# CAPTION: STATE V. GOWDY

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SUMMARY:

The trial court’s premature ruling on self-defense did not coerce defendant into entering a guilty plea where defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently chose to plead guilty to reduced charges rather than risk a trial on greater charges.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

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