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

JAMES MARK GE	ORGE	F.
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Petitioner,

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

CASE NO. 1D03-2551

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed December 11, 2003.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

James Mark George, petitioner, pro se.

Charlie Crist, Attorney General, and Sherri Tolar Rollison, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for respondent.

PER CURIAM.

Upon consideration of the report and recommendation of the special master, the petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence imposed on January 3,

2003, in Okaloosa County Circuit Court case number 02-426-CF, is granted. Upon issuance of mandate, a copy of this opinion shall be provided to the clerk of the circuit court for treatment as a notice of appeal. See Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D). If petitioner qualifies for the appointment of counsel at public expense, the trial court shall appoint counsel to represent petitioner on appeal.

ERVIN, BOOTH and PADOVANO, JJ., CONCUR.