

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

JULY TERM 2010

ANDREW PRESTON,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 5D10-3308

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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Opinion filed December 23, 2010

Petition for Belated Appeal,
A Case of Original Jurisdiction.

Andrew J. Preston, Zephyrhills, pro se.

Bill McCollum, Attorney General,
Tallahassee, and Wesley Heidt,
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Beach, for Respondent.

ORFINGER, J.

Petitioner, Andrew Preston, seeks a belated appeal of his sentence entered at his July 30, 2010, resentencing hearing. See Fla. R. App. P. 9.141(c).

Petitioner claims that he was not represented at the hearing, and that as a result of this lack of representation, he was deprived of the advice of counsel regarding his right to appeal. Because the State does not dispute Petitioner's assertion that counsel did not appear at the resentencing hearing, we grant the instant petition. See Rosado v. State, 864 So. 2d 533, 534 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004) ("After reviewing the petition, and the

state's response, we find the state has no 'good faith basis' to request an evidentiary hearing."). Furthermore, a resentencing hearing is a critical stage in criminal proceedings at which Petitioner has the right to assistance of counsel. See Jones v. State, 35 So. 3d 69 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010); Davis v. State, 800 So. 2d 336 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001). Because counsel was not present, we elect to grant Petitioner a belated appeal, summarily reverse the trial court's sentencing order, and remand the matter for a new sentencing hearing. Petitioner shall be represented by counsel at resentencing. Under the circumstances of this case, further review of Petitioner's resentencing order would constitute an unnecessary waste of judicial resources.

PETITION GRANTED; REVERSED AND REMANDED.

GRIFFIN and EVANDER, JJ., concur.