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

ANTHONY HARDY,

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

Appellant,

v.

CASE NO. 1D06-3431

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

Opinion filed May 4, 2009.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Gadsden County. P. Kevin Davey, Judge.

Nancy A. Daniels, Public Defender, and Kathleen Stover, Assistant Public Defender, Tallahassee, for Appellant.

Bill McCollum, Attorney General, and Trisha Meggs Pate, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

The State concedes the sentencing court erred in imposing life sentences for appellant Anthony Hardy's convictions for attempted felony murder. The State's concession of error is both professional and correct. A sentencing court may not reclassify attempted felony murder, a first-degree felony, as a life felony on the

basis of the defendant's use of a firearm, when firearm use is an essential element of the underlying felony, as it was here. See <u>Traylor v. State</u>, 785 So. 2d 1179, 1181 (Fla. 2000). Accordingly, the case is remanded for resentencing with respect to appellant's attempted felony murder convictions.

REVERSED and REMANDED.

KAHN, THOMAS, and ROBERTS, JJ., CONCUR.