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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 97-CF-9232-AXXX Div.: CR-A

JASON STEPHENS,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant, through counsel, takes and enters his appeal to the Florida Supreme Court to review the order of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, Florida, dated April 18, 2017, and docketed on April 18, 2017; and all other rulings, actions, or acts rendered adversely to the Defendant in support of said judgment.

The nature of the order appealed from is the denial of Defendant's Motion for Post-Conviction Relief in the above captioned case. All parties to said cause are hereby notified of the entry of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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<u>/s/ Billy H. Nolas</u> Billy H. Nolas

STATE OF FLORIDA DUVAL COUNTY

I, UNDERSIGNED Clerk of the Circuit & County Courts, Duval County, Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing, consisting of 2 pages, is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears on record and file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit & County Courts of Duval County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and seal of Clerk of Circuit & CountyCourts at Jacksonville, Florida, this the ______ day of may A.D., 20 _____.



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