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

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO

FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND

DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

WILLIAM E. HARDEE,

Appellant,

v.

CASE NO. 1D04-5630

ROSE MARIE HARDEE,

Appellee.

Opinion filed March 4, 2005.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Alachua County. Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Judge.

Wendy S. Loquasto, Tallahassee, for Appellant.

Daniel T. O'Connell, Gainesville, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

Upon consideration of the appellant's response to the Court's order of January 24, 2005, the Court has determined that the appellant's untimely motion for rehearing did not delay rendition of the underlying final judgment. <u>See</u> Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.530(b); Fla. R. App. P. 9.020(h). Thus, the notice of appeal was insufficient to timely invoke the Court's jurisdiction. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby dismissed as untimely.

WEBSTER, PADOVANO and HAWKES, JJ., CONCUR.