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

AHMAD J. SMITH,

Appellant,

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

v.

CASE NO. 1D11-1226

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

Opinion filed May 8, 2012.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Bay County. Don T. Sirmons, Judge.

William Mallory Kent, Jacksonville, for Appellant.

Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, and Christine Ann Guard, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

The appellant's request for a belated appeal of his judgment and sentence in Bay County Circuit Court case number 06-3679CFMC is granted. The Clerk of the lower tribunal is directed to prepare and transmit the record on appeal no later

than 30 days from the date of this order. The initial brief shall be filed within 30 days thereafter. If the appellant qualifies for the appointment of counsel at public expense, the lower tribunal shall appoint counsel to represent him in the belated appeal authorized by this opinion.

VAN NORTWICK, WETHERELL, and ROWE, JJ., CONCUR.