IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL FIRST DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

HELEN ATKINS,

v.

Petitioner,

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED.

CASE NO. 1D04-1377

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed January 27, 2005.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Helen Atkins, pro se, petitioner.

Charlie Crist, Attorney General, and Philip W. Edwards, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition for belated appeal is granted. Petitioner shall be allowed a belated appeal from the judgment and sentence rendered on February 18, 2003, in Leon County Circuit Court case number 2002-CF-3174. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, a copy of this opinion shall be provided to the clerk of the circuit court for

treatment as the notice of appeal. Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D). If petitioner qualifies for appointed counsel, the trial court shall appoint counsel to represent petitioner on appeal.

PETITION GRANTED.

BENTON, LEWIS and THOMAS, JJ., concur.