

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

CHRISTOPHER RICE,

Petitioner,

v.

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

CASE NO. 1D12-0105

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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Opinion filed March 22, 2012.

Amended Petition Seeking Belated Appeal -- Original Jurisdiction.

Jeffrey A. Siegmeister, Lake City, for Petitioner.

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

PER CURIAM.

The amended petition seeking a belated appeal of the judgment and sentence rendered on December 5, 2011, in Columbia County Circuit Court case number 10-169-CF, 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 belated appeal authorized by this opinion.

PADOVANO, LEWIS, and WETHERELL, JJ., CONCUR.