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

STEVEN NIXON,

Petitioner,

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

v.

CASE NO. 1D07-0370

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.	

Opinion filed May 21, 2007.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Steven Nixon, pro se, Petitioner.

Bill McCollum, Attorney General, and Thomas D. Winokur, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition is granted and Steven Nixon is hereby afforded a belated appeal of the order denying motion to correct illegal sentence in case number 97-171-CF in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County. Upon issuance of mandate in this cause, a copy of this opinion will be provided to the clerk of the circuit court, with directions that it be treated as a notice of appeal. Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c)(5)(D).

BROWNING, C.J., POLSTON and HAWKES, JJ., CONCUR.