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

FREDIS TORRES,

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

Petitioner,

CASE NO. 1D08-4786

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Re	spondent.	

Opinion filed February 19, 2009.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Fredis Torres, pro se, Petitioner.

Bill McCollum, Attorney General, and Natalie D. Kirk, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence rendered February 19, 2008, in Okaloosa County Circuit Court case number 07-CF-1025-C, is granted. Upon issuance of mandate, 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). If petitioner qualifies for the appointment of counsel, the circuit court is directed to appoint counsel to represent him on appeal.

VAN NORTWICK, PADOVANO, and CLARK, JJ., CONCUR.