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

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TO FILE REHEARING MOTION

ELVIS THOMAS,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 1D04-1431

AND

Opinion filed August 10, 2004.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Elvis Thomas, pro se, petitioner.

Charlie Crist, Attorney General, and Philip W. Edwards, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition is granted and Elvis Thomas is hereby afforded a belated appeal from the February 10, 2003, order of the Circuit Court in and for Duval County which denied his motion for postconviction relief in case number 96-10986-CF-A. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, a copy of this opinion will be provided to the clerk of the circuit court, who shall treat it as a notice of appeal. Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D).

PETITION GRANTED.

WOLF, C.J., KAHN and LEWIS, JJ., concur.