Supreme Court of Florida

No. SC07-815

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Petitioner,

VS.

HENRY BLANTON,

Respondent.

[January 15, 2009]

LEWIS, J.

We have for review <u>Blanton v. State</u>, 956 So. 2d 480 (Fla. 5th DCA 2007), in which the Fifth District Court of Appeal certified a question of great public importance. We have jurisdiction. <u>See</u> art. V, § 3(b)(4), Fla. Const.

We stayed proceedings in this case pending our disposition of <u>Martinez v.</u>

<u>State</u>, 981 So. 2d 449 (Fla. 2008). When our decision in <u>Martinez</u> became final, we issued an order directing the parties to show cause why we should not exercise jurisdiction, quash the <u>Blanton</u> decision, and remand for reconsideration in light of our decision in <u>Martinez</u>. Upon consideration of the responses to our order, we have determined to exercise jurisdiction.

We accordingly grant the petition for review in the present case. The decision under review is quashed, and this matter is remanded to the Fifth District Court of Appeal for reconsideration upon application of this Court's decision in Martinez.

It is so ordered.

QUINCE, C.J., WELLS, PARIENTE, CANADY, and POLSTON, JJ., and ANSTEAD, Senior Justice, concur.

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION, AND IF FILED, DETERMINED.

Application for Review of the Decision of the District Court of Appeal - Certified Great Public Importance

Fifth District - Case No. 5D05-3786

(Lake County)

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