DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FOURTH DISTRICT

DR. TERRENCE NARINESINGH,
Appellant,

v.

BRICKBOX FEDERAL, LLC,
Appellee.

No. 4D2025-3787

[November 18, 2026]

Appeal from the County Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County; Jackie Powell, Judge; L.T. Case No. 062025CC048527AXXXCE.

Terrence Narinesingh, Fort Lauderdale, pro se.

Darren Ayoub of Barfield McCain Ayoub, P.A., West Palm Beach, for appellee.

SHAW, J.

This appeal follows a final judgment of eviction entered for the landlord and against the tenant. We affirm without discussion the issues raised by the tenant on appeal. We write briefly, however, to address concerns with citations in the tenant's amended initial brief.

While the tenant, who is proceeding pro se, filed an amended initial brief to correct one hallucinated citation, the amended initial brief still contained multiple citations to real cases that did not actually stand for the propositions cited.[1]

[1] On October 14, 2026, we entered an order to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed on the tenant for filing an amended initial brief that appeared to include fabricated or "hallucinated" references to non-existent or inaccurately-cited legal authorities. The tenant responded, accepting responsibility for his errors and acknowledging "certain authorities in the Amended Initial Brief were not adequately verified and that some citations, quotations, and propositions attributed to judicial decisions require correction or withdrawal." Resp. to Order to Show Cause at 2.

It is well-established that the submission of fictitious, fabricated, or otherwise inaccurate case law is sanctionable, even where a party is not an attorney and is proceeding pro se. *See, e.g.*, *Gouldy v. Chiasson*, No. 4D2025-1289, 2026 WL 2104492, at *11 (Fla. 4th DCA July 22, 2026), *reh'g denied*, (Aug. 28, 2026); *Avery v. Beauzil*, No. 4D2026-0406, 2026 WL 1475262, at *4 (Fla. 4th DCA May 27, 2026); *Gutierrez v. Gutierrez*, 399 So. 3d 1185, 1188 (Fla. 3d DCA 2024). "This includes citations to cases that do not stand for what is argued." *Eclectic Synergy, LLC v. Seredin*, 435 So. 3d 1074, 1078 (Fla. 4th DCA 2026). "Such misleading arguments are just as egregious as citations to non-existent cases." *Id.* (citing *Clerk of Court & Comptroller for 13th Jud. Cir., Hillsborough Cnty. v. Rangel*, 427 So. 3d 1069, 1071 (Fla. 2d DCA 2025) (sanctioning counsel for filing a brief that, among other things, "misstated court holdings")).

While we decline to issue sanctions at this time, the tenant is cautioned that future issues with citations in filings with this court may result in sanctions under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.410(a).

Affirmed.

MAY and SHEPHERD, JJ., concur.

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Not final until disposition of timely-filed motion for rehearing.