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## Commonwealth v. Alfonso Sanchez

Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court following his conviction of two counts of First Degree Murder, two counts of Criminal Conspiracy, one count of Criminal Attempt of Criminal Homicide and related offenses. The jury returned with a Sentence of Death for the murder of Lisa Diaz. In accordance with the jury's verdict the Court imposed a Sentence of Death and also sentenced Defendant to a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment, consecutive to the Death Sentence, for the murder of Mendez Thomas. The Court held that there is no merit to the allegations of error raised by Defendant.

*Criminal law – First Degree Murder – Sentence of Death – Consolidation of charges – Sufficiency of evidence – Mitigating evidence – Held, Defendant's appeal should be denied.*

1. Offenses charged in separate indictments or informations may be tried together if the evidence of each of the offenses would be admissible in a separate trial for the other and is capable of separation by the jury so that there is no danger of confusion. Pa.R.Crim.P. 582(A)(1)(a).

2. Evidence is sufficient to sustain a conviction of first-degree murder where the Commonwealth establishes that: (1) a human being was unlawfully killed; (2) the defendant is responsible for the killing; and (3) the defendant acted with malice and specific intent to kill.

3. A specific intent to kill is the state of mind which accompanies a killing which was willful, deliberate and premeditated. Specific intent to kill can be proven where the defendant knowingly applies deadly force to the person of another. The same evidence used to prove specific intent to kill may be used to establish malice.

4. A capital defendant may waive the right to present mitigating evidence, so long as the waiver was knowing, intelligent and voluntary. A court will not remove that right and compel admission of such evidence.

5. Defense counsel has no duty to introduce and argue evidence of mitigating circumstances where his client has specifically directed otherwise, and counsel cannot be deemed ineffective for abiding by the restrictions on mitigation imposed by his or her client.

C.P. Bucks County, Criminal Division, Nos. 1136-2008 and 3007-2021. First Degree Murder, Criminal Attempt of Criminal Homicide, and related offenses: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Alfonso Sanchez.

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ALAN M. RUBENSTEIN, SR., J., January 11, 2024.

### OPINION

On September 30, 2008, after a seven-day jury trial, Alfonso Sanchez (“Sanchez”), then age 26, was found guilty of First Degree Murder in the shooting deaths of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz. Sanchez was also found guilty of fifteen 15 other counts including Burglary, Criminal Attempt (Homicide of Jessica Carmona), Aggravated Assault, Possession of an Instrument of Crime, Criminal Conspiracy (Murder, Burglary, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of an Instrument of Crime), Flight to Avoid Apprehension, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person.

On October 2, 2008, at the conclusion of the penalty hearing upon the convictions for First Degree Murder, the jury returned with a Sentence of Death

for the killing of Lisa Diaz and a Sentence of Life Imprisonment for the killing of Mendez Thomas.

On October 22, 2008, this Court, in accordance with the verdict of the jury, imposed a Sentence of Death for the murder of Lisa Diaz, and a Sentence of Life Imprisonment for the murder of Mendez Thomas, that sentence to be served consecutively to the Sentence of Death.

Steven Miranda, a co-conspirator and a co-defendant of Sanchez, was also found guilty of First Degree Murder and was separately sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Sanchez filed a timely appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and this Court filed its Trial Court Opinion on March 17, 2010, together with a Supplemental Opinion on April 26, 2011.

On December 17, 2013, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania affirmed the convictions. *See Commonwealth v. Sanchez*, 623 Pa. 253, 82 A.3d 943 (Pa. 2013) [No. 605 CAP].

On January 30, 2015, Sanchez filed a Post-Conviction Relief Act (“PCRA”) Petition. The PCRA hearing was first scheduled for April 19, 2016.

Prior to the conclusion of a later PCRA hearing held on January 26, 2017, the Commonwealth informed this Court and defense counsel that they were in receipt of a DNA laboratory analysis report from the Pennsylvania State Police. The DNA report was dated October 28, 2008, which was **six days after** the date of Sanchez’s original conviction.

This laboratory report concluded that DNA samples found under Lisa Diaz’s fingernail clippings matched the DNA of Sanchez’s co-defendant, Steven Miranda. Miranda, as noted, had also been found guilty by the same jury of First Degree Murder.

Given these circumstances, and in consideration of the defense argument that the DNA match with Steven Miranda may have been exculpatory evidence for Sanchez, the Commonwealth agreed that this Court should enter an order vacating the judgment of sentence of October 22, 2008. That agreed Order was entered by this Court on January 26, 2017, and Sanchez was granted a new trial.

On February 14, 2017, this Court received a pro se Motion to Dismiss on Double Jeopardy grounds. In his pro se Motion, Sanchez alleged:

“The commonwealth intentionally suppressed evidence in the form of the DNA report and the evidence itself revealed that Steven Miranda’s (a co-defendant) DNA was under Lisa Diaz’s fingernails when she was killed” (sic).

“The prosecutor knew or should have known both pretrial and during the trial that multiple pieces of physical evidence—including the fingernail clippings had been submitted to the State Police Crime Lab for DNA analysis. The presence of a defendant’s DNA under the fingernails of a murder victim is a powerful piece of inculpatory evidence, and here it inculpated Steven Miranda. Where DNA was found under only one hand, as here, it suggests that Diaz scratched Miranda to defend herself against him as her aggressor” (sic).

This Court found that Sanchez's pro se Motion to Dismiss on Double Jeopardy grounds was not frivolous on its face, and was therefore not subject to automatic dismissal. Hearings were therefore held on October 10 and October 11, 2017, after which the Motion to Dismiss on Double Jeopardy grounds was denied.

On October 13, 2017, Sanchez's counsel filed a Notice of Appeal to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, and a Concise Statement of Errors was filed on November 3, 2017.

On December 20, 2017, this Court filed its Opinion in support of its decision to deny Sanchez's Motion to Dismiss on the grounds of Double Jeopardy. In our Opinion, we stated that "[t]here is absolutely no credible evidence that the Commonwealth engaged in intentional prosecutorial misconduct or withheld any exculpatory evidence under Brady v. Maryland." We observed that:

[t]he serology report regarding DNA found under the fingernail clippings of Lisa Diaz was not discovered until after the verdict was presented against Sanchez, and ... there is absolutely no evidence to compel the conclusion that the Commonwealth withheld this information from Sanchez's counsel.

In contrast to this assertion, as soon as the DNA laboratory report was discovered, it was immediately forwarded to Sanchez's trial counsel and it was at the urging of the Commonwealth, with an abundance of caution, that Sanchez be accorded a new trial.

Once the Commonwealth learned of the existence of this lab report, it took appropriate action immediately in informing Sanchez's trial counsel. There was no attempt to withhold it or secrete it in any fashion. We note, again, the Commonwealth, upon learning of this DNA report agreed immediately that Sanchez be accorded a new trial.

On June 28, 2018, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania affirmed our Order denying Sanchez's Double Jeopardy Motion.

In its Opinion addressing the issue of Double Jeopardy, the Superior Court did not find that the circumstances involving the late-arriving laboratory report were the product of intentional misconduct by the Commonwealth designed to prejudice Sanchez and deny him a fair trial. The Superior Court concluded:

In sum, the trial court found that there was no intent to deprive Appellant of a fair trial, and because that finding is supported by the record and our de novo review, we affirm the trial court's denial of Appellant's motion to dismiss on double jeopardy grounds."

Commonwealth v. Sanchez, 193 A.3d 1124 (Pa. Super. 2018) No. 3368 EDA 2017 unpublished memorandum, *cert. denied*, 140 S.Ct. 445, 205 L.Ed.2d 257 (2019).

Sanchez filed a Petition for Allowance of Appeal with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on September 17, 2018, which was denied on February 26, 2019. Sanchez's Application for Reconsideration was denied by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on May 8, 2019.

Sanchez's second trial was thereafter scheduled to begin on March 23, 2020, but was delayed by the covid pandemic.

On June 5, 2020, Sanchez filed a subsequent Motion to Dismiss upon Double Jeopardy grounds based upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in Commonwealth v. Kareem Johnson, 659 Pa. 277, 231 A.3d 807 (2020), decided on May 19, 2020. In this second Motion to Dismiss, Sanchez requested that this Court bar his retrial based upon the Commonwealth's errors rising to the new level of "recklessness" required for double jeopardy claims announced in Johnson.

According to Sanchez's counsel, although this Court denied the first Double Jeopardy Motion and determined that the Commonwealth did not intentionally engage in deliberate misconduct that would have denied Sanchez a fair trial, we did not address whether the Commonwealth's actions and inactions were "reckless" as announced in Johnson.

Sanchez's Motion therefore claimed that

... the Commonwealth's collective failure to adequately monitor the submission of physical evidence, i.e. Lisa Diaz's fingernail clippings, for forensic testing, and the resulting failure of the Commonwealth to provide Defendant with the lab reports generated from that testing, amounts to a reckless disregard of consequences and a lack of thoroughness, as in Kareem Johnson, in preparing for a capital murder trial.

After a hearing held on October 2, 2020, this Court issued an Order denying Sanchez's second Motion to Dismiss upon Double Jeopardy grounds.

On October 15, 2020, Sanchez filed a Notice of Appeal to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania from our denial of his second Double Jeopardy Motion to Dismiss. In his Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, filed on December 15, 2020, he raised the single issue of whether the Commonwealth acted "with recklessness and with deliberate indifference during the investigation and prosecution of Sanchez sufficient to bar retrial on double jeopardy grounds." Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, 12/15/2020.

On December 18, 2020, this Court filed an Opinion in support of the decision to deny Sanchez's second Motion to Dismiss on the grounds of Double Jeopardy. In our Opinion we observed that "Sanchez's circumstances are considerably different from that of the defendant in Kareem Johnson. Sanchez's case is distinguishable because the Commonwealth did not engage in reckless misconduct with a conscious disregard for a substantial risk of an unfair trial." Trial Court Opinion, 12/18/2020, p. 17.

On October 4, 2021, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania affirmed our Order denying Sanchez's second Motion to Dismiss based upon Double Jeopardy grounds. In its Opinion, the Superior Court stated that "[w]e agree with the [trial] court's analysis" and concluded that "[n]otwithstanding the Commonwealth's unfortunate errors in this case, they do not rise to the level of recklessness displayed in Johnson." Commonwealth v. Sanchez, 262 A.3d 1283, 1294 (Pa. Super. 2021).

On November 2, 2021, Sanchez filed a Petition for Allowance of Appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which was denied on May 18, 2022. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania denied Sanchez's Application for Reconsideration on June 17, 2022.

In the interim, on February 16, 2021, the Commonwealth filed additional criminal charges against Sanchez, alleging that while he was incarcerated at the Bucks County Correctional Facility awaiting retrial on this capital murder case, he had solicited at least three individuals to murder Jessica Carmona, a victim and key witness who testified in his first murder trial. See Memorandum of Law in Support of Commonwealth's Motion for Consolidation, 4/26/2021.

These new charges eventually included four counts of Criminal Solicitation to Commit Criminal Homicide, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Homicide, one count of Intimidation of a Witness, one count of Criminal Solicitation to Commit Intimidation of a Witness, and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Intimidation of a Witness. These charges were filed under Bucks County Docket Number CP-09-CR-0003007-2021.

On February 24, 2021, the Commonwealth filed a Motion for Consolidation seeking to consolidate these new criminal charges, filed under Bucks County Docket Number CP-09-CR-0003007-2021, with the original murder charges filed under Bucks County Docket Number CP-09-CR-0001136-2008.

After a pre-trial hearing held on January 23, 2023, the Commonwealth's Motion to Consolidate was granted by this Court and trial was scheduled for April 24, 2023.

On May 1, 2023, after a four-day trial by jury, Sanchez was found guilty of the following: two counts of Murder in the First Degree of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz; two counts of Criminal Conspiracy, Murder of the Second Degree of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Criminal Attempt of Criminal Homicide of Jessica Carmona; one count of Burglary; one count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Burglary with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Aggravated Assault of Jessica Carmona; one count of Criminal Conspiracy, Aggravated Assault of Jessica Carmona with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon of Jessica Carmona and/or Jaylene Thomas and/or Nico Thomas; one count of Possession of an Instrument of Crime; one count of Criminal Conspiracy—Possession of an Instrument of Crime with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; three counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person of Jessica Carmona, Jaylene Thomas and Nico Thomas; one count of Flight to Avoid Apprehension; and three counts of Criminal Solicitation of Criminal Homicide involving Karrol Lloyd, Anthony Sparango and Rey Curbello-Rodriguez. N.T. 5/1/23, pp. 23-32.

Two days later, on May 3, 2023, the jury returned with a Sentence of Death for the murder of Lisa Diaz after finding the aggravating circumstances that Sanchez committed the killing while in the perpetration of a felony; that in committing the killing he knowingly created a grave risk of death to another person in addition to the victim; and that he had been convicted of another murder (Mendez Thomas) at the time of the offense. N.T. 5/3/23, pp. 52-55.

On May 24, 2023, this Court, in accordance with the jury's verdict, imposed a Sentence of Death for the murder of Lisa Diaz, to be served in separate and solitary confinement. This Court also sentenced Sanchez to a mandatory Sentence of Life Imprisonment, consecutive to the Death Sentence, for the murder of Mendez Thomas.

In addition, Sanchez was sentenced to terms of imprisonment of ten to 20 years on the count of Conspiracy to Commit Murder with Steven Miranda and Alex Martinez; ten to 20 years for Criminal Attempt to Murder Jessica Carmona; ten to 20 years for Burglary; two and half to five years for Possession of an Instrument of Crime; ten to 20 years for Solicitation to Commit Murder of Jessica Carmona through Karrol Lloyd; and ten to 20 years for Solicitation to Commit Murder of Jessica Carmona through Anthony Sparango.

Each of these sentences was to be served consecutively to the previously imposed sentences, so that in addition to the Sentence of Death and Life Imprisonment, Sanchez was to serve consecutively not less than 52 1/2 nor more than 105 years imprisonment. N.T. 5/24/23, pp. 40-44.

On October 13, 2023, this Court denied Sanchez's Post-Trial/Post-Sentencing Motions, filed on June 3, 2023, and his Supplemental Post-Trial/Post-Sentencing Motions, filed on October 4, 2023, which related to issues of consolidation, sufficiency of the evidence, mitigation evidence, the "Mercy" argument and a request for a new penalty hearing.

On November 8, 2023, Sanchez filed a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and a Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal.

This Opinion is filed pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 1925(a).

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the Commonwealth as the verdict winner, the following relevant testimony was presented at Sanchez's trial:

Prior to the introduction of the jury on the first day of the trial, defense counsel conducted a colloquy of Sanchez and placed of record that Sanchez had rejected the Commonwealth's offer of a sentence of Life Imprisonment if he entered a plea of guilty, as well as an offer of a trial without a jury. M.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 33-36.

Defense counsel also requested, through a Motion in Limine, to preclude the Commonwealth from introducing statements Sanchez allegedly made to Karrol Lloyd, "as well as derivative evidence thereof, including calling the witness Anthony Sparango and introducing statements made by the Defendant allegedly to Mr. Sparango." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 38-39.

Defense counsel contended that in December of 2019, Sanchez and Karrol Lloyd had executed a general durable power of attorney which "simply showed that he had somebody that was not incarcerated that could help him with matters on the outside," and "to facilitate Mr. Sanchez to communicate with his attorneys on the outside as well." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 39-44.

This Court denied this Motion in Limine and permitted Karrol Lloyd and Anthony Sparango to testify at trial. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 44-45.

After the jurors were seated, they were then instructed, pursuant to an agreement between defense counsel and the Commonwealth, “not to consider the passage of time between the events and the trial either for or against the Commonwealth or the Defendant.” N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 45-48.

Officer Dillon Fox, of the Warminster Township Police Department, testified that on October 16, 2007, he and Officer John Crowley responded to a telephone call concerning a gunshot victim at the Bucks Landing Apartments in Warminster Township, Bucks County. When he arrived at the apartment, he observed a male lying in the hallway and a female laying next to the couch who was gasping for air. He also encountered a very distraught female, Jessica Carmona, who had been shot in the leg and was screaming, “Alfonso and Steven did this.” N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 74-76.

Officer Fox “observed [a] shell casing, some bullet holes in the walls and a lot of blood.” He said that when the EMTs arrived they found the male was dead but took the female to the hospital. After “maintaining scene security,” and speaking with neighbors who “heard gunshots and screaming and yelling,” he then provided comfort to the “two juvenile kids” present in the apartment, Jaylene and Nico Thomas. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 78-90.

The Commonwealth’s next witness, Paul Sauscerman, testified at Sanchez’s first trial but was now deceased. By agreement with defense counsel, his testimony on direct and cross-examination from the previous trial was read into the record. Sauscerman testified that he lived alone in the apartment right next door to the victims. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 94-97.

On the night of October 16, 2007, he was watching television when he heard multiple gunshots a few minutes before midnight. He then heard screaming and commotion in the hallway, and “somebody pounding on the door.” When Sauscerman opened his door, he observed a “hysterical” female holding a baby. She had been shot in the left leg and was screaming something “to the effect ‘that, oh my God, he shot them.’” When Sauscerman asked who was shot, she replied, “her sister.” N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 97-102.

Sauscerman stated that he “heard a noise in the apartment, and went in, [and] the girl was still alive ... She was laying to the left of the apartment on the floor, and she was gurgling.” Sauscerman dialed 9-1-1 “within a couple of minutes of the shots,” and he observed that “the male to the right ... wasn’t moving ... He’s bleeding from the head.” Sauscerman also “remember[ed] seeing cash on the table” inside the apartment. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 102-108.

Alexander Martinez testified about his involvement in the criminal activity at issue in this case. Martinez entered a plea of guilty to Burglary and Conspiracy and received a sentence of four to ten years from this Court. As part of his plea agreement with the Commonwealth, a charge of Criminal Homicide had been dismissed. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 109-111.

Martinez testified that at the time he committed those crimes he had also been on parole for a previous conviction of Robbery in which he had acted as an unarmed lookout for his co-defendant Steven Miranda and another co-defendant. Martinez received a sentence of 18 to 36 months' imprisonment for that conviction, and as a result of the violation of his parole in that matter he received an additional sentence of five and a half to 14 years' imprisonment for which he served the minimum five and a half years N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 111-115.

Martinez testified that in October of 2007, when he was 21 years old, he had been living with his "best friend" Steven Miranda. Martinez used marijuana and cocaine, and was a Type 1 diabetic. Martinez said he met Sanchez through Steven Miranda and had only known Sanchez for a few months prior to October 16, 2007. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 115-117.

Martinez said he sold drugs for Sanchez, explaining that "every two days Alfonso would give us something, a new pro hundred box, two boxes each, and every box had at least \$1,000 inside of every box and less than a day we're making \$4,000 for him every single day, seven days a week." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 117-118.

Martinez testified that in October 2007, Lisa Diaz had been Steven Miranda's girlfriend and that Miranda and Diaz believed she was pregnant. Martinez also knew the victims, Mendez Thomas and Jessica Carmona, from high school, and he knew they were in a relationship. Martinez said that prior to October 16, 2007, he had been to their apartment once before with Miranda, because Steven Miranda and Mendez Thomas bought drugs from each other. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 118-120.

Martinez testified that on October 16, 2007, he was at a parking lot when he saw Lisa Diaz and Steven Miranda. When Diaz left, Martinez and Miranda walked a few blocks when Alfonso Sanchez pulled up next to them in his tan Ford Explorer. Miranda got into the front passenger seat and Martinez got into the rear seat behind Miranda. They proceeded to a Wine and Spirits store on County Line Road in Warminster, Bucks County, where Sanchez purchased a bottle of alcohol. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 121-123, 170-171.

Martinez testified that they then proceeded to the house of Sanchez's friend, Mike Thompson in Hatboro, Montgomery County. Martinez said Thompson was smoking crack, and he, Sanchez and Miranda smoked marijuana, and Sanchez and Miranda were also drinking alcohol. Martinez said that Sanchez gave Thompson a CD by "50 Cent," and at Sanchez's request Thompson played the song "Someone is Going to Die Tonight" multiple times. Martinez said he recalled Sanchez "telling Steven (Miranda) to pay attention and listen to the song." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 121-123, 173.

Martinez said Sanchez then drove them to Philadelphia and parked by some garages. They entered one and Sanchez introduced him to someone named "Angel." They went into an apartment upstairs where he watched television while Sanchez, Miranda and Angel left the room. When they returned Sanchez announced they were leaving, and they proceeded to drive to Warminster Heights in Bucks County to the house of Sanchez's girlfriend "Amber." As before, Miranda was in the front



passenger seat and Martinez sat in the rear seat behind Miranda while Sanchez drove. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 124-126.

After they parked in front of Amber's house, Sanchez and Miranda drank alcohol and smoked more marijuana. Then Sanchez leaned over to Miranda and told him "to call that person you had problems with and to ask him for marijuana, and then to ask him also for an '8 ball' of coke, cocaine." When Miranda called, the person on the other line, Mendez Thomas said, "there's no coke." Sanchez then grabbed the phone from Miranda, and disguising his voice to sound like Miranda, kept asking, "do you have coke." Mendez Thomas said no, but agreed to sell them marijuana. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 126-129.

Sanchez, Miranda and Martinez then went to Mendez Thomas' Bucks Landing apartment. Although Martinez was not aware of any problem between Steven Miranda and Mendez Thomas, Martinez did not believe they were going to buy marijuana but thought instead that "Steven (Miranda) was going to fight with Mendez" because "Alfonso (Sanchez) told him (Miranda) to call Mendez, and he also mentioned, don't bullshit; you go; you stand up; you be a man and prove yourself." Sanchez parked the vehicle, Martinez got out and urinated, and then Miranda led them to the apartment. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 129-130, 177-178.

Miranda knocked on the door and Lisa Diaz answered. Miranda hugged her and "gave her a kiss" and then Sanchez, Miranda and Martinez entered the apartment. When Diaz saw Sanchez, she stepped backward and looked "scared, terrified." Martinez said Mendez Thomas and Jessica Carmona were not present in the apartment but "a young girl [was] sleeping on the couch and, I believe, it was a son that was running around in circles." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 130-132, 176-181.

After Thomas and Carmona returned to the apartment, Thomas and Miranda engaged in a marijuana deal. Miranda then handed his CD player to Martinez which was a signal to indicate to Martinez that Miranda was going to fight Thomas. Martinez said he shook his head and tried to tell Miranda not to fight Thomas. When Thomas took a few steps back, Sanchez took a few steps forward and shoved Thomas towards Miranda. When Thomas turned around and exchanged words with Sanchez, Jessica Carmona came out of the kitchen and Lisa Diaz got off the couch and they separated Sanchez and Thomas. As Thomas turned to quickly walk down the hall, Miranda ran out of the apartment and Sanchez chased after Thomas bumping into Martinez's shoulder, spinning Martinez around. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 133-137, 183-184.

Martinez said he then saw a firearm in Sanchez's right hand, and he saw Sanchez shoot Thomas. Martinez then fled the apartment, and as he ran past the window, he heard multiple shots fired. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 137-139, 184-186.

Martinez ran down an alleyway and then up a hill, but Sanchez caught up with him and was standing over him with the firearm in his hand. He ordered Martinez to walk with him to Amber's house. When they arrived, he told Martinez to sit on the couch and placed the firearm on a small table. He said Sanchez told his girlfriend Amber that he had killed Thomas and Diaz, but wasn't sure if he had killed Carmona because she "wasn't his target." Sanchez then directed Amber to retrieve his vehicle,

and when it arrived Sanchez drove him to a house in Philadelphia. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 139-142.

Martinez testified that when they arrived, they walked into a small room in the basement where Miranda and Amber's mother, Lisa, were already present. They remained there until the early morning when the television news reported that Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz had been shot and killed. Sanchez then ran into another room and retrieved different shoes for himself, Miranda, and Martinez to wear. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 142-144.

After changing their shoes, Sanchez drove with Martinez and Miranda to a location in Philadelphia. Miranda sat in the passenger seat and Martinez sat behind him. When Sanchez stopped the car and got out, leaving the keys, Miranda jumped into the driver's seat, and they fled. They drove to a location in Philadelphia called "Camel Hill" and decided to turn themselves in to the police. Martinez said when they left the vehicle, he did not see any guns present inside the vehicle. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 144-147.

Martinez testified that when they first met with the police detectives, he was not completely truthful because Miranda wanted to "create a story." Martinez insisted, however, that Sanchez had been the shooter in these homicides. He stated that after he had been incarcerated, he encountered Sanchez who promised to buy him "a Porsche Boxster" if he "stuck to what he says and do what he tells me to do." N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 145-149, 164.

Debra Thomas testified that she had two children, one of whom was Mendez Thomas. She identified a photograph of her son with her granddaughter, Jaylene, who lives with her. She stated she learned of Mendez's murder that night when Jessica Carmona, her son's "fiancée," called to let her know. She said she went to the hospital and spoke with Jessica, who was distraught, and learned that Mendez was dead. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 197-200.

Detective Sean Harold of the Warminster Township Police Department testified that he was a member of the Special Investigations Unit and had been assigned to the murder investigation of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz. Detective Harold stated that they quickly identified Martinez, Miranda, and Sanchez as possible suspects with Sanchez as the shooter. He stated that after obtaining arrest warrants, Martinez and Miranda turned themselves in on the evening of October 17th and provided statements to the police. Sanchez was eventually apprehended with the assistance of the United States Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force in the early morning hours on October 25, 2007, at 244 Apartment A, Garden Avenue within Horsham Township, Montgomery County. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 202-208.

Detective Harold testified that Sanchez's Ford Explorer was recovered in the early morning hours of October 28th in the 600 block of Erie Avenue in Philadelphia by officers of the Philadelphia Police Department. A search of the vehicle produced receipts inside the glove box in the name of Alfonso Sanchez from Pep Boys and Jiffy Lube for tires, a brake inspection, and an oil change. In addition, a Hi-Point 9mm semi-automatic firearm was found on "the rear passenger side floor under an

open sunroof.” The gun was returned to the Warminster Township Police Department for processing which included swabbing for DNA, checking for fingerprints, photographing, and documenting “the obliterated serial number” from the firearm. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 208-211, 213, 226.

Detective Harold testified that it had been decided not to submit the gun for DNA analysis because it had been under an open sunroof and was “wet,” and that “anything would have been washed off.” In his experience, it was very difficult to obtain “touch DNA,”—skin cells from an item when that item was “exposed to the elements, especially rain or in water.” Nonetheless, the detective processing the gun “ended up sending the swabs to the lab anyway.” As suspected, no DNA or fingerprints were recovered from the weapon. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 211-212, 220-221.

Detective Harold said that there were some additional items that were sent for DNA analysis, including “some swabs collected at the scene” and “fingernails of Lisa Diaz that were collected at the time of the autopsy.” He stated that the obliterated serial number of the gun was able to be restored through a chemical process, and that the gun was not registered to or owned by anyone involved in this case. The police later determined that “Desiree Rangel” of Philadelphia had been the lawful owner of the gun and that she had no connection to the suspects or Sanchez’s vehicle. Apparently, the gun had been stolen from Rangel’s home in Philadelphia. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 212-214, 233-235.

Detective Harold testified that the gun had been sent to Detective John Finor, (since deceased), of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau for analysis. Detective Finor determined that the gun was operable, and that the five shell casings and two of the projectiles found at the murder scene were fired from that gun. The other three projectiles that were retrieved were inconclusive. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 215-218, 232.

Detective Martin McDonough, Chief of the Bucks County Detectives, testified that he was one of the lead detectives on this case in 2007. He was present with the U.S. Marshals when they located Sanchez at the duplex residence on Garden Avenue in Horsham Township. Three other individuals, including Dawn Boggie, Dustin Briggs, and Linda Montrose, resided in the duplex. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 235-238, 257-258.

While Detective McDonough remained outside, the U.S. Marshals entered the residence and apprehended Sanchez, who was clothed and hiding in the tub/shower area. A search warrant was then obtained and the entire residence was searched. The downstairs living room area was the primary focus of the search as it “appeared adopted into a bedroom-type living area.” N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 238-240.

Detective McDonough said that toiletry items and clothing were found during the search, including hair dye and a pair of blue jeans. The blue jeans contained a trifold black wallet containing Sanchez’s driver’s license, Social Security card, a doctor’s appointment card, and \$640 in cash, mostly in \$20 bills. Drugs were also found along with empty baggies. A can of Liquid Wrench that had “a fake bottom” was also discovered. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 240-245.

Detective McDonough explained that the bottom of the can unscrews, and the can is typically used to hide valuable items or contraband. Also found in the search

were newspaper articles reporting these crimes, and that Sanchez was wanted in connection with those murders. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 246, 249.

A stipulation was read into the record by Detective McDonough concerning cell phone records which noted the times and dates of numerous calls placed between Sanchez and Miranda, and Miranda and Mendez Thomas between October 16, 2007, and October 17, 2007. N.T. 4/24/2023, pp. 246-248.

Detective James Boston, a retired 35-year veteran of the Warminster Township Police Department, was a crime scene investigator who had obtained special training from the Pennsylvania State Police, the ATF, the FBI, and the Department of Justice. He was qualified without objection as an expert in crime scene investigations and evidence collection, including blood spatter and fingerprint analysis. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 271-276.

Detective Boston testified that he received a report of “a multiple shooting incident with multiple victims.” When he arrived at the crime scene, he initially observed Mendez Thomas’s body “stretched in a supine position toward the rear of the hallway” and a bullet hole “in the wall at the end of that hallway.” He also observed a shell casing against the wall of the hallway which he identified as a “.9 millimeter federal casing.” He then cut the wallboard and retrieved the bullet. He also collected four more shell casings from the living room area. One casing was found between the cushions on the couch and several others on the floor against the wall by an end table. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 278-283, 286.

After providing a brief explanation of blood spatter analysis, Detective Boston testified that the blood spatter on the baseboard near Lisa Diaz’s body would be consistent with the determination that she was on the ground when she was shot. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 283-285.

Detective Boston then described through photographic evidence the two bullet holes in the closet door near where Lisa Diaz’s body was located. He explained that the two bullets “went through the doors, traversed the interior of the closet and struck the back wall.” He was able to recover one bullet from the wall but not the other, as it was probably in the gaps between the downstairs apartment walls, and it would have been unreasonable to attempt to retrieve it. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 287-289.

Detective Boston also testified that another bullet had “traversed through [a child’s play pad near the couch] and then struck the carpet and went through the carpet into the concrete floor.” He said the bullet fragmented when it hit the concrete floor, and pieces of it came back through the play pad creating “little smaller holes.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 290-293.

Detective Boston also confirmed that five shell casings were recovered and that only four bullets were recovered, one of which was obtained from Lisa Diaz’s body after she had been taken to the hospital for an autopsy. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 293-295.

A fingerprint search of the apartment did not recover any fingerprint evidence of value. In searching the rest of the apartment, Detective Boston found a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun on the top shelf of the closet in the back bedroom, and a coffee can containing a small amount of marijuana in two plastic baggies and some

empty plastic baggies. He confirmed that the .45 caliber handgun did not fire the .9 millimeter casings recovered at the scene. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 295-298, 304, 312-314, 317.

Dr. Ian Hood, a Forensic Pathologist, conducted the autopsies of Lisa Diaz and Mendez Thomas. He described Mendez Thomas as a healthy young man who was 22 years old, 5 feet 6 and a half inches tall and weighing 170 pounds. He said that Thomas had a “close-range gunshot wound of the left temple area, and the bullet actually exited out of the back of the right side of the back of his head.” Dr. Hood did not observe any other signs of trauma on Thomas and noted that there was “no evidence of [Thomas] having been involved in any kind of struggle at all.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 319-324.

Dr. Hood explained that the shot involved a “high velocity round” which “caused a lot of fracturing of the skull.” He said the bullet “actually cleaved in half the area of the two cerebral hemispheres where they attach to the brainstem” and that was “an immediately fatal injury.” Dr. Hood described the bullet wound as containing “grey soot and gunpowder stippling,” from which he determined that the gun had been “fired within a few inches, probably somewhere between 2 and 6 inches away.” He concluded that the “cause of death was, obviously, a gunshot wound of the head.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 325-329.

Dr. Hood described Lisa Diaz as a “slender young lady” who was 27 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighed 110 pounds, and who was in “remarkably good shape for a lady that ... had undergone three or four pregnancies by them.” He stated that her obvious cause of death was “gunshot wound in the back of the head and just left of the midline.” He said the bullet “went through the skull, through the brain, through the skull again, and then lodged in the temporalis muscle.” He said the shot was “from back to the right side” at about a 45-degree angle. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 330-332.

Dr. Hood noted that Diaz also had another gunshot wound, which was about 12 inches from the head wound, which he explained “would have been painful and kind of disabling because it went through the ... right shoulder, from back to front, but that would not have been life threatening.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 332-335.

Dr. Hood stated that while the shot to Mendez Thomas would have caused almost instantaneous death, the shot to Lisa Diaz’s head would not have necessarily killed her instantly. It would, however, have caused instantaneous unconsciousness and she would “be able to exhibit what they call agonal breathing or gasping, but she would not be responsive.” N.T. 4/25/2023, p. 337.

In response to a photograph of Steven Miranda introduced into evidence, Dr. Hood described a mark on Steven Miranda’s temple as a small, three quarters inch long superficial abrasion or bruise which he concluded was not the result of a fingernail scratch. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 337-338.

On cross-examination, Dr. Hood testified that the toxicology report for Lisa Diaz revealed that she had a modest amount of alcohol in her system as well as cocaine at a level at which she would have felt its effects. She also had a low level of Hydroxyzine, a common antihistamine, and Diphenhydramine, or Benadryl,

another antihistamine, at a level that would have made her drowsy. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 346-347.

Dr. Hood testified that a toxicology examination of Mendez Thomas revealed the presence of Alprazolam (or Xanax), marijuana, and Phencyclidine (PCP), in his blood. The examination did not reveal the presence of any alcohol. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 348-350.

Charles Cussanno, a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper, testified that on October 28, 2007, he had been assigned to “Operation Trigger Lock,” a targeted enforcement program in which he was paired up with a Philadelphia police officer to go into high crime areas of the city for targeted law enforcement purposes. Cussanno said that he and another police officer were in a patrol vehicle that was outfitted with one of the first generation of license plate readers that would “read the reflective nature of license plates and ... capture the image and compare it to a known database, either NCIC (National Crime Information Center) where vehicles are listed as stolen.” Vehicles that were not only stolen but wanted in connection with other crimes were also listed. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 358-360.

Trooper Cussanno testified that on the night of October 28, 2007, it was raining heavily. He was traveling on Erie Avenue when the license plate reader alerted him that a vehicle was parked on Erie Avenue. Upon investigation, a gun was observed on the rear floor of the vehicle, and it was confirmed that the vehicle was wanted in connection with a homicide in Warminster Township, Bucks County. Cussanno observed that the sunroof was open. The vehicle, a Ford Explorer, was eventually towed away by the Warminster Township Police Department. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 360-365.

Timothy Gavel, a forensic DNA scientist employed by the Pennsylvania State Police, testified as an expert on DNA analysis. A stipulation was entered that any reference to male DNA referred to DNA that belonged only to Steven Miranda. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 372-375.

After describing the process for developing a DNA profile from evidence submitted, Gavel testified that he was unable to find any identifiable DNA on the firearm and a human hair “identified in the debris collected from the Hi-Point pistol” that had been submitted for analysis. He explained that “hair can be tricky” and that it “depends on how much cellular material is present on the root end of those hairs you’re sampling from.” He also testified that there was an insufficient amount of DNA on the four swabs taken from the pistol grip and explained that exposure of the gun to the elements, such as sunlight or rain, would make it difficult to obtain a DNA profile from that item. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 378-379, 388, 394-395.

Gavel testified that he also tested and was able to obtain DNA profiles from fingernail samples taken from Lisa Diaz’s right and left hands. He stated that the DNA profile from her left-hand samples “was consistent with a mixture, meaning there was more than one person’s DNA present on that particular item, but most of the DNA was consistent with Lisa Diaz.” He testified that the DNA profile developed from her right-hand fingernails was also consistent with a “mixture” and the mixture was

consistent with “Lisa Diaz’s DNA and an additional male profile.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 380-381.

Gavel testified that the DNA testing “process doesn’t allow us to differentiate the source of the DNA as far as what cell type it comes from” or ascertain whether the DNA came from someone touching another person. He said that DNA material collected from underneath the fingernails was likely from intimate physical contact and unlikely to be from shooting a firearm several feet away. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 381-382.

Dawn Boggi testified that in 2007 she had been living with her three-month-old son Dustin, Jr., her son’s father Dustin Briggs, and Briggs’s mother in the left side of a duplex at 244 Garden Avenue in Horsham, Pennsylvania. She had moved from that residence with her son around October 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, because she had discovered her son’s father, Dustin Briggs, was “out with another woman.” She moved back in on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, because she had “run out of money.” She said Dustin Briggs’s brother, Wayne Gravelly, had been living there previously, but he had left when she returned. She said Alfonso Sanchez was also living there and he slept in either the back den, which had been set up with a mattress, or on the couch downstairs N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 398-403, 409-411.

Boggi testified that on Thursday, October 25th, around 6:00 in the morning, the police came to the residence looking for Sanchez. She said Sanchez initially tried to hide under the mattress in her upstairs bedroom. Sanchez was eventually apprehended in the bathroom hiding in the shower. Boggi said she was subsequently charged by the police in Montgomery County for her participation in harboring a fugitive, accepted into the ARD program, and sentenced to a term of probation. She successfully completed her probation, and her case was expunged. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 405-408.

Boggi testified that the WD-40 can with the false bottom that was found in the search of the residence was used to store marijuana and “where you would put joints.” She said the can had been in the residence prior to Sanchez’s arrival. N.T. 4/25/2023, p. 412.

Karrol Lloyd testified that she resides in Pennsylvania and is a notary paralegal for an estate in Virginia. She said that she entered guilty pleas to charges involving drug trafficking and illegally delivering a controlled substance, Suboxone, into the Bucks County Correctional Facility. She is currently awaiting sentencing on those charges. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 417-420, 429.

Defense counsel requested in a Motion in Limine to preclude Lloyd’s testimony because she was named as an agent in her capacity as Sanchez’s Power of Attorney and therefore owed an accompanying fiduciary duty to him. This Court denied the motion on the basis that Lloyd was not granted a Power of Attorney to conduct any criminal offenses on Sanchez’s behalf. This Court concluded that while acting as Sanchez’s “agent,” Lloyd was obligated to consider his best interests in financial matters, but was not “precluded from testifying about some other ancillary matters which may be criminal,” including her testimony that Sanchez solicited her and others to kill Jessica Carmona. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 420-423.

Lloyd testified that she met Sanchez through a friend who asked her to assist Sanchez and “handle some of his affairs” while Sanchez was incarcerated. She “filed some papers” on his behalf, but eventually their relationship turned romantic. She said she became involved with his family and helped Sanchez’s parents obtain a place to live. She stated that she and Sanchez began making plans for the future which included marriage. She admitted that her relationship with Sanchez evolved from being romantic in her mind to one involving the commission of crimes he solicited her to commit on his behalf. She said she had been groomed to do what he wanted without him having to ask or “beg” her. She said she accepted responsibility for her series of bad decisions and was not motivated to testify because of Sanchez’s reported infidelity with other sexual partners. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 425-428.

Lloyd testified that she pled guilty to “eight or nine felonies” relating to her involvement in a corrupt organization whose purpose was to deliver Suboxone into the Bucks County Correctional Facility. She acknowledged that she was awaiting sentencing and that there was no agreement as to her ultimate sentence except that she was to testify truthfully and the District Attorney would then testify on her behalf as to her cooperation and assistance in these prosecutions. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 429-430.

Lloyd testified that at some point Sanchez “went too far” and asked her to find somebody to kill someone. She stated that she realized that it “could be me he was coming after, someone’s sister, someone’s daughter,” and that “everything about it is wrong.” As a result, she said her “reaction was to reach out to Detective (Jarrod) Eisenhower and make [him] aware that this girl was in trouble.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 428, 431-432.

Lloyd testified that Sanchez contacted her up to eight or nine times a day every day through the prison telephone system. She said their conversations involving illegal activities used “coded language” or euphemisms, and that all the calls had an audible warning that they were being recorded from the prison. She said Sanchez initially used his own prison account when calling but eventually used other inmates’ accounts because he no longer had access to his own account. She said Sanchez always called her but she could not place a call to him. N.T. 4/23/2023, pp. 432-434.

Lloyd testified that she received a call from Sanchez that changed her attitude towards him. He told her he needed her to “do something you’re not going to like,” and that was to “help him find the girl, Jessica (Carmona), that testified against him previously.” She said she agreed, but then contacted Detective Jarrod Eisenhower approximately a half hour later after she “was able to process what I had just been asked.” N.T. 4/23/2023, pp. 435, 437, 480.

Lloyd said that in the initial call Sanchez asked her to contact a man by the name of “Rey,” or as “they all call him Rey Rey,” who had previously been a cellmate of Sanchez. She said that in a subsequent call Sanchez gave her information regarding Jessica Carmona’s appearance, middle name, and Facebook page. Lloyd said Sanchez wanted her to give that information to “Rey Rey, to quote him, to take her out, to eliminate the problem,” which Lloyd understood meant to have her killed so she could not testify against him. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 436-438.



Lloyd said she contacted Rey at Sanchez's request by telephone and Rey "agreed to take care of Alfonso's problem." Although they agreed to meet to go over the details, she said she reported to Sanchez that "Rey never showed up and that he didn't answer the phone and he was not great at responding to text messages." She said Sanchez was "pissed" and "hostile, angry, almost surprised that his orders or commands were not followed to the letter." Sanchez gave her a second person to whom she was to provide the information on Jessica Carmona. This information included Carmona's locations, where she worked, and anything that would help identify where Carmona would be and when she would be there. She said Sanchez wanted Jessica dead, and it was "absolutely his intention to make it so she couldn't testify." N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 438-442.

Lloyd testified that the second person Sanchez told her to contact was "Tony" or Anthony Sparango. She said she was told to "get the information to Tony, that Tony would take care of it;" that Tony "was the number two person assigned to complete the task." N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 441-442.

Under the direction of Bucks County Detectives Jarrod Eisenhauer and Michael Mosiniak, Lloyd suggested to Sanchez that he hire a "hitman" in case Rey or Tony couldn't complete the task. She said Sanchez thought it was a viable alternative and told her to look into it and get more information including cost. Lloyd testified that Sanchez said that the sooner Jessica was killed, the better and that the faster it could be done the more efficient it would be. She said he often used coded football and sports analogies, and said more than once that "if you take out the other team's quarterback they can't win." N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 442-444.

As a result of Sanchez's directives, Lloyd met with Tony Sparango on several occasions. The subject of their conversations always dealt with ways to find and kill Jessica Carmona. Lloyd testified that she provided Sanchez and Sparango with inaccurate or false information at the direction of the Bucks County Detectives in order to keep Jessica Carmona safe and to satisfy Sanchez. Lloyd said Sparango was reluctant to have to kill Carmona, "but if that would be what it takes to get Alfonso home, that he would do it." N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 444-446, 448.

Lloyd testified that on one occasion Tony Sparango was in her car when Sanchez called. She did not recall any specific language they used except "that stupid noise they make when they all meet each other." She said it "sounds like a whistle" and refers to "getting the job done; doing your homework." N.T. 4/25/2023, p. 446.

Lloyd said Sparango wanted to see where Carmona lived to get a feel for the layout. They discussed making the murder look like a robbery or a mugging gone wrong. She said that during a telephone conversation with Sanchez and Sparango, "a comment was made to make sure that Rey does his part" which she understood to mean that Rey and Tony "were working together to kill Jessica." She said the only direction she received from Sparango was to "keep her mouth shut" and deny anything if anyone ever asked. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 448-452.

Lloyd said that her participation in the plot to kill Carmona was limited to ensuring that Tony had the necessary information on Carmona and to contact Rey

to “make sure they got it done,” essentially to “baby sit” them. She said she had the impression that “Tony was able to get a gun from Rey because Tony didn’t have one.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 451-452.

At the direction of the Bucks County Detectives, Lloyd drove Sparango to a fictitious address at an apartment complex near the border between Warminster and Warrington Townships where Carmona was supposed to have lived. She said that when they arrived at the apartment complex, they drove around the parking lot. Sparango then got out, walked around, and went into and came out of the apartment building. When he returned to the car, he indicated he was familiar and comfortable with the area. Lloyd said Sparango asked which car belonged to Carmona, and they made a second trip back to the apartment complex to see if it was there. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 452-455.

Lloyd testified that the plan was to insure that Sparango had a driver, that he had a way in and a way out of the apartment complex; that he had obtained a gun; and then to schedule a date and time to stage a mugging of Jessica Carmona that ended up with her dead. According to Lloyd, the plan was directed entirely by Sanchez, stating that “[i]t’s his way or no way. There are no exceptions to that.” She said that she did not know Sparango prior to these events and she had never met Rey. She stated that Sanchez was the common link and the mastermind behind the plot to kill Carmona. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 455-461.

On cross-examination, Lloyd admitted to pleading guilty to nine felonies. These included Corrupt Organizations; Contraband (sending controlled substances into a correctional facility); Conspiracy (contraband); Delivery of a Controlled Substance; Criminal Use of Communication Facility; and Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Use of a Communication Facility. She acknowledged that the potential maximum sentences she faced totaled 114 years, and that she had hoped to avoid incarceration because of her cooperation with the District Attorney’s office. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 464-469.

Lloyd acknowledged that she was arrested on November 5, 2020, for the contraband charges. She admitted that they included her sending Suboxone into the Bucks County Correctional Facility for Sanchez by placing the Suboxone under envelope seals and then resealing them and sending them via regular and legal mail. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 472-474.

Lloyd acknowledged that she had been asked by a friend to help Sanchez after he had been incarcerated for approximately 13 years. She said she had just left a “horrible” marriage, and her interaction with Sanchez developed into what she believed was an exclusive romantic relationship. She acknowledged that during her interrogation after her arrest she was advised by Detectives that she was not the only person involved in a romantic relationship with Sanchez. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 470-472, 474-477.

Lloyd admitted that she had initially inquired about cooperation with the Detectives. When she realized the person from whom she obtained the Suboxone was working with the police, she concluded there was no point in trying to avoid her criminal difficulties. She said she was “indifferent to who or what or how many

other people [Sanchez] was seeing,” and her suggestion to cooperate with the police was to better her situation. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 476-478.

Lloyd insisted that she alerted the Detectives of Sanchez’s plot to kill Carmona not solely to mitigate her own criminal charges, but because she “thought he was going to kill this girl, and if I didn’t help him find her, somebody else would, so I agreed to help him find her and I let the Detectives know immediately that this girl was in trouble.” She remained in close contact with Detective Eisenhauer throughout the continuing events of this case. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 471-482.

Tony Sparango, age 38, testified that he has been incarcerated for 26 months at the Bucks County Correctional Facility upon charges related to this case. He said he intends to plead guilty to those charges, and hoped that by testifying for the Commonwealth he would receive leniency at his sentencing. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 489-493, 495.

Sparango testified that he has a criminal record and “pled guilty every time.” His record includes convictions for Simple Assault and Criminal Mischief in 2005; Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol in Montgomery County in 2007 and Bucks County in 2009; Simple Assault in Lehigh County in 2011; Driving Under the Influence of Heroin in 2016 in Bucks County; and two Aggravated Assaults in Bucks County in 2020 when he was “high” on methamphetamine. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 495-498.

Sparango said he has been charged with Conspiracy to Commit Homicide. He admitted that he had conspired with Sanchez to kill Carmona, and that it was Sanchez’s idea to commit the homicide. He said he was afraid of Sanchez and the possible repercussions from his testifying, and he was afraid that his family could be targeted in retaliation. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 493-494.

Sparango and Sanchez were cell mates when Sparango was incarcerated for two years for his conviction of DUI in 2016 in Bucks County. He said they “shared” Suboxone and that Sanchez was aware of Sparango’s drug addiction and prior criminal record. Sparango said that he was subsequently indoctrinated into Sanchez’s “organization” which he described as a “brotherhood.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 499-503.

Sparango testified that prior to his indoctrination into the “organization,” he had advised Sanchez that when he was released from jail, he would do anything he could to help Sanchez “from the outside.” Sparango said Sanchez availed himself of that offer by “sending, I guess, his girlfriend at the time (Karrol Lloyd) to my recovery house and to scope out a residence of the witness’s address.” N.T. 4/25/2023, p. 504.

Sparango said Sanchez showed him a police report that indicated “there was corruption in the case that had to do with the murder case.” He said Sanchez told him that “the witness that was still involved in it was the only thing that would keep him from his freedom,” and while Sanchez did not directly ask, he wanted Sparango to murder the witness and he used “code talk” to indicate his intentions. Sparango said Sanchez’s request “did not make sense” to him because if there was “corruption” in the case as Sanchez alleged, and “he had a chance of going home, why would you want to interrupt that. ... Why would you want to kill someone if you’re not guilty.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 505-507, 518.

Sparango said Sanchez had originally arranged for Rey to commit the murder, but when that fell through, he had “his girlfriend coming to my recovery house” and “picking me up to look at these addresses.” Sparango identified Karrol Lloyd as the person who came to his recovery house at Sanchez’s direction. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 507-509.

Sparango insisted that while he led Sanchez to believe he would kill, it was never his intention to carry out Sanchez’s wish to kill Jessica Carmona. He said Sanchez arranged all the telephone calls with Lloyd for the purpose of planning Carmona’s murder and reiterated that Sanchez stated that if Carmona was killed, he (Sanchez) would be “set free.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 509-513.

Sparango said that while he went along with Sanchez’s requests, he was “just trying to stall him out until the other murder case [related to Thomas and Diaz] was done.” Although he said he tried to discourage Sanchez on one occasion, Sparango admitted that he did not subsequently try to discourage Sanchez because Sanchez was “determined,” and “it was something he wanted done.” Sparango said he wanted Sanchez to believe he would carry out the plan “so he wouldn’t try and come at me.” N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 518-519; 4/26/2023, pp. 536-537.

While Sparango insisted that the planning of the murder was never more than “talk” for him, he admitted that he did take a ride to the supposed address of the witness and checked out the building and the mailboxes. He also admitted to being high on methamphetamine at the time, which he agreed can make him violent and unpredictable. Sparango also admitted that he told Lloyd he liked Glock guns and asked Lloyd to help him “link up” with a weapon and told Lloyd to ask “Casper” to get a gun. N.T. 4/25/2023, pp. 515-517.

On cross-examination, Sparango acknowledged that he was facing four criminal charges in this case: Conspiracy to Commit Homicide; Criminal Conspiracy to Intimidate a Witness; Intimidation of a Witness; and Criminal Solicitation to Commit Homicide. He also acknowledged that he faced a potential of up to 80 years in prison, and that because of his prior criminal record he was facing the higher end of those sentences. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 534-535.

Detective Jarrod Eisenhauer testified that he has been a police officer for 19 years and became a Detective with the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office in 2017. He is recognized as an expert in the field of drug trafficking, operations, and investigations, and is an instructor for “Top Gun,” a weeklong drug training course. He continues to perform undercover operations as a member of the Bucks County District Attorney’s Drug Strike Force. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 544-548.

In conducting investigations Detective Eisenhauer often does undercover work which requires that he have expertise and proficiency in the language and jargon used in the drug trade. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 550-553.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that coded language is frequently used in telephone calls from the jail because a warning is issued at the beginning of each call that the call is being recorded. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 558-560.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that in addition to coded language, there are several other ways to conceal the contents of a conversation. These include use of tablets in which you can keep notes and then provide another individual with your “log-in” who then reviews the notes and makes calls on your behalf; three-way phone calling when you call an individual and they, in turn, make a three-way call from outside the prison; text messaging applications; a FaceTime option on the tablets that permits face-to-face communications; and the GTL system which provides additional phone lines in the correctional facility in which you create an account with a PIN number. Detective Eisenhauer explained that if you obtain someone’s PIN number and account, you can conceal your identity which makes it more difficult for law enforcement officials to follow conversations within the jail. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 560-562.

Despite those difficulties, Detective Eisenhauer said they were able to “crack a drug import business that [Sanchez] was operating while in jail” that resulted in the arrest of 11 individuals, including Sanchez and Karrol Lloyd. He described the operation as “a very sophisticated drug organization operating within the correctional facility led by Mr. Sanchez” which involved the drug Suboxone. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 562-563.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that Suboxone is a sublingual strip that can be dissolved when orally taken. He said the strips cost \$2 to \$5 per strip if purchased illegally on the street, but within the correctional facility the same strips sell for \$100 to \$200 each. Detective Eisenhauer explained that there are many novel ways of smuggling the strips into the jail, including inside the mail and placement in the spine of documents in “legal mail” which law enforcement officials are not allowed to review without a court order. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 563-565.

Detective Eisenhauer stated that in addition to obtaining money from the drug operation, Sanchez also gave the drugs away to drug addicts at the jail. As a result, Sanchez had “an extremely long reach inside and outside the correctional facility with different people.” He said that Sanchez was eventually convicted of committing these criminal activities and received a sentence of nine years 11 months to 40 years. (At defense counsel’s request, a cautionary instruction was provided to the jury that these drug convictions were not any indication of Sanchez’s guilt of the murder charges for which he was on trial.) N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 566-570.

Detective Eisenhauer testified that the drug investigation began around May 2020. After Karrol Lloyd was determined to be involved, she was arrested on November 5, 2020. He said that although she was given no guarantees, she agreed to cooperate with the drug investigation, and was an active participant who kept him informed of her interactions with Sanchez. Detective Eisenhauer said he was able to confirm and corroborate all the information Karrol Lloyd provided. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 570-573.

Detective Eisenhauer testified that on January 1, 2021, as a result of a text message he received from Lloyd, he reviewed a telephone call between Lloyd and Sanchez that occurred about 20 minutes prior to Lloyd texting him. He described

Lloyd as very “panicky” and “terrified,” and said she stated something to the effect that “she didn’t want to see anybody else killed.” N.T. 4/26/2023, p. 574.

Detective Eisenhauer testified that prior to receiving Llyod’s text, he had received similar information from an individual named Matthew Gray (now deceased), who had “identified himself as a paramour of Sanchez.” N.T. 4/26/2023, p. 575.

During the investigation, Detective Eisenhauer determined that Tony Sparango “was involved with this murder plot as a person in the same organization as Alfonso Sanchez.” He described Sparango as an “unwitting;” a person that is a part of the investigation but doesn’t know that he is a target. He confirmed through the investigation that Lloyd and Sparango did not initially know each other and that Sanchez had given Lloyd Sparango’s telephone number and told her to contact him directly. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 575-576.

Detective Eisenhauer testified that he reviewed “thousands” of recorded telephone calls related to the drug smuggling and murder cases. He said Sanchez had made “hours and hours of phone calls a day.” When excerpts of selected recorded calls between Sanchez and Lloyd were played for the jury, Detective Eisenhauer explained that Sanchez was using coded language and the initials “JAC” to refer to Jessica Carmona in order to request information on her and her address and workplace, and to find somebody to “track down Jessica Ann Carmona and pay her a visit.” He confirmed that the call made on January 1, 2021, had been made approximately 20 minutes before Lloyd first contacted him about this request, and that Lloyd seemed “very upset.” N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 576-584.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that the term “familia” Lloyd used in a telephone call with Sanchez was an indication that Sanchez and “Rey,” (identified as Rey Curbello-Rodriguez), were part of the same organization or “family.” He explained that in another telephone call with Lloyd, Sanchez was confirming that he had additional information on Jessica Carmona’s siblings, the murder victim Lisa Diaz, and her other sister Kathleen Diaz. Detective Eisenhauer explained that when Sanchez told Lloyd in a telephone call on January 20, 2021, to “have him handle that shit,” he was instructing Lloyd to have Tony Sparango kill Carmona. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 584-587.

In other recorded telephone calls with Lloyd Sanchez’s statement that “they wouldn’t do that shit if I was out there,” and his reference to himself as “a big homey,” was an assertion that Sanchez was the “boss of the organization” and that he would make sure that Sparango and Curbello-Rodriguez followed his orders if he was out of prison. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 589-590.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that Sanchez’s recorded statement: “Ask him if he has someone to help him out with some eyes,” referred to finding a lookout to assist in killing Carmona. He explained another statement by Sanchez in which Sanchez refers to “my boy who just came home when he got done his lawsuit; have him tax something on, depending on the number, and Tone is working, so I could tell him to start making downpayments for me,” meant that someone had just obtained or was

going to obtain money from a lawsuit which could then be used for downpayments to a person who would kill Carmona. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 590-593.

Detective Eisenhauer explained that Sanchez's statement in a call on January 26, 2021, to Rey Curbello-Rodriguez that "you are mine" meant that Rey belonged to Sanchez and his organization. Sanchez's statement that "... if elements aren't on the football field when you are opposing the other team, they just be like we might as well just tap the fuck out," meant that if everyone is not available to testify and Jessica Carmona was killed, the murder case would be dismissed. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 593-594, 606.

Detective Eisenhauer explained Sanchez's statement: "It's about that motherfucking pound cake we was talking about eating and shit," "pound cake" referred in this context to a female, and that while "eating" has different meanings on the street, in this context it is "a very common term when talking about killing." He said Sanchez was therefore giving Sparango his approval to talk to Lloyd about killing Carmona. He further explained that Sanchez's use of the term "secure the bag" meant securing a body bag and killing Carmona. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 597-599, 602, 633-635.

In another recorded telephone call to Lloyd on January 26, 2021, Sanchez's inquiry, "how did it go with Tone?", referred to Anthony Sparango, and his statement, "as long as people do their fucking jobs it will be alright," meant that "as long as people follow through with his orders with having Jessica Ann Carmona killed, that everything will be okay." N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 599-600.

In another recorded telephone call from January 26, 2021, between Sanchez, Rey Curbello-Rodriguez and Michelle Trevethan, Rey's reference to Sanchez as "Emperor" was a sign of respect. Detective Eisenhauer explained that Sanchez's statements to Rey, "You got to talk to Tone," and "You got to secure the bag" are directives to kill Carmona. His directive to "ride out with him" and "remember to cross your T's and dot your I's" are orders for Curbello-Rodriguez to go with Sparango and assist in killing Carmona and not make any mistakes. Detective Eisenhauer again explained that Sanchez's statement, "Yo. You secure that bag. Trust me that shit is over," meant that if the "body bag was secured" and Jessica Carmona was killed, the case would be dismissed and Sanchez would be released from prison. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 600-604.

Detective Eisenhauer stated that during the January 26, 2021 telephone call to Lloyd, Sanchez's statement to Lloyd to "look up Carmona's Facebook page" was a directive to obtain a photograph of Carmona to give to Curbello-Rodriguez and Sparango so they could identify and kill her. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 607-608.

As a result of the investigation into the solicitation to kill Carmona, Detective Eisenhauer informed Carmona that she was in danger, and Carmona and her family members were relocated into temporary protective custody. Because Sanchez had made thousands of telephone calls and had multiple contacts, the Detectives feared that other unknown individuals over whom they had no control might be involved in the solicitation to kill Carmona. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 608-610.

On cross-examination, Detective Eisenhauer confirmed that the drugs smuggled into the prison for Sanchez via the legal mail came from a non-existent fraudulent law firm. He confirmed that Lloyd was his confidential informant, and that she had been cooperative throughout her initial interview when she was arrested on November 5, 2020. He further confirmed that Sanchez had been charged on February 16, 2021, with both the Suboxone smuggling operation and his solicitation to kill Jessica Carmona. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 611-613, 630.

Jessica Ann Carmona, age 38, testified that in October of 2007, when she was 21 years old, she had been living in H-1 of the Bucks Landing Apartments with Mendez Thomas and their two minor children, Jaylene Thomas, who was then four years old, and Nico Thomas, who was then one and a half years old. She said Nico and Jaylene now lived with their grandmother, Debra Thomas. Carmona testified that she had been in a relationship with Mendez for about eight years and that Mendez worked in construction but also sold marijuana to supplement their income. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 637-646.

Carmona said she no longer lived in the area and had to move “because of Alfonso (Sanchez) trying to send somebody to come after [her],” and she still did not feel that she was out of danger. She testified that now that they were in the same room she felt anxious because Sanchez had “killed Lisa and Mendez” and “he threatened my life” and “tried to kill me.” She stated that her life has been a “roller coaster” since October of 2007. She admitted that she had a prior criminal record. She said she had been convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Theft and Robbery for which she was sentenced to a total of four years’ probation, which she had successfully completed. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 640-641, 644-645.

Carmona testified that she had two sisters, Lisa Diaz and Colleen Diaz. She said Lisa Diaz was about five years older and had four children of her own. Carmona said Lisa was good to her children and was caring for them on the evening of October 16, 2007, the date of these murders. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 639, 644, 647.

Carmona identified a photograph of Steven Miranda and said that he had been Lisa Diaz’s boyfriend in October 2007. She said they had an “off-and-on” relationship but had been together on the night of October 16, 2007. She said that Lisa and Miranda believed that Lisa was pregnant with their child, but actually Lisa was not pregnant. She testified that Mendez Thomas had sold marijuana to Miranda on that night. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 647-650.

Carmona testified that she knew Alexander Martinez from elementary and middle school and identified him from a photograph. She said she also knew Sanchez from their neighborhood of Lacey Park in Warminster when they were growing up. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 650-652.

Carmona testified that around 10:00 PM on October 16, 2007, she arranged for Lisa Diaz to come over and babysit her children while she and Mendez Thomas went across the hall to the apartment of a neighbor named “Cash” to have a drink. She said that while they were there Thomas smoked some marijuana and drank a beer, and she heard Thomas’s “Nextel” cell phone “chirp.” She identified the caller



as Steven Miranda, and said Miranda wanted to purchase marijuana from Thomas. Carmona testified that when she heard a different voice pretending to be Miranda, she got on the cell phone and said, “this isn’t Steven.” She said she recognized the voice as belonging to Alfonso Sanchez. Carmona said that Miranda arranged to purchase marijuana from Thomas, and that Miranda was coming to their apartment and would call when he arrived. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 652-661.

Carmona testified that when she and Mendez Thomas returned to their apartment, they had not received any later telephone calls, and were only expecting Lisa Diaz and the children to be there. She was surprised, however, to see Martinez, Miranda and Sanchez inside her apartment, and thought that was “weird” because they had not been invited. Carmona testified that Diaz “looked like she had seen a ghost or something.” She saw her daughter Jaylene was sleeping on the “love couch,” and her son Niko was “running around.” Carmona said she did not observe any problem between Steven Miranda and Mendez Thomas, or between Miranda and Lisa Diaz. She testified that Thomas did not have a weapon on his person when they returned to their apartment. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 661-666, 710.

Carmona testified that Martinez and Miranda did not say anything to her when she walked into her apartment, but Sanchez said, “Do you remember me?” She observed Thomas and Miranda conducting a drug transaction at the table where Thomas placed marijuana and Miranda placed money, but then Sanchez and Thomas got into a confrontation when Sanchez stepped on Thomas’s foot and Thomas pushed Sanchez. Carmona said Martinez and Miranda had been standing by the table and she observed Miranda hand his CD player to Martinez. She testified that she and Lisa Diaz attempted to separate Thomas and Sanchez. Carmona said to them, “this is not going to happen,” and she told Sanchez to leave. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 664, 666-671, 715.

Carmona testified that Thomas “turned around and started walking towards the hallway.” She said that Alfonso Sanchez walked a couple of steps forward and she saw him pull a “black gun” from his waistband, aim down the hallway, and shoot Mendez Thomas. She said that when she saw Sanchez pull the gun from his waistband, she yelled to Thomas, “Mendez, get the gun,” referring to a gun she “had a license for” that she kept “in the back bedroom.” N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 671-674, 719-720.

Carmona testified that Miranda and Martinez had been standing by the table and ran from the apartment when Sanchez pulled his gun. She said Martinez and Miranda did not shoot anybody. N.T. 4/26/2023, p. 675.

After she witnessed Alfonso Sanchez fire one shot at Mendez Thomas, Carmona saw Sanchez then turn and shoot Lisa Diaz who was standing. Sanchez then walked over and shot Diaz three more times as she lay on the ground. Carmona said her daughter Jaylene was still sleeping and her son Nico was still awake and running around when the shots were fired. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 676-677, 721-723.

After Sanchez shot Diaz, Carmona was standing by the “little couch” and feared that Sanchez was going to shoot her next. Because her daughter was sleeping, she made the decision to grab her son Nico and protect him because he was still “running around.” She said she went into a “fetal position” with Nico underneath her and they

landed on top of an “inflatable pool that little balls can go into.” Carmona said that Sanchez then shot her in her knee and ran from the apartment. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 678-681, 724-725.

After Sanchez ran out the door, Jessica Carmona checked on Thomas, who wasn’t breathing, and Diaz, who was still breathing but “gargling, like she was choking on blood or something.” She then took her children across the hall to a neighbor and returned to the apartment to check again on Thomas and Diaz at which time she dialed 9-1-1 and then called Thomas’s mother, Debra Thomas. When the police arrived, Carmona said she told them that Sanchez had shot her, Thomas, and Diaz. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 682-684, 697-698.

Carmona described the apartment layout and the locations of the events that had occurred there through a series of diagrams and photographs that were shown to the jury. A recording of her 911 call was also played for the jury. N.T. 4/26/2023, pp. 685-701.

At the conclusion of the Commonwealth’s presentation of evidence, this Court determined that sufficient evidence had been presented and denied defense counsel’s Motion for a Demurrer. N.T. 4/26/2023, p. 749.

Michael Thompson testified for the defense. He stated that he had been friendly with Sanchez for “quite a few years,” and had known Sanchez for approximately ten years prior to the events of October 16, 2007. Thompson testified that Sanchez, Miranda, and Martinez had been at his house on 41 Belmar Road in Hatboro that night and Sanchez was drinking “Ciroc Vodka.” According to Thompson, Sanchez drank “two fifths” that night, but he didn’t see Miranda drink anything. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 782-785.

Thompson described Miranda as “sweaty, angry ... saying a lot of things about how he’s feeling emotionally.” He further testified that Miranda “had a gun on him, but that wasn’t unusual.” Thompson said he did not see Sanchez with a gun, stating that “he won’t bring it into my house.” Thompson also testified that he did not see Martinez drinking or possessing a gun, and that Martinez did not appear to be intoxicated. When questioned as to whether anyone, other than Sanchez, was using any controlled substances that night, Thompson replied, “Not in my house.” When this Court inquired as to what date these events occurred, Thompson replied “It was October 17<sup>th</sup> ... 2007.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 785-788.

On cross-examination, Thompson admitted that his loyalty lay with Sanchez, and that he had no loyalty to Miranda and Martinez, or to Lisa Diaz, Mendez Thomas, or Jessica Carmona. When questioned if he actually knew the date when these events occurred, he replied, “No, not right at the moment, just what you guys told me because I just got called into this, like, last week, so I didn’t know what I had to know to be prepared date-wise.” When queried as to whether it was humanly possible to consume two bottles of 40 proof Ciroc Vodka, Thompson replied, “Over three or four hours I think he drank it. It wasn’t, like, you know, in an hour,” and he insisted Sanchez drank it by himself. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 789-793, 797.

Thompson admitted that he was “present when Mr. Sanchez was mad at Steven Miranda,” but insisted initially that it was because Miranda was using drugs and “messing his own life up.” He acknowledged that Miranda worked for Sanchez in the drug trade, and that Miranda owed Sanchez \$3600. He stated that Sanchez was angry with Miranda because “he (Miranda) was getting high off the product that he was supposed to be selling for a profit for Alfonso Sanchez.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 793-796.

Detective Sean Harold of the Warminster Township Police Department was called by the defense and shown a series of photographs. He was asked to describe the apartment and identify a number of items on a table including a coffee can containing marijuana, U.S. currency and cigars containing marijuana, referred to as “blunts.” He was also asked to identify the location and approximate distances of Thomas’s body and the shell casing found on the floor. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 798-807.

On cross-examination Detective Harold confirmed that he interviewed Michael Thompson on April 4, 2023, when Thompson told him that Sanchez was “mad at Miranda for getting high and fucking up his money” and that Miranda owed Sanchez \$3600. In reference to the location of Thomas’s body and the shell casing, Detective Harold agreed that life saving measures take precedence over evidence preservation and gathering at crime scenes which can be chaotic due to the presence of multiple people attempting to ensure the scene is safe and secure. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 808-810.

Detective John Bonargo, Jr., of the Warminster Township Police Department testified that on October 17, 2007, he was directed to Darien Street and Glenwood Avenue in Philadelphia by Miranda who accompanied him in an effort to locate Sanchez’s tan Ford Explorer. They did not locate the vehicle or the keys to the vehicle. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 814-816.

John Crowley was the final witness for the defense. We note parenthetically that while Crowley had been issued a subpoena to testify, and was present at the courthouse on the previous day, he was apparently reluctant to reappear for his testimony on April 26, 2023. Despite defense counsels’ repeated attempts to produce him, Crowley refused to acknowledge their communications, and therefore this Court issued a bench warrant for his appearance. Defense counsel was eventually able to contact Crowley, and he was instructed to immediately proceed to the Bucks County Justice Center from his home in Cape May County, New Jersey. The bench warrant was subsequently rescinded at the conclusion of Crowley’s testimony. See N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 761-781, 817-839, 911-913.

Crowley testified that he had been a patrol officer for three years for the Warminster Township Police Department in October of 2007, after graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy in 1992 and working for the Philadelphia Housing Authority from 1992 to 2004. He said that he had responded to numerous shootings involving fatalities and had participated in homicide investigations only at the patrol level and not as a homicide investigator. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 846-853.

Crowley testified that he was at Warminster Township Police Headquarters on October 16, 2007, and his shift was getting off duty at 11:54 when a report came in on the radio of a female shot in the head at the Bucks Landing Apartments, which

are about two and half miles from police headquarters. Crowley said he immediately drove to the apartment complex, passing other police officers on the way, and arrived at 11:57. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 854-855.

When he arrived, Crowley said he “grabbed the two shotguns from over my head” inside the patrol car and then Officer Dillon Fox arrived. Crowley said he told Officer Fox to stay in his vehicle and “wait until all the other vehicles show up, and he did.” Crowley said he proceeded down the stairwell to the apartment and saw a female standing in the doorway, who was later identified as Jessica Carmona, and he “got right up on her.” He said she was surprised to see him and started to yell something, and he told her to get down on the ground and show him her hands and her waistband. He said she “pointed at the doorway that’s open and she said that they shot my boyfriend and they shot my sister.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 855-856.

Crowley said he entered the apartment and heard “agonal respirations” which occurs “when someone is shot in the head ... so I knew that I had somebody shot in the head.” He said he saw a female on the ground with “gun smoking haze over the top of her body” and that she was alive, but he had to “clear that apartment” and went into the hallway and saw a person at the end who was later identified as Mendez Thomas. He said he was hit in the face with “gunshot-smoking haze” and observed that Thomas had been shot in the left eye and had “stippling burning to the eye.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 856-860.

Crowley said he observed “pull-stitched clothing” on the female, who he later identified as Lisa Diaz. He said her body was contorted, and stated, “[a]t that point I’m thinking, maybe, a fight; maybe, an altercation, not sure.” He said he cleared the apartment by himself and then went back to Carmona who was starting to get up and told her to stay on the ground because he thought “she wanted to get away from there.” N.T. 4/27/2023, p. 860.

Crowley said that after the medics arrived and advised they were taking Lisa Diaz to Abington Hospital, he told them, “She’s part of the crime scene. When she leaves, the crime scene is leaving. ... I got responsibilities .... Don’t touch anything. Don’t throw anything out. Don’t do anything with her. I got an officer that’s going to go with you ... ” He said when another officer, who he could not identify, advised him that the medics were going to take Thomas to the hospital, he “knew that shouldn’t happen” and told them to “leave him right there” because “Homicide 101 is the Coroner clears the body so, you know, he needs to stay on scene.” He said he directed the medics to treat Carmona instead because she had “a minor injury to her knee.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 860-862.

Crowley claimed he heard Carmona saying, “I don’t know. I don’t know.” He said he then told the other officers to “get the flash,” which is information which would include descriptions of the shooters such as “height, weight, description, nationality, armed with a gun ... ” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 862-864.

Crowley then testified that as “we’re packaging Lisa Diaz up for her to leave ... She (Diaz) goes right past Jessica Carmona, which is what I wanted.” He stated that Diaz still had “loud agonal respirations” and “kept continuing to do that all the way

out of the building, which was perfect for me because now I go over to the officers and I tell the officers I got her,” meaning Jessica Carmona. He stated that he went over to talk to her and “backed her up against the wall and the first thing I told her was, your sister is going to make it and when she makes it, she’s going to tell it. ... she just looked down. ... I was right in her face. I was only two feet from her.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 864-865.

After Crowley was shown a copy of the police report he prepared on October 17, 2007, he claimed that “the reason I treated her first like that is because she had no sense of urgency when I showed up on the scene.... She’s standing in the doorway of the shooting. In my experience that’s not normal.” Crowley claimed that when he asked Carmona “Who did this?” she at first replied “I don’t know,” and then when he pressed her in “a firm way,” she said, “Steven and Alfonso shot them.” He then claimed “[s]he said, ‘Steve was arguing with Lisa and he lifted his shirt and pulled a gun.’ Then she stated, ‘They were former boyfriend and girlfriend and they were arguing over money.’ And then she stated, ‘Steve shot Lisa Diaz several times.’ And then she stated, ‘She told Mendez Thomas to get her .45’, which I took as a gun, ‘from the bedroom.’” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 866-868.

Crowley continued to read from the police report he had prepared:

“Then she stated, ‘She grabbed her children and she started to flee the apartment.’ She then stated, ‘When she was leaving the apartment, she heard more gunshots.’ And then she stated, ‘The suspects fled and exited the south side stairwell,’ ... And then she gave me the flash on the individuals. She first started and said “Steve, Hispanic male.” She said, ‘black hair, white t-shirt, skull cap, carrying a gun.’ ... And then she said, ‘Alfonso stayed with an unknown female in Lacey Park Homes and that someone called her cell phone earlier tonight.’”

Crowley claimed she also provided him the “flash” on Sanchez, stating that she told him “Alfonso was Hispanic, tall, armed with a handgun.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 868-870.

On cross-examination, when questioned about the importance of accuracy in report writing, Crowley disagreed that quotation marks in a police report are to be used to indicate what an individual actually and literally said. He stated that he used quotation marks because he “just wanted to, maybe, highlight something.” He denied writing “about 60 pages of police reports about this incident,” but conceded he had written more than the single sheet from he had been reading. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 871-874.

Crowley stated that he raced to the scene of the shootings and passed two other police officers, including Officer Dillon Fox. When it was suggested that he raced to the scene to get there first to single-handedly take control, he replied, “I was trying to control the scene, I can’t control if somebody doesn’t want to go to the job quickly. Just because I went faster than anyone else, that’s what I was trained to do. ... If I went fast, I went fast.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 871-877.

When pressed on his efforts to “clear” the apartment upon his arrival, Crowley was vague in his descriptions of his actions. Although he claimed to have “cleared the apartment,” when Crowley was shown a diagram of the apartment, he did not recall the location of the kitchen or the bathroom. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 877-882.

Crowley admitted that he has not worked as a police officer since leaving the Warminster Police Department in 2010. Although he had written an email to the Warminster Township Supervisors stating that “I am not being given the health benefits that I am entitled to for when I served as a police officer in your township,” he disputed the characterization as a disagreement and said he was merely “trying to get clarification” on the benefits he was owed. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 882-885.

Crowley was then questioned about Facebook posts he made in 2020 in which he claimed that two fellow police officers and his Commander were “periodically set up and terminated due to information relayed by me to them about three separate criminal cases.” He claimed in the posts that the “Commander was slated to be the next Chief and was then set up and resigned before they could terminate him;” that “[t]he homicide case is directly related to two other criminal cases involving the same off-book informants and officers;” and that “[t]here is a much larger picture here that still has yet to surface.” He further posted that it was “[i]nteresting how the officers involved in my double homicide case in ’07 are also the same investigators in the DiNardo quad homicide case,” and that “[i]n the double homicide case both co-conspirators were off-book police informants committing acts of intimidation, criminal activity and eventually murder.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 885-891.

Crowley admitted that he was not involved in the DiNardo murder investigation and that he had not been a police officer at that time. He disputed that his Facebook posts regarding the off-book informants were related to the DiNardo case. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 891-894.

Crowley was finally questioned about a ten-page email he wrote to Warminster Township Supervisor Kenneth Hayes on September 18, 2020, in which he claimed that “[t]he now-acting Deputy Chief, Chris Springfield, in your opinion was set up and forced to retire or be terminated, and other police officers with knowledge of these cases also face similar fates.” Crowley denied believing that a 1993 double homicide, this case, and the Cosmo DiNardo quadruple murder case were somehow all linked, and stated, “I’m saying that the victim was my—I believed her to be my witness on a double robbery, armed robbery, and that was Lisa Diaz. I responded to that robbery of a pizza delivery guy and a Chinese delivery guy a year before.” He admitted that he wrote in the email that he had been the first officer on the scene of the Thomas and Diaz murders and was “empathetic from the outset that Jessica was a suspect and was also complicit in the setup of her half-sister, Lisa Diaz.” While Crowley claimed to not recall writing that “Jessica Carmona is nothing more than a co-conspirator criminal,” he insisted that he believed she was a co-conspirator who had set up this robbery homicide, and not a victim. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 894-901, 909.

When challenged on his failure to appear for testimony in the morning that resulted in the issuance of a bench warrant, Crowley claimed it was due to “a

miscommunication” and he denied that defense counsel had explicitly told him the day before that he had to be back in court tomorrow. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 902-905.

On rebuttal, Corporal Andrew Verderame, a 23-year veteran of the Warminster Township Police Department, testified that on October 16, 2007, he had responded to the report of two shooting victims at the Bucks Landing Apartments. When he arrived, Officer Crowley and Officer Fox were already at the scene. He could still smell gunpowder and saw one victim lying in the hallway and another female victim lying on the floor of the living room bleeding heavily and gasping for breath. N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 914-916.

Corporal Verderame testified that he accompanied Lisa Diaz to Abington Hospital where she was pronounced dead. When he learned that Carmona had also been brought to the hospital, he spoke with her around 1:00 in the morning. He stated that Carmona told him that Alfonso Sanchez, and no one else, shot Thomas, Diaz, and herself, and that Carmona never said anyone else had a gun. On cross-examination Corporal Verderame read a statement from the report he had prepared after the murders which recorded what Carmona had said to him: “Mendez then began to walk towards their bedroom and all of a sudden Alfonso pulled a gun out of his waist and shot Mendez in the back of the head.” N.T. 4/27/2023, pp. 916-921.

On May 1, 2023, the jury returned with verdicts of guilty against Alfonso Sanchez for: Murder in the First Degree of Mendez Thomas; Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Murder of Mendez Thomas with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; Murder in the First Degree of Lisa Diaz; Criminal Attempt of Criminal Homicide of Jessica Carmona; Burglary; Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Burglary with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; Aggravated Assault (to cause serious bodily injury to Jessica Carmona); Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez (to cause serious bodily injury to Jessica Carmona); Aggravated Assault (with a deadly weapon of Jessica Carmona and/or Jaylene Thomas and/or Nico Thomas); Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault (with a deadly weapon of Jessica Carmona and/or Jaylene Thomas and/or Nico Thomas); Possession of an Instrument of the Crime; Criminal Conspiracy to Possess an Instrument of Crime with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; Recklessly Endangering Another Person (as to Jessica Carmona, Nico Thomas and Jaylene Thomas); Flight to Avoid Apprehension; and Criminal Solicitation of Criminal Homicide with Karrol Lloyd, Anthony Sparango and Rey Curbello-Rodriguez. N.T. 5/1/2023, pp. 22-32.

On May 2, 2023, during preparation for the sentencing phase of Sanchez’s trial to determine the imposition of either Life Imprisonment or a Sentence of Death, defense counsel advised this Court that Sanchez had requested that they not present any evidence of mitigation to the jury. Sanchez then insisted that he wanted to immediately proceed pro se. This Court denied that request. N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 8-10.

After a lunch recess, the Commonwealth expressed its concern that defense counsel’s failure to follow Sanchez’s wish to waive mitigation could be grounds for reversal. According to the Commonwealth, as long as Sanchez was examined

on the issue, and his decision was knowing and intelligent, he had a right under the Sixth Amendment to waive and reject the presentation of mitigation evidence. Upon further review this Court agreed, and after clarifying that Sanchez did not wish to proceed pro se so long as his defense counsel did not present mitigation evidence, the following colloquy was placed of record:

**The Court:** We'll note that Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Genovese (Defense Counsel) have returned to the courtroom after being outside to discuss the issue we noted at sidebar. All right. The jurors are not present. The defendant is present with his counsel. I'll hear from you Mr. Eriksen.

**Defense Counsel:** Judge, I'm still reading the case. Just so the record is clear, we have a number of mitigation witnesses here today. We have the psychologist here today to watch the mitigation presentation. I have, I think, at least four or five mitigation witnesses out there ready to testify.

This case has been thoroughly investigated. Mitigation evidence has been prepared and they are present to testify. I disagree with what my client wants to do. I disagree with his choices that he's making. I want to proceed. I'm never going to be in a position where me as his counsel fighting for his life is going to say I agree with this.

It's going to have to come to the Court overruling me or putting on—

**The Court:** Well, you say you disagree, but place it of record. There's no jurors here. What is his position, as you understand it?

**Defense Counsel:** Do you want him sworn so that he can tell you?

**The Court:** No, no, I'm asking you. We'll get to him in a moment, if necessary. As you understand Mr. Sanchez's position, what do you believe he is advancing?

**Defense Counsel:** Mr. Sanchez has said to me both last night and again this morning and numerous times this morning that he does not want to proceed with the penalty phase; that he does not want us to present mitigation evidence, and that he wants the death sentence. And when he was confronted with that earlier, he then chose to ask the Court to represent himself when we proceeded in that manner.

Additionally, that he wants to testify and that he wants to tell the jury that he wants the death sentence.

**The Court:** That is his right, certainly.

**Defense Counsel:** That is his right certainly, correct. It doesn't mean I have to agree with it. It doesn't mean I can't argue against it.

**The Court:** I would expect that you would. Well, the issue is drawn. Mr. Weintraub (District Attorney), what if anything do you believe should occur since the last sidebar discussion? You heard in open court what [Defense Counsel] believes his client's wishes are.

**District Attorney:** Judge, we think that to not honor the defendant's wish in this instance, while may be in his best interest, actually, to not honor his wish is tantamount to reversible error. And so he will effectively be installing—in case he changes his mind, say, in a day—installing a building grounds for appeal, so that this family has to come back again years from now.



The safest, most well-based in case law grounds to proceed forward are to give the defendant—grant his wish, give him his rights under the Constitution and not build in an error into this case at this point.

**The Court:** As I sit here—and I heard both attorneys—I am concerned about protecting the defendant from himself. All right. I am not sure this is the appropriate procedure, but the issue has been drawn.

Let's have Mr. Sanchez sworn. He can remain seated.

(Alfonso Sanchez was duly sworn.)

**The Court:** Mr. Sanchez, you've been present when your attorney, Mr. Eriksen, has stated that your preference is that no mitigation evidence on your behalf be introduced in this courtroom; is that correct?

**The Defendant:** That's correct.

**The Court:** And when did you come to that decision, sir? Is that something that you came to a decision about today or prior to this moment?

**The Defendant:** No, it's been prior.

**The Court:** Since we're having a full inquiry, you understand that the Commonwealth is seeking a sentence of death for you, and the other alternative which your counsel is pursuing is a sentence of life in prison.

Do you understand intellectually, Mr. Sanchez, that if you and your attorneys produce certain mitigation experts or witnesses or testimony, that that may in and of itself convince the jury that because of that mitigation, it either outweighs or is sufficient in itself to cause them to return a sentence of life? Do you understand that?

**The Defendant:** I understand.

**The Court:** I guess the next question would be do you believe that by not introducing any mitigation evidence, that the likelihood of your being sentenced to a life sentence would be better or greater?

**The Defendant:** No.

**The Court:** Now, I heard something that is somewhat stark in its recitation, and I want to hear it from you. Mr. Erikson, who is an Officer of the Court, has said that you wish to tell this jury under oath that you prefer to be sentenced to death; is that correct?

**The Defendant:** I prefer them to follow the law.

**The Court:** Pardon?

**The Defendant:** I prefer them to follow the law.

**The Court:** And what would that be, in your opinion?

**The Defendant:** As far as, you know, taking it from you and, you know, the facts in the case and the sentence should be death. That's the law. So let it be.

**The Court:** Do you believe that should be the outcome?

**The Defendant:** I believe that. Yes.

**The Court:** We'll have a full inquiry. You're choosing to, at least in the hypothetical, be executed rather than having a chance to serve out your term as a life prisoner, correct?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**The Court:** You may continue, Mr. Erikson. You can embellish and draw out some more information.

**Defense Counsel:** Your Honor, I don't feel comfortable doing that. I'd rather the Court do it.

**The Court:** You know—and this is just me being philosophical—sometimes attorneys worry that this is a crucial appeal issue. So to avoid it we ought to comply with a request, no matter how foolish intellectually it might be.

Mr. Sanchez seems to think that the verdict of a sentence of death would be a *fait accompli*. I'm not so sure it's a jury decision. You've put Mr. Erikson in a very difficult position. He is trying desperately to provide the jury with all the information he can possibly muster in the hope that they will spare your life, and you have counteracted that by your request today.

Do you wish to testify, Mr. Sanchez, in front of this jury as to what you've told me?

**The Defendant:** The only way I would testify is if I have to. If you put on this mitigation stuff that I do not want, I will go up there and rebut it.

**The Court:** So whatever the mitigation testimony might be, you would choose to testify, which is your right, to rebut what was said on your behalf?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**The Court:** It creates another issue. I'm not going to put you in the dilemma, Mr. Erikson, of responding to that or inquiring any further.

Is there anything you wish to add, Mr. Weintraub, that I haven't heard already?

**The Commonwealth:** Yes, Your Honor. I think that the defendant should be further colloqued that his wishes are knowing, voluntary and intelligently made.

**The Court:** We are going to get to that. All right. Mr. Sanchez, you've told me, among other things, you don't wish to have any mitigation evidence presented on your behalf; that if Mr. Erikson chooses, nonetheless, to place mitigation witnesses, including a psychologist or psychiatrist, before the jury, that you would then choose to testify and attempt to contradict the mitigation experts and the mitigation evidence. I believe I stated your preference.

Is anybody forcing you in any way, Mr. Sanchez, to make the decisions you're speaking of?

**The Defendant:** No.

**The Court:** Is anybody putting any pressure on you, whether directly or indirectly, to make that decision?

**The Defendant:** No.

**The Court:** Are you presently under the influence of any drugs or intoxicants which would impair your ability to reasonably understand the nature of these proceedings?

**The Defendant:** No.

**The Court:** Since this trial has been scheduled, are you being treated by anyone for a major mental illness?

**The Defendant:** No.

**The Court:** I want to ask Mr. Lannetti (Assistant District Attorney), with an abundance of caution, to cite the case in which he relies and to read into the record what he believes is the holding that would apply here. I only glanced at the case. I haven't read it.

**The Commonwealth:** Yes, Your Honor. Just one moment. Your Honor, actually, since—while your Honor has been engaging in that colloquy and while we were on break, we—I showed you one case. I have actually found another case that is even more directly on point. That case is Commonwealth v. Sam.

**The Court:** S-A-M?

**The Commonwealth:** S-A-M, yes. It's 535 Pennsylvania 350. It's a Supreme Court case, and it specifically says that a criminal defendant has the right to decide whether mitigating evidence will be presented on his behalf. We will not remove that right and compel admission of such evidence. Defense counsel has no duty to introduce and argue evidence of mitigating circumstances where his client has specifically directed otherwise.

So some of those other cases, I think, indirectly made that point. I think that case directly makes that point that we've raised and that we would be concerned about the error.

**The Court:** It seems clear. Let me address myself to Mr. Ericksen. I know what his preference is. You may not think this is the appropriate course to follow, but if he doesn't want to produce any mitigating evidence, there seems to be some appellate authority that I'd have to abide by that wish, and I can't force him to change his mind, nor can I force you to do that, given his preference.

**Defense Counsel:** My concern—and I'm not suggesting in any way that Mr. Lannetti is right or wrong on the issue—I was just handed a screen for 30 seconds that said this is the case that says X, Y and Z. I don't know. So I would like to look at those cases.

N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 75-77, 83-84, 87-98.

After that colloquy, Sanchez's defense counsel advised the Court that he had subpoenaed mitigation witnesses, including Sanchez's father and brother, and requested an opportunity for them to speak with Sanchez. While we observed that "Mr. Sanchez is very clear in his intentions [and] [i]t's not for me to comment on whether that's the smart course to choose," this Court nevertheless granted the request. N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 99, 101.

After an approximately three-hour long recess, Sanchez's defense counsel advised this Court that Sanchez had spoken with a number of mitigation witnesses, but remained firm in his decision to waive mitigation evidence. The following discussion was then placed of record:

**Defense Counsel:** Your Honor, over the recess Mr. Sanchez has had the opportunity to speak with his father Rafael Sanchez, who is present. He's had the opportunity to speak with his brother, Joseph Sanchez, who is present.

He's had the opportunity to speak with Heather Shield, who is present, who is his girlfriend and ex-fiance, as well as Nancy Aldred, who is present, who is, more or less, a mom for him as a child, as a teenager. He's also spoken with Michelle Trevethan.

After speaking with all of those people, who I believe were asking him or requesting him to reconsider, they are all present in the courtroom right now, Judge.

**The Court:** I'll accept your statements. What is his position?

**Defense Counsel:** His position remains the same as it was prior.

**The Court:** Very well. I'm going to place a few things of record and then call the jury in. We'll note that it's almost three hours to the minute since I declared a recess so that we could present, if necessary, any mitigating evidence that was chosen to be the subject of testimony.

I have said to the jury that I had to discuss certain legal matters out of their hearing. You heard me say that before. I'm not going to speculate as to what they're thinking, but they must be thinking that something is occurring; only because of the long time lag between the time that they were in recess and now. I'll place of record my feelings on this. Viscerally and almost instinctively, we have placed Mr. Eriksen in a very difficult, almost untenable position. He does not agree with his client's decision and whatever strategy Mr. Sanchez may be considering. Having said that, that would be my knee-jerk response. I'm convinced as well that the Commonwealth has provided legal authority for the fact that whether or not I believe this is a good idea by Mr. Sanchez is of no moment. If that's what he wishes to do, then that's what will happen. I'm going to ask you one more time, Mr. Sanchez. I'm going to give you every opportunity in case you're changing your mind. Is this what you want to do? You don't want to produce any mitigating evidence?

**The Defendant:** I stay firm in my decision.

**The Court:** Okay. Let me say this and then we will call the jury. What I am going to speak is obvious. Your attorney, Mr. Eriksen, especially today, has done everything conceivably possible to protect your interests. He is dutiful to his client. He has filed various motions on your behalf, subpoenaed witnesses on your behalf.

As a lawyer, for being faithful to his client, he wants to save your life. That was clear when he stood before this jury and gave an excellent opening statement, providing the jurors a preview of what to expect in the way of mitigating evidence.

I was especially impressed with the fact that in the beginning of his opening statement he said that he and his co-counsel respect the verdict of the jury. They have no quarrel with it, which was a sound strategy.

So despite his best efforts to save your life, Mr. Sanchez, you have seemingly made the decision that's contrary to the interest of Mr. Eriksen on your behalf. I think it's a bad decision. I think it's an exercise in terrible judgement, but we're going to let it happen.

Now, I'm going to call the jurors in and I don't want to pollute the waters any more than they have to be. I'm going to ask you in the presence of the jury, Mr. Eriksen, what if anything you wish to present at this time. Your response, I assume, will be, we have no evidence to present?

**Defense Counsel:** Correct, Your Honor.

**The Court:** As opposed to my client has decided not to produce any evidence, unless you believe that's appropriate?

**Defense Counsel:** I would prefer that my client has decided not to present evidence.

N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 102-106.

The Commonwealth next requested that defense counsel place of record the mitigation witnesses they intended to call and the purpose of their testimony. The Commonwealth also requested that the Court provide a corrective instruction to the jury to disregard defense counsel's opening statement regarding the presentation of mitigation evidence. This Court, concerned about possible jury curiosity and confusion, agreed to that request. N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 106-109.

Sanchez's co-defense counsel then requested that a "more detailed accounting" be place of record "before the jury comes out so that it's clear what Mr. Sanchez is insisting happen here," and the following colloquy was conducted:

**The Court:** You want to inquire further of Mr. Sanchez?

**Defense Counsel:** I would like to, yes,

**The Court:** I will grant you that. You are still under oath. You may remain seated, Mr. Sanchez. You as well.

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**The Defendant:** You are kicking a dead horse at this time. That's not what I—

**The Court:** Why don't you just listen, Mr. Sanchez, and then you can respond.

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**Defense Counsel:** Alfonso, you understand that we are at the penalty phase of your trial, correct?

**The Defendant:** Correct.

**Defense Counsel:** And we have had several discussions between yourself, myself, Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Eastburn regarding the penalty phase of the trial today, correct?

**The Defendant:** Correct.

**Defense Counsel:** And you have indicated to us that you do not wish us to go forward in presenting any evidence of mitigation on your behalf, is that correct?

**The Defendant:** Correct.

**Defense Counsel:** You understand that if we follow that course of action the jury is not going to hear any mitigating evidence on your behalf; in other words, there will be no mitigating evidence presented. Do you understand that?

**The Defendant:** I understand.

**Defense Counsel:** And you understand that if there is no mitigating evidence presented that all Mr. Eriksen will be able to say to the jury is that there is

no mitigating evidence being presented and you simply want them to follow the law.

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** And you understand that following the law would necessarily mean that in the absence of any evidence of mitigating circumstances, that if there is at least one aggravating circumstance then the sentence must be death? Do you understand that?

**The Defendant:** I understand that.

**Defense Counsel:** All right. So you understand that in taking your insisted course of action the realistic possibility of the death sentence being imposed is very high. You understand that?

**The Defendant:** Absolutely.

**Defense Counsel:** And that's a decision that you have made for yourself?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** And as you heard Mr. Eriksen indicate, you have been able to speak with your father, your brother, and several family friends in that regard; is that correct?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** And you have had enough time also to discuss that decision with myself, Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Eastburn?

**The Defendant:** Yes.

**Defense Counsel:** And has anyone forced or threatened or coerced you into making that decision?

**The Defendant:** No.

**Defense Counsel:** You are doing that of your own free will?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** You have had enough time to speak with us in that regard?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** And you understand that the course of action that you are insisting upon us taking is against the advice of counsel, meaning myself, Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Eastburn?

**The Defendant:** Yup.

**Defense Counsel:** And you understand that the course of action you are insisting on taking is over the objection of myself, Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Eastburn?

**The Defendant:** Yes.

**Defense Counsel:** And you understand that there were certain witnesses here today prepared to testify and offer evidence of mitigation on your behalf?

**The Defendant:** Yes.

N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 110-114.

Sanchez's defense counsel then placed of record the names and purpose of the proffered testimony of the various witnesses that would have provided mitigation evidence. These included Sanchez's mother Darlene Sanchez; his father Rafael Sanchez, Sr.; his brother Joseph Sanchez; his high school girlfriend and fiancée,

Heather Shield, and her mother Nancy Aldridge; Dr. John Markey; family friends Kim Denno and Mike Thompson; and the stipulated statements of several deceased witnesses including his grandmother Gladys Adams and family acquaintances Karen Loeffler and Crystal Schemp. N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 114-123.

After having heard all the witnesses and evidence that would have been presented on his behalf, Sanchez again reaffirmed his decision to prohibit the presentation of any mitigation evidence. He also rejected the offer to testify on his own behalf before the jury, stating “[a]s long as you won’t allow no mitigation stuff to come in, then I’m cool.” N.T. 5/2/2023, pp. 123-124.

As previously noted above, on May 1, 2023, the jury found Sanchez guilty of two counts of Murder in the First Degree of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz; two counts of Criminal Conspiracy, Murder of the Second Degree of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Criminal Attempt of Criminal Homicide of Jessica Carmona; one count of Burglary; one count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Burglary with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Aggravated Assault of Jessica Carmona; one count of Criminal Conspiracy, Aggravated Assault of Jessica Carmona with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon of Jessica Carmona and/or Jaylene Thomas and/or Nico Thomas; one count of Possession of an Instrument of Crime; one count of Criminal Conspiracy—Possession of an Instrument of Crime with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez; three counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person of Jessica Carmona, Jaylene Thomas and Nico Thomas; one count of Flight to Avoid Apprehension; and three counts of Criminal Solicitation of Criminal Homicide involving Karrol Lloyd, Anthony Sparango and Rey Curbello-Rodriguez. N.T. 5/1/23, pp. 23-32.

On May 3, 2023, prior to jury deliberations on the sentence to be imposed, Defense counsel requested permission to “argue mitigation that already exists in the case based on the facts of the case themselves,” stating further that “I don’t believe that the client can control what I argue in his best interests.” N.T. 5/3/23, pp. 4-6.

This Court denied that request noting:

It’s an interesting analogy. You don’t believe that the client can control, and you can argue in his best interests as his attorney, and, yet, the client is certainly controlling the proof that’s going to be presented on his behalf, which is none. [Your request is] denied.

Look, I have to make a decision here. I trust your good faith. I’m not going to permit you to argue mitigating circumstances which haven’t been addressed and are not before the jury.

N.T. 5/3/23, p. 6.

We further noted:

... I understand your position. I have already said while I would prefer that we were not in these circumstances and that there were mitigators that were addressed, it was the defendant’s decision not to.

We can't have it both ways. We can't have the defendant—which is his right—say I don't want mitigation evidence to be presented and stay firm in that, and on the other hand, through counsel, say but I want to make argument about mitigating evidence which hasn't been presented. I'm not going to do that.”

N.T. 5/3/23, p. 23.

Defense counsel was thereafter limited to arguing whether aggravating circumstances had been not proven beyond a reasonable doubt. N.T. 5/3/23, p. 38.

In the Commonwealth's closing arguments, they recited that Sanchez did not wish to present mitigating evidence and therefore there was “nothing to weigh.” Defense counsel nonetheless implored the jury to “check life” on the Verdict Sheet. N.T. 5/3/23, pp. 41-50.

The jury returned with a Sentence of Death for the murder of Lisa Diaz. The verdict was based upon the jury finding the aggravating circumstances that the defendant committed a killing while in the perpetration of a felony; that in committing the killing he knowingly created a grave risk of death to another person in addition to the victim; and that he had been convicted of another murder (Mendez Thomas) at the time of the offense. N.T. 5/3/23, pp. 52-55.

In his Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, Sanchez's counsel asserts *verbatim* the following:

#### GUILT PHASE MATTERS

1. Whether the trial court erred by granting consolidation of the Appellant's Homicide case with the Solicitation to Commit Murder case, which occurred over 12 years later, extremely prejudiced the Appellant, denied the Appellant a fair trial, and denied the Appellant of a fair penalty hearing by admitting prejudicial non-statutory aggravating evidence?
2. Whether the evidence was sufficient to justify a conviction of 1<sup>st</sup> degree Homicide of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz, where the Commonwealth failed to establish that the Appellant had the requisite malice in the killing of Mendez Thomas and Lisa Diaz?
3. Whether the evidence was sufficient to justify a conviction of Solicitation to Commit Homicide of Jessica Carmona, and Solicitation to Commit Homicide through Anthony Sparango, where the Commonwealth failed to establish that the Appellant had the requisite intent in the Solicitation to commit Homicide?
4. Whether the trial court unlawfully sentenced the Appellant to consecutively NLT 10 to NMT 20 years for multiple inchoate offenses arising from the same criminal conduct in Count #2 and Count #3 of Docket 3007-2021?
5. Whether the evidence was sufficient to justify a conviction for Conspiracy to Commit Homicide, where the Commonwealth failed to establish that the Appellant had an agreement with Steven Miranda and/or Alex Martinez, where the Commonwealth failed to establish



any overt act pursuant to that agreement; and where both Alex Martinez and Steven Miranda had no involvement in the Homicides, and fled from the scene before the Homicides occurred?

6. Whether the evidence was sufficient to justify a conviction for Burglary, where the Commonwealth failed to establish that the Appellant has the requisite intent to commit a crime at the time of entering the apartment of Mendez Thomas?

#### PENALTY PHASE MATTERS

7. Whether the trial court failed to permit the Appellant to argue case specific mitigation to the jury? Specifically, whether the trial court failed to permit argument by the defense on mitigation already present and existing in the case from the guilt phase, and incorporated during the penalty phase hearing, in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
8. Whether the trial court failed to permit the catch-all (e)(8) mitigating circumstance and the age (e)(4) to be listed on the verdict sheet and submitted to the jury for consideration, or allow argument on the (e)(8) mitigating circumstances or age (e)(4) to the jury based on evidence already present in the case and incorporated during the penalty phase hearing; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
9. Whether the trial court failed to allow closing argument to the jury for a life sentence on mitigation already existing in the case, failed to instruct the jury on mitigation evidence already existing in the case, and failed to allow verdict slip to indicate age and catch-all mitigating circumstances when presented to the jury; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
10. Whether the trial court failed to permit an argument for Mercy to the jury, where evidence of Mercy exists in the case based on the specific mitigation already present, and is linked to the mitigation evidence already present in the case; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
11. Whether the failure to allow ANY mitigating circumstances on the verdict slip required a verdict of Death by the jury in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute, when mitigating circumstances (e)(8) “catch-all” and age (e)(4) are present in any capital case and must have been listed on the verdict sheet? It was for the jury to decide which mitigating exist. The trial

- court's instructions to the jury were in essence, a request for a Directed Verdict of Death. The failure to permit the jury to consider ANY mitigating circumstances was a directed verdict for death.
12. Whether the trial court, having denied the Appellant's request to preclude mitigation evidence, erred in then striking the defense opening statement and terminating the penalty defense; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
  13. Whether the trial court erred by refusing to allow the Defense to argue anything to the jury during the penalty phase except that the Commonwealth failed to establish the aggravating circumstances beyond a reasonable doubt; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
  14. Whether the jury charge was in error, essentially a directed verdict of death, where the charge instructed the jury that they already found aggravating circumstances based on their prior verdict, and there are no mitigating circumstances; in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?
  15. Whether the trial court erred by instructing the jury on its role in the penalty phase before each side was permitted to make closing arguments, in violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the United States Constitution, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Death Penalty Statute?

Statement of Errors Complained of on Appeal, 11/8/23.

## Change of Name

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY  
CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
NO. 2022-00899

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Petition for the Change of Name has been filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the name(s) of **DYLAN DALE LUTTON** to **LYNNE DALE LUTTON**.

The Court has fixed the 29th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 520, Bucks County Justice Center at 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania as the time and place for the hearing of said Petitioner, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Apr. 11

## Charter Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, approved December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No. 177, effective October 1, 1989, as amended.

**Castle Tactics International Inc** has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Apr. 11

**VHS Technology Inc** has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Apr. 11

## Corporate Dissolution

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, notice is hereby given that **NovaTech CA, Inc.** is currently in the process of voluntarily dissolving.

**Robert H. Jacobs**, Solicitor  
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Apr. 11

## Estate Notice

Notice is hereby given that in the estates of the decedents set forth below the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estates are requested to make known the same, and all person indebted to said estates are requested to make payment without delay, to the executors or administrators or their attorneys named below.

### *First Publication*

**ARCHAMBAULT, WILLIAM J.** a/k/a **WILLIAM ARCHAMBAULT**, dec'd.

Late of Bristol, Bucks County, PA.

Administrator: **ANTHONY ARCHAMBAULT**, 4715 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020.

**BEADLE, THOMAS R.**, dec'd.

Late of Solebury Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executors: **DOUGLAS C. BEADLE** and **BRIAN T. BEADLE** c/o Rebecca Rosenberger Smolen, Esq., One Bala Plaze, Ste. 623, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.  
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**BEITLER, GEORGE** a/k/a **GEORGE ADAM BEITLER, III**, dec'd.

Late of Bristol Twp., Bucks County, PA.

Executor: **MICHAEL BEITLER** a/k/a **MICHAEL ADAM BEITLER** c/o William J. Salerno, Esquire, 220 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007.

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**BRENNAN, ERIKA EILEEN**, dec'd.

Late of Middletown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Administrator: **MICHAEL JOSEPH BRENNAN, JR.**, 31 Shelton Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047.

**CARULLI, ANTONIO** a/k/a **TONY CARULLI**, dec'd.

Late of Bensalem, Bucks County, PA.

Administratrix: **MRS. GERALDINE CARULLI**, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Apt. M104, Bensalem, PA 19020.

**CLARK, CAROL JOYCE** a/k/a **CAROL J. CLARK**, dec'd.

Late of Morrisville, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA.

Administratrix: **MERCEDES M. VALLE**, 4400 W. Riverside Drive, Ste. 110-2081, Burbank, CA 91505.

**COMSTOCK, MARION POST**, dec'd.

Late of Pipersville, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **KATHLEEN DOUGHTY**, 4746 Durham Rd., Pipersville, PA 18947.

**EHLY, PATRICIA A.**, dec'd.

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Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks County, PA.

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**HARM, ROBERT**, dec'd.

Late of Northampton, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **STACEY McDONALD**, 38 Carousel Circle, New Britain, PA 18901.

**HERSTINE, RALPH S.**, dec'd.

Late of Telford, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **LINDA L. KOFFEL**, 512 Meetinghouse Rd., Souderton, PA 18964.

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**HETZEL, HELEN MARIE** a/k/a **HELEN M. HETZEL**, dec'd.

Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executor: **MATTHEW HETZEL**, 83 Valley Drive, Furlong, PA 18925.

**JACKSON, JANET MARIE** a/k/a **JANET JACKSON**, dec'd.

Late of Fairless Hills, Bucks County, PA.

Executor: **JOHN JACKSON**, 1 Hawk Road, Levittown, PA 19056.

**KYRIAKOS, NICOLE F.** a/k/a **NICOLE KYRIAKOS**, dec'd.

Late of Warwick Township, Bucks County, PA.

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**LITTLEWOOD, CLARENCE EDWARD**, dec'd.

Late of the Township of Middletown, Bucks County, PA.

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**LYNCH, LAWRENCE ALBERT** a/k/a **LARRY LYNCH**, dec'd.

Late of Levittown, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **REBECCA B. LYNCH**, 63 Pleasant Lane, Levittown, PA 19054.

**MAXWELL, BRYCE, JR.**, dec'd.

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Late of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, PA.  
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- MORGAN, WILLIAM H., JR.**, dec'd.  
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Late of Bucks County, PA.  
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- PINKERTON, JOHN M.**, dec'd.  
Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA.  
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- PITTS, STEPHEN, SR.**, dec'd.  
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- RETTTER, CATHERINE P.** a/k/a **CATHERINE RETTTER**, dec'd.  
Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks County, PA.

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Executrix: **AMY MARIE R. CONOSCENTI** a/k/a **AMY CONOSCENTI**, 3556 Smith Road, Furlong, PA 18925.

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Administrator: **WILLIAM ANDERSON**, 225 S. Paladinn Circle, Inverness, FL 34453.

**BACKHAUS, ALBERT F., III** a/k/a **FRED BACKHAUS**, dec'd.

Late of Langhorne, Middletown, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **KRISTINA LOUCKS**, 6417 Lenox Ct., Bensalem, PA 19020.

**BANKS, BEVERLY ANN** a/k/a **BEVERLY ANN HEBURGER**, dec'd.

Late of Doylestown, Doylestown Borough, Doylestown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Administrator: **LEON A. BANKS**, 200 Veterans Lane, Apt. 427, Doylestown, PA 18901.

**BERKOWITZ, DAVID GARY**, dec'd.

Late of Middletown Township, Bucks County, PA.

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**BROZIS, EDWARD C.**, dec'd.

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**CALVANESE, LOUIS A., JR.** a/k/a **LOUIS ANTHONY CALVANESE, JR.**, dec'd.

Late of Richland Township, Bucks County, PA.

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**CERVENKA, JEFFREY W.**, dec'd.

Late of Newtown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **TAMMY L. CERVENKA** c/o Cordes Law LLC, 27 South State Street, Newtown, PA 18940.

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**CHEN, LIBING**, dec'd.

Late of Newtown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Executrix: **HUA YIN** c/o Dumont & Watson, PC, 600 Alexander Rd., Ste. 1-1, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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**DAVIS, THOMAS WILLIAM** a/k/a **T. WILLIAM DAVIS** and **T. WILLIAM DAVIS, SR.**, dec'd.

Late of Milford Twp., Bucks County, PA. Executor: **T. WILLIAM DAVIS, JR.**, 1050 Camp Skymount Rd., Green Lane, PA 18054.

Attorney: **J. OLIVER GINGRICH**, Landis, Hunsberger, Gingrich & Weik, LLP, 114 East Broad Street, P.O. Box 64769, Souderton, PA 18964.

**FAZEY, ANTHONY C.** a/k/a **ANTHONY FAZEY**, dec'd.

Late of New Hope Borough, Bucks County, PA.

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Late of Bensalem, Bucks County, PA.

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Late of Bensalem Township, Bucks County, PA.

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**HEWLETT, MARY J.**, dec'd.

Late of Perkasio, Bucks County, PA.

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**HOSTETLER, PAUL W.** a/k/a **PAUL WAYNE HOSTETLER**, dec'd.

Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA.

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- JARRETT, GLENN R., SR.**, dec'd.  
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 Late of Newtown, Bucks County, PA.  
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- LANDIS, ARLENE Z.** a/k/a **ARLENE ZIEGLER LANDIS**, dec'd.  
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 Late of Solebury Township, Bucks County, PA.  
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- MARTIN, MARY B.**, dec'd.  
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- MAYHEW, RONALD L.**, dec'd.  
 Late of the Township of Upper Makefield, Bucks County, PA.  
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 Attorney: **THOMAS J. PROFY, IV**, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, 680 Middletown Boulevard, Langhorne, PA 19047.
- McGOWAN, REGINA M.**, dec'd.  
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Oxford Valley Road, Suite 302, Fairless  
Hills, PA 19030.

**YOCUM, KATHLEEN V.** a/k/a **KATHY V.  
YOCUM**, dec'd.

Late of Bensalem, Bucks County, PA.

Administrator: **THOMAS HELT**, 1349  
Woodbine Ave., Bensalem, PA 19020.

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## Miscellaneous

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY LAW DIVISION  
NO. A06-03-61227-D  
IN DIVORCE

**JEFF B. ROBERTSON**

vs.

**AMANDA L. ROBERTSON**

NOTICE TO DEFEND  
AND CLAIM RIGHTS

You have been sued for divorce.

If you wish to defend against these  
claims, you must take prompt action. You are  
warned that if you fail to do so, the case may  
proceed without you and a Decree in Divorce  
or Annulment may be entered against you by  
the Court. A judgment may also be entered  
against you for any other claim or relief  
requested in these papers by the Plaintiff.  
You may lose money or property or other  
rights important to you, including Custody or  
Visitation of your children.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FOR  
ALIMONY, EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION  
OF PROPERTY, ATTORNEY'S FEES, OR

OTHER COSTS BEFORE A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

Bucks County Bar Association  
135 E. State St.  
P.O. Box 300  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
(888) 991-9922

#### COUNSELING NOTICE

THE DIVORCE CODE OF PENNSYLVANIA REQUIRES THAT YOU BE NOTIFIED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNSELING WHERE A DIVORCE IS SOUGHT UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

Section 3301(a)(6)—Indignities;

Section 3301(c)—Irretrievable breakdown, Mutual Consent;

Section 3301(d)—Irretrievable breakdown, One year separation.

A list of certain professionals is available for inspection in the Office of the Prothonotary, Bucks County Justice Center, 100 North Main Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901.

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Attorney I.D. No.: 306363  
Zlock & Grisillo  
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777 Township Line Road  
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Yardley, PA 19067

Apr. 11

#### THE BUCKS COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

##### TO: **the Members**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Bucks County Contributionship will be a Virtual Meeting conducted from the Bucks County Contributionship's Office at 107 Corporate Drive East, Langhorne, Pennsylvania at 11:00 A.M. on April 25, 2024, in accordance with the By-Laws for the following purposes:

1. To elect Directors as follows for a three-year term:

- a. Karen S. Fulton
- b. Gregory Scozzari
- c. Peter S. Toft

2. For the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Ryan J. Parry, CIC  
Secretary-Treasurer

Apr. 4, 11, 18

### Trust Notice

Notice is hereby given that the settlor of the revocable trust set forth below has died, and no personal representative has been appointed for said decedent's estate. All persons having claims or demand against said decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the trustee or the trustee's attorney as named below:

#### *Second Publication*

TRUST OF **JOAN H. LEINWEBER**, Dated February 14, 1995.

Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA.

Trustees: **SUZANNE G. BERKSON** and **JENNIFER B. GLICK** c/o Brook Hastings, Esq., 275 South Main Street, Suite 11, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Attorney: **BROOK HASTINGS**, 275 South Main Street, Suite 11, Doylestown, PA 18901.

#### *Third and Final Publication*

THE **CHARLES H.** and **RUTH E. MELLORS** FAMILY TRUST, Dated 6/28/1994.

Late of Bristol Township, Bucks County, PA.

Co-Trustees: **JAMES C. MELLORS**; **JOHN H. MELLORS** and **DAVID W. MELLORS** c/o Robin S. Holmes, Esq., 57 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 338, Yardley, PA 19067.

Attorney: **ROBIN S. HOLMES**, Law Office of Robin S. Holmes, 57 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 338, Yardley, PA 19067.

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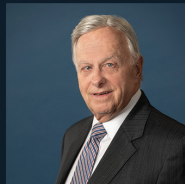


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