TWO STATEMENTS REFLECT IT. I GOT TO GIVE HIM DEATH OTHERWISE HE GETS NO EXTRA PENALTY OR HE USED, HIS COMMENT ABOUT A SCHEME TO USE A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT, NUMBER ONE, THE MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT WASN'T INVOLVED. HE MAY HAVE TALKED TO THE JAILHOUSE SNITCH ABOUT USING INSANITY DEFENSE BUT, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO CONCOCT ANY KIND OF SCHEME. AND EVEN IF HE HAD, EVEN IF HE HAD-->> INCONSISTENCIES WHAT I WOULD GUESS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THAT HE WAS GOING TO MANIPULATE THE EXPERT BY TELLING HIM DIFFERENT STORIES. >> EVEN IF HE DID DO THAT, OUR SYSTEM FOR IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY, WE DON'T, QUOTE, REWARD SOMEONE WITH A LIFE SENTENCE BECAUSE THEY DID THAT, OR, PUNISH THEM WITH A DEATH SENTENCE BECAUSE THEY DID. IT IS OUTSIDE OF OUR WHOLE SENTENCING SCHEME. >> I THINK THE PROBLEM HERE. AGAIN, WE'RE STRUGGLING WITH, YOU'VE GOT A SITUATION, THE JURY OBVIOUSLY RECOMMENDS DEATH. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THE JUDGE HAS TO DO AN INDEPENDENT WEIGHING BECAUSE THAT IS THE OTHER

PROTECTION BUT YET WE ALSO KNOW THIS WOULD BE A PROPORTIONATE PENALTY. SO HOW, IF YOU CAN, JUST TALK ABOUT IN THE SCHEME OF OUR TOTAL DEATH PENALTY STATUTE--STATUTORY SCHEME WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE JUDGE INTENTIONALLY NOT REALLY GOING THROUGH THIS WEIGHING BUT JUST SAYING, IN MY MIND, I KNOW I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM DEATH PENALTY BECAUSE HE COMMIT AD ROBBERY. I GAVE HIM A LIFE SENTENCE FOR THAT, AND I HAVE TO GIVE HIM A DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER, OTHERWISE HE WILL GET AWAY WITH MURDER? THAT IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT HE IS SAYING. >> THAT WAS ESSENTIALLY, AT THE END. ORDER, THE ANALYSIS REASON, HERE'S WHY I'M GIVING HIM DEATH. HE SAYS, OKAY, THE MITIGATION DOESN'T OUTWEIGH THE AGGRAVATION, BUT BESIDES THAT I GAVE HIM LIFE FOR THE ROBBERY. I HAVE TO PUNISH HIM SOMEHOW FOR THE MURDER AND GIVE HIM DEATH. OR, HE TRIED TO USE THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN AN IMPROPER WEIGH. SO I WILL NOT REWARD HIM WITH A LIFE SENTENCE. I HAVE GOT TO GIVE HIM DEATH. THIS JUDGE WAS GIVING US HIS STATE OF MIND AND WHAT HIS REASONING PROCESS WAS AND DOES THIS TYPE OF LANGUAGE, THIS ORDER, THIS ANALYSIS SECTION OF THIS ORDER GIVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN THE FAIRNESS OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THIS CASE? >> HOW SHOULD WE EVALUATE THIS ONE AS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE USUALLY FIND THIS WITH THE STATE DENIGRATING THE MENTAL HEALTH, WE'VE SAID, DON'T DO THAT AND YET IT CONTINUES AND IN THOSE

CASES THE JURY HEARS IT AND WE HAVE HELD IN MANY, MOST OF THOSE INSTANCES, OF COURSE ALL OF THEM ARE--[INAUDIBLE]. THAT CAN OPERATE IN HARMLESS ERROR, SEEMS TO HAVE EVEN MORE, OR AS MUCH DANGER AS THIS BECAUSE THIS YOU CAN INTERPRET AS, YOU'RE TAKING IT THAT THIS IS THE BASIS FOR THE OPINION. I LOOK AT IT, I SAY, WELL THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THAT. THIS IS A COLORFUL KIND OF LANGUAGE THAT THIS JUDGE IS USED TO USING AND IT IS NOT THE FIRST ONE THAT WE'VE SEEN. >> IT'S, TO ME IT IS BEYOND COLORFUL LANGUAGE AND I THINK IT'S MUCH MORE EGREGIOUS THAN PROSECUTOR'S ARGUMENT DURING THE HEAT OF A CLOSING ARGUMENT BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE, YOU'VE GOT THE JUDGE COMING BACK AND INSTRUCKING THE JURY APPROPRIATELY. YOU HAVE THE COUNTERVAILING BALANCE OF THE DEFENSE COUNSEL'S CLOSING ARGUMENT AS WELL AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE JUDGE, THE ACTUAL DECISION-MAKER IN THE DEATH CASE, SAYING I'M USING THESE REASONS TO IMPOSE DEATH. [INAUDIBLE] THIS ORDER, DIFFER FROM WHAT WAS SAID IN KILGORE? >> THE DIFFERENCE, THE DIFFERENCE IS THE WAY IT WAS DONE. IN THE KILGORE AND GLOBE, I THINK WAS THE OTHER CASE THAT THE STATE RELIED ON WHICH HAD VERY SIMILAR CONTEXT, THOSE CASES BOTH INVOLVED SOMEONE WHO WAS ALREADY SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR A HOMICIDE AND THEN THE JUDGE MADE THE STATEMENT, WELL, IF, WITHOUT A DEATH SENTENCE THERE IS NO DETERRENT

BUT THAT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ORDER IT WAS, IT WAS, AGAIN, THAT WAS FELL INTO THE LINE OF MORE OF A COLORFUL STATEMENT BY THE JUDGE AT THE TIME BUT-->> HE SAYS, IN KILGORE IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, HE SAYS IF I DON'T GIVE HIM A DEATH SENTENCE, A LIFE SENTENCE WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO GIVING HIM A LICENSE TO KILL. >> LICENSE TO KILL. >> SO, YOU KNOW IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WAS EVEN MORE EGREGIOUS STATEMENT IN MY MIND ANYWAY THAN THE STATEMENT MADE IN THIS CASE. >> BUT THAT STATEMENT WASN'T AN INTEGRATED PART OF THE ANALYSIS IN THE SENTENCING ORDER WHICH IS THE DIFFERENCE. >> THE DIFFERENCE FOR ME, AND I LOOKED AT KILGORE AND GLOBE, WE HAVE CASE LIKE THIS, WHEN SOMEBODY IS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, A PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY, IF IT'S A BATTERY THEY'RE SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, THAT IS AGGRAVATOR, AT THAT POINT, IS GIVEN THE GREATEST WEIGHT. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WITH WHAT THE JUDGE DID HEAR, WHEN YOU'VE GOT POTENTIALLY THE FELONY MURDER AND ROBBERY IS THE UNDERLYING FELONY, ALMOST SAYING THERE IS AUTOMATIC DEATH SENTENCE. >> YES. >> RIGHT? BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY COMMITTED A ROBBERY WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A LIFE SENTENCE SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL KILL THE VICTIM AND IF WE DO THAT WE'RE SAYING ANY ROBBERY, MURDER, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM SOMEONE, TO ME, SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER. >> YES. >> AND THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN

SENTENCED, GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS AND NOW THEIR MURDER, USUALLY THESE OCCUR IN PRISON WHERE THEY MURDER A PRISON GUARD OR AN INMATE. THOSE ARE PROBABLY WEIGH UP THERE IN MY MIND BEING MOST AGGRAVATED OF CASES. >> THAT IS A MAJOR DISTINCTION. I THINK, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY THIS COURT IN GLOBE AND KILGORE SAID THAT STATEMENT WAS MADE IN REFERENCE TO THE WEIGHT AFFORDED TO THAT PRIOR AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE. HERE, WHEN WE HAVE GOT THIS KIND OF STATEMENT FROM THE JUDGE IN THE ANALYSIS SECTION, WEIGHING AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING, IT WAS INTEGRATED THROUGHOUT THE ORDER. IT WASN'T JUST THE ONE COMMENT WHILE WEIGHING AN AGGRAVATOR. ITS BEYOND THAT. >> MY CONCERN AS I NOW REALIZE IS GREATER IT WOULD REALLY SAY TO TRIAL JUDGES, AND MAYBE IT IS STILL HARMLESS, YOU KNOW, I GUESS THAT IS THE QUESTION, IS THAT IT IS LEGITIMATE AND PROPER TO GIVE A ROBBERY AGGRAVATOR, ALWAYS GIVE IT THE GREATEST OF WEIGHT BECAUSE YOU THEN. IF THEY THEN MURDER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER BY HAVING A LIFE SENTENCE. WHICH IS REALLY, SOME OF THIS, PEOPLE WOULD SAY, YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. WE SHOULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, DEATH PENALTY FOR EVERY ROBBERY BECAUSE THEY, YOU KNOW, OTHERWISE, THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCE. SO WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT? >> IT IS NOT PART OF THE SENTENCING STRUCTURE THAT WE SET UP IN THIS STATE TO TRY TO AVOID ARBITRARINESS IN IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY.

THAT IS NOT A FACTOR. THAT IS NOT A REASONING PROCESS THAT THE SENTENCER IS TO GO THROUGH, BECAUSE I'M GIVING HIM LIFE FOR THE ROBBERY, HE IS TO GET DEATH FOR THE MURDER, OTHERWISE THERE IS NO PENALTY. THERE IS NOTHING IN OUR SENTENCING STRUCTURE THAT SAYS YOU CAN DO THAT. NO JURY IS EVER INSTRUCTED THAT YOU CAN DO THAT. THAT IS WHAT THIS JUDGE DID. >> WELL, AGAIN, I MEAN, ONE MORE TIME, JUST A LITTLE BIT-- OF TIME, THAT IF EVERYTHING ELSE MATCHES, EVERYTHING, LET'S ASSUME THE STATEMENT IS NOT IN THE ORDER, SOME OTHER ORDER AND JUST THIS ONE STATEMENT, AGGRAVATORS ARE THERE. EVIDENCE FOR ALL OF THOSE AND THE STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON EVIDENCE THAT COME INTO TRIAL, THAT IS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE THAT WE GO THROUGH ANOTHER RESENTENCING? >> I GUESS I'M A LITTLE BIT, NOT QUITE CATCHING YOUR QUESTION BECAUSE I THINK-->> LET ME TRY AGAIN. >> SOME OTHER ORDER OR SOME OTHER STATEMENT. >> NO. IN THIS CASE AS I GO THROUGH THE SENTENCING ORDER IN MY MIND THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ALL THE AGGRAVATORS AND MITIGATORS THAT ARE THERE. THE JUDGE DOES IT APPROPRIATELY. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THIS STATEMENT WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE DISCUSSING THIS. SO THE QUESTION IS HOW DOES THE ONE STATEMENT THEN CAUSE US, FROM A HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS, TO THROW OUT THE ENTIRE SENTENCE BECAUSE OF THIS, OF THIS **OVERSTATEMENT?** THIS IS SO, INHERENT, AS PART OF

IT, THAT WE CAN'T DO THAT? >> YES, THAT'S IN ESSENCE WHAT I SAID BECAUSE IT WASN'T ONE **ISOLATED STATEMENT.** HE MADE THE STATEMENT IN THE ROBBERY ISSUE STATEMENT IN WEIGHING THE AGGRAVATOR BUT HE SAID IT AGAIN IN HIS ANALYSIS SECTION WHEN HE IMPOSED THE DEATH SENTENCE. AND THE COMMENT ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE DIDN'T COME UP UNTIL THE ANALYSIS SECTION BUT AGAIN, THAT REFLECTED BACK ON HOW HE TREATED MENTAL MITIGATION OVERALL AND THE WEIGHT HE MAY HAVE AFFORDED IT BECAUSE EVEN REFERENCED SAYING THAT THE, I'M SKIPPING AROUND A BIT, I'M SORRY. >> NO, I UNDERSTAND. >> THAT THE EXPERT'S OPINION WAS BASED UPON THE IMPROPER STATEMENTS OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS THAT THE DEFENDANT MADE TO HIM. THIS COURT EVEN ADDRESSED THAT IN THE PREVIOUS ORDER, PREVIOUS DECISION. AND, IF THAT WASN'T A FOUNDATION. SO THE EVIDENCE DIDN'T EVEN SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE THE EXPERT SAID IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN MY OPINION. I WAS AWARE OF THAT. IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE HOW I REACHED IT. SO THAT WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE, THAT STATEMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE STATEMENT, THE ANALYSIS PORTION, HE MADE THAT STATEMENT ABOUT I'M NOT GOING TO REWARD HIM, FOR, WAY HE DEALT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. BUT, ADDITIONALLY, PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS, THAT SAME THOUGHT PROCESS, WELL, THE EXPERT WAS MISLED BECAUSE BY THE DEFENDANT, AND, THAT WAS DISCOUNTED IN THE

RECORD BY THE EXPERTS OWN TESTIMONY THAT IT DIDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND STILL RELIED ON THAT IN ASSESSING THE MENTAL MITIGATION. PLUS THE ROBBERY AS I SAID, THAT WAS INTEGRATED BOTH WEIGHING PORTION OF THE ORDER AND AGAIN AT THE ANALYSIS PORTION SO IT SHOWED HE JUST WASN'T USING IT TO WEIGH THE AGGRAVATOR. HE WAS USING IT, THIS WAS HIS THOUGHT PROCESS IN IMPOSING SENTENCE. THIS WAS A FACTOR FOR HIM, A FACTOR FOR HIM, NOT JUST THE FACTORS OUTWEIGH MITIGATING, ALSO IF I DON'T GIVE HIM DEATH I WILL REWARD HIM FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE OR I WILL PUNISH HIM MORE OTHERWISE HE WON'T GET PUNISHED FOR THE MURDER. THOSE ARE OUTSIDE THE SENTENCING SCHEME IN THE STATE. THOSE ARE OUTSIDE THE STRUCTURES AND CASE LAW FROM THIS COURT TO DEAL WITH GUIDED DISCRETION WE HAVE TO ENSURE, CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE DEATH PENALTY. >> WELL, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS ALL IN CONTEXT THOUGH, HE MAKES A STATEMENT ABOUT THE IMPOSITION OF A LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE FIRST THREE MURDERS. REWARD TO HIM FOR HIS ELABORATE SCHEME BY USING MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT TO THWART JUSTICE. THEY WERE THE FOLLOW, THE VERY NEXT SENTENCE IS, A LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE FIRST-DEGREE MURDER WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THIS COURT'S FINDING THAT THE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT OUTWEIGH THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT SEEMS LIKE HE, OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO THIS BUT IT ALL SEEMS TO COME BACK TO THIS WEIGHING OF THE MITIGATING

AND AGGRAVATING. DOES IT? DOES IT OR DOES IT NOT? >> I MEAN I CAN'T TELL. I THINK IT WAS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FACTOR GOING THROUGH HIS MIND IN MAKING THE DECISION, OTHERWISE HE WOULDN'T HAVE WRITTEN IT THAT WAY. >> WHY IS THE SENTENCE, COULD IT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS THOUGH, THIS IS WHY I'M REJECTING WHAT THEIR EXPERT HAD TO SAY? I MEAN THAT'S WHAT HE WAS SAYING. THAT IS MY THOUGHT PROCESS. THAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SET IT UP. THEN HE LIED TO THE EXPERT AND THAT IS WHAT HE SAYS IN THAT STATEMENT AND I'M REJECTING WHAT THIS EXPERT'S OPINIONS? >> BUT OUR SENTENCING PROCESS DOESN'T ALLOW A COURT TO REWARD OR PUNISH SOMEONE FOR THAT. >> I DIDN'T SAY REWARD OR PUNISH. YOU REJECT OR ACCEPT TESTIMONY, WOULD YOU NOT? >> MIGHT BE ABLE TO REJECT OR ACCEPT THE TESTIMONY. >> ISN'T THAT WHAT HE SAID? CAN IT BE READ THAT WAY? >> THE IMPOSITION OF ONLY A LIFE SENTENCE FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER COMMITTED BY OYOLA WOULD BE A REWARD TO HIM FOR HIS ELABORATE SCHEME TO USE A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT TO THAT IS RIGHT JUSTICE. HE IS USING REWARD AND PUNISHMENT SYSTEM FOR SOMETHING HE DID IN DEALING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT SAYING YOU GET LIFE OR DEATH BECAUSE OF THAT. THAT IS WHAT THE JUDGE IS SAYING WITH THAT STATEMENT. THAT IS NOT PART OF OUR, I MEAN THAT IS JUST-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

PATRICK DELANEY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA. JUSTICE LEWIS, I WANT TO TURN FIRST TO YOUR OUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THESE STATEMENTS TAINT THE ENTIRE ORDER THAT HAS BEEN, THAT WE NOW HAVE IN FRONT OF US AND THE ANSWER IS NO. WE HAVE A 15-PAGE ORDER AND AT MOST WE HAVE TWO OR THREE STATEMENTS THROUGHOUT ITS ENTIRETY THAT ARE COLORFUL OR INARTICULATE IS MAYBE A GOOD WAY OF PUTTING IT. WHILE OPPOSING COUNSEL ASSERTS THIS REASONING IS PREVALENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ORDER IT'S NOT. >> BUT HERE'S THE THING. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, ARE YOU, DO YOU AGREE THAT THE STATEMENT THAT IF A JUDGE SAYS, I'M IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY IN A ARMED ROBBERY MURDER CASE BECAUSE OTHERWISE I WOULD REWARD A ROBBERY, THE MURDER BY ONLY GIVING A LIFE SENTENCE? IF THAT WAS THE JUDGE'S REASONING, IS THAT PROPER OR NOT PROPER? >> IN THIS CASE? >> JUST, AS A MATTER THAT IT IS EXTRAPOLATING TO SAY-->> IF THE TRIAL COURT HAS POSITION OF AUTOMATIC DEATH FOR FELONY MURDER THAT IS NOT PROPER. >> 0KAY. WE DON'T KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE OTHER ORDERS OF JUDGE SMITH HERE. WE HAVE THIS CASE. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A DECEASED JUDGE. THE PROBLEM IS, IF IT'S ERROR, THEN WITH WE'RE STRUGGLING WITH, IS IT HARMLESS BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT? AND IT IS ONE THING TO SAY, WELL THE JURY RECOMMENDED DEATH AND IT'S ANOTHER THING TO SAY THAT ANOTHER JUDGE, THAT THIS IS A PROPORTIONATE SENTENCE WHICH, IT APPEARS TO BE. AND, BUT IT IS THIRD THING TO SAY THAT THE, THE, UNDER OUR DEATH PENALTY SCHEME YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A NEUTRAL JUDGE WHO DOESN'T JUST FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION. MY CONCERN IS, THIS SENTENCE IS NOT JUST AT THE END. HE SAYS WHEN HE IS LOOKING AT AGGRAVATOR, THE ARMED ROBBERY AGGRAVATOR, THE SAME THING ABOUT REWARDING SOMEBODY BECAUSE HE IS GETTING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE, FOR THE ROBBERY. HOW DO YOU TELL THEN UNDER HARMLESS ERROR BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT, AND ASK THE JUDGE, YOU KNOW, IF WE WERE, THIS WOULD BE SIMPLE I GUESS PROBABLY YOU WOULD NOT OBJECT, LET'S SEND IT BACK TO JUDGE SMITH AND HE CAN REDO HIS SENTENCING ORDER? AGAIN HOW DO WE TELL IT'S HARMLESS ERROR BEYOND A **REASONABLE DOUBT?** THAT IS WHAT I CAN, TO SAY IT IS PROBABLY EXTRANEOUS, HE DIDN'T NEED IT, MAY BE TRUE, HOW DO WE KNOW, HOW DO YOU PROVE, IF YOU'RE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE ERROR THAT IT IS HARMLESS TO MR.OYOLA BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT? >> WELL, FIRST THE PROPER REMEDY IF THE COURT DETERMINES STATEMENTS ARE IMPROPER TO GO BACK TO RESENTENCING. I DO NOT THINK THERE IS HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS THAT CAN BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE. TURNING TO WHERE THESE STATEMENTS APPEAR, THEY APPEAR, THOSE FIRST STATEMENTS ABOUT THE AARPED ROBBERY BEING A PROPER

SENTENCE, LIFE BEING PROPER SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND DEATH BEING THE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT IF THE VICTIM IS MURDERED. THAT APPEARS IN THE WEIGHT GIVEN SECTION TO THE AGGRAVATORS. SPECIFICALLY UNDER THE SUBHEADING, WEIGHT APPLIED TO THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PRECISELY-->> DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT? DID YOU SAY THAT THE HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS CAN NOT APPLY? >> I DID NOT ARGUE FOR HARMLESS ERROR IN THIS CASE. >> YOU'RE SAYING IT IS EITHER NO ERROR AT ALL OR WE HAVE TO **REVERT?** THAT IS YOUR POSITION? >> YES, JUSTICE LEWIS. THOSE STATEMENTS APPLY IN THE UNDER SUBHEADING WEIGHT GIVEN TO THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH IS PRECISELY WHERE THEY WERE FOUND-->> SEEMS TO ME THAT UNDER THAT SECTION IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE EGREGIOUS BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE PUTTING IT IN THE BALANCE OF THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE KNOW THAT AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ONLY BE THE STATUTORY AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES. SO HOW IN THE WORLD DOES THAT HELP YOU BY HIM PUTTING THAT AS A PART OF THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES? >> WELL THE JUDGE MERGED PECUNIARY GAIN AND ARMED ROBBERY WHICH AGAIN I THINK IS THE GREATER EMPHASIS ON THAT PARTICULAR AGGRAVATOR. FIRST IT WAS MERGED AND SECOND THE JUDGE INARTICULATELY OR COLORFULLY PLACING A GREAT AMOUNT OF EMPHASIS ON THAT AGGRAVATOR. >> THAT'S THE PROBLEM TO ME.

WE WANT INDIVIDUAL WEIGHING. SO IF WE SAID IT'S OKAY THAT YOU GIVE, AS A JUDGE, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS GIVE GREAT WEIGHT TO THE ARMED ROBBERY AGGRAVATOR BECAUSE, BECAUSE ARMED ROBBERY GIVES YOU A LIFE SENTENCE AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES. WE ALMOST HAVE, AND IT'S, YOU HAVE THIS JUDGE HE WILL SAY HE WILL GET AWAY WITH MURDER, YOU HAVE AN AUTOMATIC AGGRAVATOR. THAT IS WHY DEFENDANTS HAVE BEEN ARGUING FOR YEARS THAT FELONY MURDER IS, THAT THAT IS ALMOST LIKE AN AUTOMATIC DEATH SENTENCE BECAUSE YOU HAVE ROBBERY AS AN ADDITIONAL AGGRAVATOR. NOW HERE I DON'T KNOW IF PREMEDITATION FOUND ALSO? >> YES. >> SO IT MIGHT BE, THIS MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT IT IS A PROBLEMATIC TO ME THAT THAT'S WHY HE IS GIVING GREAT WEIGHT. IF I DON'T GIVE GREAT WEIGHT, AND AS JUSTICE QUINCE I THINK WAS SAYING, YOU MAY LOOK AT THAT ROBBERY, YOU'VE GOT ROBBERY, WHATEVER HAC HERE WHICH BY THE WAY IS A PRETTY GREAT AGGRAVATOR IN THIS CASE, BUT, GIVING THIS UNDUE EMPHASIS TO THE ARMED ROBBERY, WHICH THEN APPEARS AT THE END OF THE SENTENCING ORDER. >> WELL IT IS THE TRIAL COURT'S DISCRETION HOW MUCH WEIGHT HE GIVES ON A PARTICULAR AGGRAVATOR. >> BUT IF WE SAY HOW IS WEIGHED IF THE DISCRETION IS GUIDED BY HE WILL GET AWAY WITH MURDER? THAT IS NOT INDIVIDUAL TO THIS CASE. THAT IS EVERY ROBBERY CASE THAT RESULTS WHERE THERE'S A MURDER. >> THE STATEMENT DOES NOT SAY, IN EVERY CASE. THE AT THE SAME TIME IS

OPEN-ENDED. IT DOES NOT SAY IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE MUCH LIKE IN KILGORE AND IN GLOBE. THOSE STATEMENTS ARE VERY OPEN-ENDED. IN GLOBE THE LANGUAGE WAS, WITHOUT THE DEATH PENALTY THERE IS NO DETERRENCE. WITHOUT THE DEATH PENALTY THERE IS NO PUNISHMENT. >> YOU DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE THAT I SEE, WE ALL TALK ABOUT WHICH IS THE GREATEST AGGRAVATORS AND TO ME A PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY, WHEN SOMEONE IS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, IS PROBABLY UP THERE WITH MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT THE TOP. AND A LOT OF THESE PRISON CASES HAVE BOTH OF THOSE, THEY FIGURE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. NOT THIS CASE. SO I MEAN I DON'T-->> THIS COURT'S REASONING DIDN'T HINGE ON THE UNDERLYING FACTS IN GLOBE. IT HINGED WHERE THAT STATEMENT APPEARED IN THE SENTENCING ORDER IN RELATION TO THE WEIGHT GIVEN TO THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES. A STATEMENT OR A POLICY BY A TRIAL COURT OF AUTOMATIC DEATH PENALTY FOR A PARTICULAR UNDERLYING OFFENSE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL REGARDLESS OF THE UNDERLYING CIRCUMSTANCES. AND HERE THE TRIAL COURT FELT THAT THE ROBBERY AND PECUNIARY GAIN AGGRAVATORS DESERVE AD GREATER AMOUNT OF EMPHASIS AND PLACED THAT EMPHASIS ON THEM AND PLACED THAT STATEMENT WITHIN ITS WEIGHING PORTION OF THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE INITIAL STATEMENT, THE STATEMENT REGARDING THE MENTAL HEALTH MITIGATION, FIRST OF ALL,

LET'S BE CLEAR, MENTAL HEALTH MITIGATION WAS GIVEN SLIGHT WEIGHT AS A NON-STATUTORY MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE. THE TRIAL COURT DID ENUNCIATE THAT, THAT WAS AFFIRMED ON DIRECT APPEAL BY THIS COURT. THAT STATEMENT ALSO APPEARS, DOES APPEAR UNDER THE SUBHEADING UNDER ANALYSIS OF THE AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES. AS JUSTICE CANADY POINTED OUT, THE VERY NEXT SENTENCE SHOWS THE TRIAL COURT'S WEIGHING AND BALANCE OF THE AGGRAVATION VERSUS THE MITIGATION. THAT PARAGRAPH IS THE TRIAL COURT'S CONCLUSORY PARAGRAPH OF THE ENTIRE SENTENCING ORDER. BECAUSE AFTER THAT IT IS PENALTY IMPOSED. >> COULDN'T THAT SENTENCE ALSO BE READ TO SAY, I'M GIVING THE DEATH PENALTY BECAUSE THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OUTWEIGH MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES? I'M GIVING THE DEATH PENALTY, BECAUSE WITHOUT GIVING HIM A DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDER THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT AS HE IS GETTING A LIFE SENTENCE? >> I-->> SEEMS TO ME THAT SENTENCE CAN BE READ AS TWO DIFFICULT REASONS WHY THE TRIAL JUDGE IS GIVING THE DEATH SENTENCE. >> I BELIEVE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT SENTENCES. IF YOU'RE REFERRING BACK TO THE ARMED ROBBERY, THE ARMED ROBBERY STATEMENT AND WEIGHING THE AGGRAVATORS, RIGHT IN ISOLATION IT CAN, BUT READ IN THE TOTALITY OF THIS ORDER I BELIEVE NOT. I WAS REFERRING TO AT THE END WHERE THE TRIAL COURT HAS SAID, TO SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO LIFE WOULD BE A REWARD FOR HIS

ELABORATE SCHEME TO THWART JUSTICE, TO USE MENTAL HEALTH TO THWART JUSTICE. >> HE MAKES BOTH OF THOSE STATEMENTS AT THE END. LIFE SENTENCE IN-- HE WOULD GET NO ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT, RIGHT? >> DOES BUT HE ALSO REFERENCES THE JURY'S-->> HE ALSO SAYS AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES. >> BUT HE ALSO REFERENCES THE JURY'S VOTE OF 9-3. HE SAYS TO OVERRIDE THE JURY'S VOTE WOULD BE A REWARD. THIS IS PART OF THE TRIAL COURT'S INARTICULATE WAY OF FORMULATING HIS ANALYSIS WHICH HE WAS ASKED TO DO. HE WAS-->> BUT AT SOME POINT, AT SOME POINT, DOESN'T INARTICULATE BECOME ERRONEOUS? YOU'RE BASICALLY CONCEDING IF THERE IS ERROR HERE, THEN IT IS A REVERSAL BECAUSE WE CAN'T APPLY HARMLESS ERROR ANALYSIS. I VERY MUCH RESPECT YOUR CONCESSION ON THAT POINT. THAT IS PROBABLY A CORRECT CONCESSION. BUT THIS, HOW TO SEPARATE HERE WHAT IS JUST COLORFUL AND INARTICULATE FROM WHAT GOES INTO ERRONEOUS IS A LITTLE TRICKY. >> IT IS DIFFICULT AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THE ENTIRE ORDER HAS TO BE READ AND NOT CHERRY-PICK INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT BECAUSE DOING THAT, THESE STATEMENTS DO APPEAR VERY POOR, READ IN ISOLATION. >> HERE IS THE THING. WE, FIRST OF ALL, AS YOU KNOW, WE, ALL TRIAL JUDGES WHO HEAR GO THROUGH DEATH PENALTY COURSE AND REFRESHER COURSE AND WE EMPHASIZE THE SENTENCING ORDER IS SOMETHING WE'LL REVIEW WILL

BE THERE UNTIL THE DEATH WARRANT IS EXECUTED AND TO SAY, WHAT YOU'RE ASKING US TO SAY IS THAT WHAT, THIS IS JUST COLORFUL LANGUAGE. I CAN'T BO THERE. I MEAN I CAN'T GO THERE. I FEEL FOR THE VICTIMS IN THIS CASE BUT, WE'VE GOT TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRITY OF THE DEATH PENALTY BY MAKING SURE THAT EVERY PART OF THE PROCESS IS DONE WITHOUT ERROR AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN SEPARATE AND SAY, NO, THESE, THIS THINKING DID NOT AFFECT HIS WEIGHING OF THE DEATH PENALTY. MAYBE IT IS HOW HE FELT AND THAT'S, WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. WE CAN'T HAVE A JUDGE DECIDING SORT OF, WE CAN'T HAVE THEM DO TWO THINGS. WE CAN'T HAVE THEM SAY BECAUSE THE JURY RECOMMENDED DEATH, I'M GOING WITH DEATH, RIGHT? WE KNOW THAT. DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT? >> OKAY YES. >> AND WE CAN'T HAVE A JUDGE SAYING, MY POLICY IF THERE'S A ROBBERY I WILL GIVE THE DEATH PENALTY. YOU AGREE WITH THAT? >> YES. >> SO REALLY GOES BACK TO CAN WE SEPARATE OUT AND SAY THIS WAS INARTFUL LANGUAGE AS OPPOSED TO AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE REASONING OF THIS JUDGE IN IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE SEPARATE THAT. >> I THINK IT SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED OUT. I THINK IT HAS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION OF THE ENTIRE ORDER. >> I WAS JUST, WHEN I READ THIS, AND I HAD TO REREAD IT AND REREAD IT, I HAVE NEVER SEEN--THIS REALLY, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING IN OUR JURISPRUDENCE OR

IN, THAT I'VE SEEN AN ORDER THAT HAS THIS TYPE OF LANGUAGE AND I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING LIKE IT. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR, WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR CANDOR. >> THIS ENTIRE ORDER MUST BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY. WHILE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE DOES IN ISOLATION APPEAR IMPROPER, WHEN READ IN THE ENTIRE CONTEXT IT DOES SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF CAMPBELL AND THOSE STATEMENTS BY ITSELF DO NOT TAINT THE ENTIRETY OF THE 1546 PAGE ORDER. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED REASONS THE STATE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS COURT'S AFFIRM MR. OYOLA'S SENTENCE AND FIND THE SECOND REVISED SENTENCING ORDER AS LEGALLY SOUND, THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> MR. McLAIN, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. >> I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD. THANK YOU.