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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
OF FLORIDA
SECOND DISTRICT

ERROL D. BROOKS,)
Appellant,)
V.) Case No. 2D06-648
STATE OF FLORIDA,)
Appellee.)
)

Opinion filed September 22, 2006.

Appeal pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(b)(2) from the Circuit Court for Polk County; Dennis P. Maloney, Judge.

SILBERMAN, Judge.

Errol D. Brooks appeals the summary denial of his motion to correct illegal sentence filed pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.800(a). We reverse and remand for further proceedings.

Brooks's rule 3.800(a) motion challenges the life sentence he received at resentencing following our decision in <u>Brooks v. State</u>, 768 So. 2d 513 (Fla. 2d DCA 2000). We note, and the State concedes, that the trial court resentenced Brooks prior to the issuance of our mandate in <u>Brooks</u>. As a result, the trial court lacked jurisdiction

to resentence Brooks. See Wallen v. State, 909 So. 2d 520, 520-21 (Fla. 5th DCA 2005).

We also note that our instructions in <u>Brooks</u> were not completely accurate. Therefore, on remand, Brooks is entitled to be resentenced in accordance with the sentencing guidelines applicable to his conviction, but the State shall have the right to seek an upward departure sentence. <u>See Fain v. State</u>, 888 So. 2d 762, 763 (Fla. 2d DCA 2004). If the trial court finds an upward departure to be appropriate, it must file contemporaneous written reasons for the departure. <u>Id.</u>

Reversed and remanded with directions.

WHATLEY and STRINGER, JJ., Concur.