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

THOMAS L. BUTLER,

Petitioner,

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

CASE NO. 1D04-4416

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed March 4, 2005.

Amended Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Michael Rayne, Tallahassee, for petitioner.

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

PER CURIAM.

The amended petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence rendered on or about August 27, 2004, in Leon County Circuit Court case number R1998-CF-2899, is granted. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, 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).

ERVIN, KAHN and BENTON, JJ., concur.