

No. 21-1173  
IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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JOE ELTON NIXON,

*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

*Respondent.*

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**Brief in Opposition**

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

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