

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA</b>	:	
	:	<b>No: 1061-2008</b>
<b>v.</b>	:	
	:	<b>CRIMINAL DIVISION</b>
<b>MAURICE PATTERSON,</b>	:	<b>APPEAL</b>
<b>Defendant</b>	:	

**OPINION IN SUPPORT OF ORDER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1925(a)**  
**OF THE RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE**

Maurice Patterson (Defendant) was found guilty of Murder of the First Degree, Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Murder of the First Degree, and Criminal Solicitation. Based upon a unanimous verdict of the jury, the Defendant was sentenced to death on the charge of Murder in the First Degree. The Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on May 24, 2012. On June 7, 2012, this Court directed the Defendant, in accordance with Pa.R.A.P. No. 1925(b), to file within thirty (30) days a concise statement of matters complained of on appeal. The Court received the Defendant's concise statement on July 9, 2012.

The Defendant's issues on appeal include: 1) issues that were denied and specifically set forth in the Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion filed on March 7, 2009; 2) issues that were denied and specifically set forth in the Omnibus Pre-trial Motion Pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 578 filed on August 7, 2009; and 3) issues that were denied and specifically set forth in the Motion for Post-Sentence Relief Pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 720 filed on April 4, 2011.

For purposes of this Opinion, the Court will rely on Judge Butts' Opinions and Orders filed on July 16, 2009; October 30, 2009; and January 18, 2012.

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By the Court,

Nancy L. Butts, President Judge

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