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Ramkhalawan v. State, 33 Fla. L. Weekly D292 (Fla. 4<sup>th</sup> DCA 2008):

Child victim's testimony which was inconsistent with pre-trial recantation, but consistent with initial statements to police, supported convictions for capital sexual battery.

Letter from child victim's father stating that he was going to kill himself if victim did not recant accusations against relative was not hearsay in prosecution for capital sexual battery; the letter was admitted to show its effect on victim who recanted accusations before trial, but then testified for prosecution.

Letter from child victim's father stating that he was going to kill himself if victim did not recant molestation accusations against relative was not testimonial, and, thus, admitting it did not violate confrontation clause.