IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

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vs. : NO. 00-11,893

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BOBBI JO DITZLER JOHNSON,

: CRIMINAL ACTION – LAW

Defendant : 1925(a) OPINION

Date: June 14, 2001

<u>OPINION IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER OF MARCH 27, 2001, IN COMPLIANCE</u> <u>WITH RULE 1925(a) OF THE RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE</u>

Defendant has appealed this Court's Order of sentence of March 27, 2001, entered after a summary hearing appeal trial. The Order was dated March 29, 2001 and was entered immediately following the trial that had been held that date.

The reasons for this Court's Order can be found in the transcript of the proceedings and were set forth on the record at the conclusion of the testimony of March 27, 2001 at pp. 42-45.

In the Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal filed April 18, 2001, Defendant essentially asserts that she was stopped by a Municipal Police Officer without authority under the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act. This Court found as to issues of credibility that Pennsylvania State Police Officer had made a request that the Municipal Officer stop the vehicle based upon the State Police Officer's personal observations that Defendant had committed violations of the Motor Vehicle Code and thus the stop was valid under 42 Pa. C.S.A. §38953(a)(5) of the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act.

In its reasoning the Court also referred to several cases for which citations were not given at that point in the transcript. Specifically, those cases referred to, and relief upon by the Court, are the following: *Commonwealth v. Bradley*, 724 A.2d 351 (Pa.Super 1999) and *Commonwealth v. Eisenfelder*, 664 A.2d 151 (1995).

Accordingly, this Court believes the appeal should be denied.

BY THE COURT:

William S. Kieser, Judge

cc: District Attorney

Michael E. Groulx, Esquire

Judges

Suzanne Lovecchio, Law Clerk

Gary L. Weber, Esquire (Lycoming Reporter)

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