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

RHETT MASON,

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

Petitioner,

CASE NO. 1D08-2678

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.	
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Opinion filed February 24, 2009.

Petition for Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Rhett Mason, pro se, Petitioner.

Bill McCollum, Attorney General, and C. Bowen Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition is granted and Rhett Mason is hereby afforded a belated appeal from judgment and sentence in case numbers 06-2684, 06-2685, 06-2686, 06-2687, 06-

2967, 06-2995, and 06-2996 in Okaloosa County Circuit Court. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, a copy of this opinion will be provided to the clerk of the circuit court, with directions that it be treated as a notice of appeal. Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D).

The circuit court is directed to appoint counsel to represent petitioner in the appeal, if he qualifies for such an appointment.

PETITION GRANTED.

WEBSTER, BROWNING, and LEWIS, JJ., CONCUR.