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

LEONDRAY KIRKLAND,

Petitioner,

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

v.

CASE NO. 1D11-3132

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed August 31, 2011.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal.

Leondray Kirkland, pro se, Petitioner.

Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, and Brooke Poland, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence rendered on November 22, 2010, in Duval County Circuit Court case number 2009-CF-7708 is granted. Upon issuance of mandate, a copy of this opinion shall be furnished to the lower tribunal for treatment as a notice of appeal. The Court notes that the

lower tribunal has already appointed the Office of the Public Defender, Fourth Judicial Circuit, to represent petitioner on appeal, and construes the order of appointment as extending to the belated appeal authorized by this opinion.

VAN NORTWICK, MARSTILLER, and SWANSON, JJ., CONCUR.