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

WILLIAM FLOYD GAY,

Petitioner,

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

CASE NO. 1D05-3121

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed October 3, 2005.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

William Floyd Gay, pro se, petitioner.

Charlie Crist, Attorney General, and Tracy Lee Cooper, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition is granted and William Floyd Gay is hereby afforded a belated appeal from the order denying postconviction relief in case number 00-2236G in the Circuit Court in and for Bay County. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, a copy of the opinion will be provided to the clerk of the lower tribunal to be treated as a notice of appeal. Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D).

PETITION GRANTED.

BENTON, PADOVANO and BROWNING, JJ., concur.