# CAPTION: STATE V. STANFORD

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SUMMARY:

In a criminal prosecution for drug trafficking and possession, the trial court did not err in denying defendant’s motion to suppress items police recovered from defendant’s vehicle after a drug dog alerted on defendant’s vehicle where police stopped defendant’s vehicle because it matched a description of a vehicle that had been involved in a recent shooting; the drug dog arrived on the scene contemporaneously with the initial stop; police used the drug dog to sniff a grassy area near the vehicle based on an officer’s belief that defendant had thrown an object out of the vehicle window; and once the drug dog completed searching the hill, and after officers spoke with detectives regarding the shooting investigation, police immediately used the drug dog to sniff defendant’s vehicle.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

JUDGES: OPINION by WINKLER, J.; ZAYAS, P.J., and BERGERON, J., CONCUR.