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

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DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

JAMES LEE COPELAND,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 1D12-3851

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Opinion filed April 22, 2013.

Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

James Lee Copeland, pro se, Petitioner.

Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, Tallahassee, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

The petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence rendered on or about March 7, 2011, in Gadsden County Circuit Court case number 10-00163-CFA, is granted. Upon issuance of mandate a copy of this opinion shall be furnished to the clerk of the lower tribunal for treatment as a notice of appeal. If petitioner qualifies for the appointment of counsel at public expense, the lower tribunal is directed to appoint counsel to represent him in the appeal authorized by this opinion. LEWIS, THOMAS, and MAKAR, JJ., CONCUR.