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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

ECBA Board of Directors Meeting Noon ECBA Headquarters

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Law Day Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. ECBA Headquarters

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

ECBA Live Lunch-n-Learn Seminar Nuts & Bolts of Pennsylvania's Ignition Interlock Program The Will J. Schaaf & Mary B. Schaaf Education Center 11:45 a.m. - Registration/Lunch 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Seminar \$47 (ECBA members/their non-attorney staff) \$60 (non-members) 1 hour substantive

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Family Law Section Meeting Noon Judge Walsh's Courtroom

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

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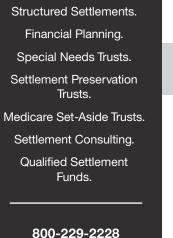
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REAPPOINTMENT OF A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

The current term of office of the Honorable Jeffery A. Deller, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is due to expire on October 5, 2019. The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is considering the reappointment of Judge Deller to a new 14-year term of office. Members of the bar and the public are invited to submit comments for consideration by the Court of Appeals regarding the reappointment of Bankruptcy Judge Jeffery A. Deller. All comments will be kept confidential and should be directed to one of the following addresses: by email at deller_reappointment@ca3.uscourts.gov or by mail to Margaret A. Wiegand, Circuit Executive, 22409 U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Comments must be received not later than March 16, 2019.

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JAMIL JONES, Defendant

CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE / SEARCH & SEIZURE / WARRANT / ISSUANCE BY NEUTRAL & DETACHED MAGISTRATE

If entry into a residence is necessary to search for an individual, there must be a warrant with a magisterial determination of probable cause to search that residence regardless of whether the warrant is an arrest warrant or a search warrant.

CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE / WARRANTLESS SEARCHES / HOME

When police relied on Board of Probation and Parole documents and a JNET notice to search a third-party's residence for a parole absconder but had neither an arrest warrant nor a search warrant the entry into the third-party's home, the arrest of the parole absconder and the seizure of evidence on his person violated the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION NO. 1747 OF 2018

Appearances: Office of Erie County District Attorney Nicole Sloane, Esquire, on behalf of Jamil Jones, Defendant

OPINION

Bozza, J., S.J.

December 10, 2018

This matter is before the Court on Jamil Jones' (hereinafter "Defendant") *pro se* Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion in the nature of a motion to suppress evidence related to his arrest for parole violations. A hearing was scheduled for September 25, 2018, at which time the Commonwealth presented the testimony of one witness, City of Erie Bureau of Police Sergeant Steven Deluca (hereinafter "Sgt. Deluca"), and introduced two exhibits. The Defendant presented the testimony of two witnesses, the Defendant and Aissa Ramlal (hereinafter "Ms. Ramlal") (sic), and introduced one exhibit. The Court found the record less than adequate to make a valid determination and scheduled an additional hearing to address specified issues including the existence of an arrest warrant. A second hearing was conducted on October 9, 2018, at which time the Commonwealth presented the testimony of State Parole Agent Jesse Bayle (hereinafter "Agent Bayle") and introduced two additional exhibits but no arrest warrant.¹

As noted, the Defendant filed an Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion *pro se*. He was initially represented by the Erie County Office of Public Defender but Nicole Sloane, counsel assigned to the case, withdrew with the permission of the Court and the Defendant proceeded on his own. At the time of the hearing, however, Ms. Sloane appeared and agreed to serve in an advisory capacity for the Defendant in the suppression proceedings.

¹ There is a paucity of information in the record regarding the Defendant's status on parole. There is no evidence concerning a parole agreement or the conditions of parole applicable to the Defendant. Because there was no information introduced with regard to his status at the Erie Community Corrections Center, initially it appeared that the Defendant may have been an escapee from the State Department of Corrections. It was clarified at a subsequent hearing he was not.

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

In March of 2018, the Defendant was on parole and residing at the Erie Community Correction Center (hereinafter "ECCC") as his approved residence. On or about March 7, 2018, the Defendant failed to return to the ECCC. A "wanted request notice" also known as a "PBPP-A62" form was issued indicating the Defendant's wanted status. The A62 form was made available to the members of an Erie County fugitive task force that included Agent Bayle and Sgt. Deluca, and others (collectively "the police"). Sgt. Deluca and Agent Bayle were aware of the wanted notice and together initiated an effort to locate him. At some point the task force received information from a confidential informant concerning two addresses where the Defendant might be found.

On or about May 1, 2018, members of the task force including Sgt. Deluca and Agent Bayle went to the first address which apparently was the "possible location" address listed on the A62 but the Defendant was not there. Based on information from the confidential informant, they then went to a second address at 1206 East Lake Road, Apartment 103. They were admitted to the building by the manager and a resident indicated that the Defendant was in Apartment 103. They proceeded to the apartment and knocked repeatedly on the door. The door opened with the force of the knocking and they announced their presence several times. They could hear someone in the back bedroom.

They entered the small apartment and found the Defendant in the back and only bedroom. They ordered him to the floor and he complied and they handcuffed and arrested him. In the course of the arrest they searched his person and, they discovered cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin on his person. With further observation members of the task force found additional evidence on a dresser related to the possession of drugs. The Defendant was brought to the City of Erie Bureau of Police where he was processed and initially detained.

The apartment at 1206 East Lake Road was apparently rented by Ms. Ramlal, the girlfriend of the Defendant for a couple of months, and she resided there. She allowed the Defendant to be there having let him in earlier in the morning on the day of the arrest. There was no other evidence of the Defendant having resided there. While Sgt. Deluca pointed to the fact the police booking sheet lists the apartment as his address, the record is insufficient to determine the significance of the entry. In any case there is insufficient evidence to determine that 1206 East Lake Road, Apartment 103 was the Defendant's residence and it is clear from its Brief that the Commonwealth is not pursuing that notion.²

The basis for the Defendant's claim is that he did not reside at the location in question and that the police made a warrantless entry into Ms. Ramlal's apartment that violated the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

II. DISCUSSION

It is evident that the police entered the home of Ms. Ramlal without prior judicial authorization. The only pre-arrest documents introduced by the Commonwealth were the administrative forms apparently used by an administrative agency or service, specifically the Board of Probation or Parole (Exhibit "C") or "JNET" (Exhibit "B") confirming the Defendant's status as a "wanted" person. No arrest or search warrant was issued by a magistrate.

² "Defendant claims no possessory interest in the residence. ... since the defendant has no privacy interest in the residence where he was arrested and the holdings of *Stanley* apply (sic)." Commonwealth, Brief at p. 2.

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The core issues in this case with regard to suppression of evidence implicate both the rights of Ms. Ramlal as well as those of the Defendant. The Defendant was arrested and searched in Ms. Ramlal's apartment. In Pennsylvania a defendant has automatic standing to challenge the constitutionality of a search where, among other requirements, the offense charged includes, as an essential element, possession of the evidence seized at the time of the search. *Commonwealth v. Jacoby*, 170 A.3d 1065 (pa. 2017).³

The Commonwealth has argued that the privacy interest of the Defendant was not at issue when the police entered the residence of his girlfriend. They note that the Defendant has claimed that he did not reside there. In support of its position, the prosecution relies on *Commonwealth v. Romero*, 183 A.3d 264 (Pa. 2018) and *Commonwealth v. Stanley*, 498 A.2d 326 (Pa. 1982). Both of those cases were decided following the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in *Payton v. New York*, 445 U.S. 573 (1980) (police need an arrest warrant and reason to believe a defendant is present to enter a residence for the purpose of making a routine arrest) and *Steagald v. United States*, 451 U.S. 2004 (Pa. 1981) (police are required to have a search warrant to enter the home of a third party for the purpose of effectuating an arrest). This Court finds that the Commonwealth's reliance is misplaced.

In *Stanley*, the court denied a suppression motion in circumstances where the defendant was arrested in the residence of a third party and where the police found a revolver incident to his arrest. In October 1975, the defendant was an escapee from a hospital detention unit having been convicted of and incarcerated for murder. An arrest warrant had been issued immediately thereafter. The court affirmed on the basis that the revolver was found incident to a lawful arrest and referencing *Payton*, because the police had obtained an arrest warrant for Stanley. The majority opinion did not discuss the applicability of the then recent decision in *Steagald*. In a concurring opinion, Justice Roberts, while noting that *Steagald* required police to have a search warrant to enter the home of a third party, affirmed on the basis that having an arrest warrant was sufficient to comply with the holding in *Payton* and to protect the Fourth Amendment privacy interests of Stanley.

In *Romero*, the police were searching for an alleged parole violator and absconder from a halfway house (remarkably similar to this case) and went to a location they believed was his residence. They had a warrant for his arrest. In fact, it was the residence of a half-brother and his wife and, although they did not find the person stated on the arrest warrant at that location, they proceeded to search the residence where they discovered marijuana plants growing. The police then charged the residents of the location with various crimes. The court following a searching analysis concluded:

"Even when seeking to execute an arrest warrant, a law enforcement entry into a home must be authorized by a warrant reflecting a magisterial determination of probable cause to search that home whether by a separate search warrant or contained within the arrest warrant itself. Absent such a warrant, an entry into a residence is excused only by a recognized exception to the search warrant requirement."

³ The Commonwealth has not challenged the Defendant's standing to assert a constitutional violation.

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Id. at 405. The court made it abundantly clear that "warrantless searches into a home to effectuate an arrest were unlawful". *Id.* at 385. Justice Wecht, writing for the majority went on to explain:

The Fourth Amendment protects the privacy interests in all homes. To overcome that privacy interest, a warrant used to enter a home must reflect a magisterial determination of probable cause to believe that the legitimate object of a search is contained therein. The form of the warrant is significant only in that it ordinarily signifies "what the warrant authorizes the agent to do". (citations omitted) ... if an arrest warrant is based solely upon probable cause to seize an individual, then it authorizes precisely that seizure. **If entry into a residence is necessary to search for that individual, then the warrant must reflect a magisterial determination of probable cause to search that residence, regardless of whether the warrant is styled as an "arrest warrant" or a "search warrant". (emphasis added)**

Id. at 403. The court went on to find that the record before it is not adequate to make a final determination of the suppression issue because, although the government maintained it had an arrest warrant for Mr. Moreno as a parole violator, it did not enter the warrant into the record before the trial court. Therefore, it remanded the case to allow the Commonwealth to do so and for the court to determine if the language of the warrant provided authorization for the search of the property in question.

Neither decision in *Stanley* or *Romero* provides any support for the Commonwealth's position here. In both of those cases the law enforcement officers, notwithstanding the absence of search warrants, had obtained arrest warrants from a magistrate. In this case the police did not have a search warrant to enter the home of Ms. Ramlal as was required by the court in *Steagald* and as interpreted and applied by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in *Romero*. Moreover, the police who entered her apartment on May 1, 2018, did not obtain an arrest warrant for the Defendant even though he had been declared delinquent from parole on March 7, 2018, almost two months prior.

This also is not a situation where the Commonwealth has simply neglected to move its warrant into the record of the suppression hearing. The Court noting its absence following the first hearing scheduled a second hearing expressly for the purpose of giving the Commonwealth the opportunity to introduce a warrant. It did not do so. It has, however, introduced the PBPP's form A62 and its JNET notice of a wanted person. To the degree that the Commonwealth is suggesting or implying that either of these documents constitutes an arrest warrant, a theory it has not explicitly advanced, its position would be incorrect. Neither document was issued by a neutral and detached magistrate based upon an independent assessment of probable cause as is specifically required by both the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions, but rather by administrative agency acting in a law enforcement capacity.⁴ Finally, there is nothing in this record to indicate that there was consent to search

⁴Although not directly raised here, the status of the Defendant as a parolee may affect how the general requirements of the Fourth Amendment are applied. In *Commonwealth v. Hughes*, 575 Pa. 447 (2002), the court re-affirmed that parolees have a diminished expectation of privacy and the Fourth Amendment protections for a parolee are more limited than for other citizens. *Id.* at 457. Moreover, the court noted that where a parolee has signed a parole agreement which provides, as a condition of parole, consent to the search of their residence by a parole officer, a parole officer does not ordinarily need to obtain a search warrant. *Id. See, also, Commonwealth v. Williams*, 547 Pa. 577 (pa. 1997). Nonetheless, as appears implicit in *Romero*, a person's status as a parolee is unlikely to have a bearing on the privacy interests implicated in the search and seizure of the residence of a third party as in this case.

Ms. Ramlal's apartment nor to indicate the existence of exigent circumstances such that a warrant would not be required.

III. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, it is this Court's determination that the entry into the apartment of Ms. Ramlal and the subsequent arrest and seizure of the evidence in question is in violation of the Fourth Amendment. Therefore, the motion to suppress the evidence as requested by the Defendant shall be granted and an appropriate order shall follow.

<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, this 10th day of December, 2018, upon consideration of the Defendant's Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion and argument thereon, and for the reasons set forth in this Court's Opinion of this date, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the Defendant's Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion in the nature of a motion to suppress the evidence is **GRANTED**.

BY THE COURT /s/ John A. Bozza, Senior Judge ACTION TO QUIET TITLE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA NO. 12311 - 2018 MICHAEL MASON, Plaintiff

AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES also known as AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., its successors and/or assigns, Defendant

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The Complaint, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, Pennsylvania at No. 12311-2018, alleges that the Plaintiff, Michael Mason, is the owner of the following parcel of property: 823 Fair Avenue, Erie, PA; Erie County Tax Identification # 27009065000300.

The Court has ordered that notice to this action may be given by publication so that title to the property may be adjudicated. The Complaint requests the Court to decree that title to the property is free and clear of any claim or interest of any of the said Defendant, its successors and/or assigns, and that said Defendant be barred from asserting any right, title and interest in and to the property inconsistent with the interest and claim of the Plaintiffs unless an action of ejectment is brought within thirty (30) days of the Court's Order. BLAKELY & BLAKELY, LLC Richard A. Blakely, Esquire

Feb. 15

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, Pennsylvania 10389-19, notice is hereby given that a Petition was filed in the above named court requesting an Order to change the name of Killean James Giles Castano to Killean James Giles.

The Court has fixed the 20th day of March, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Court Room G, Room 222, of the Erie County Court House, 140 West 6th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501 as the time and place for the Hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested parties may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

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CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE In the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, Pennsylvania 10419-19 Notice is hereby given that a Petition was filed in the above named court requesting an Order to change the name of Harry Martin Cooke to Henry Martin Cooke.

The Court has fixed the 29th day of March, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Court Room G, Room 222, of the Erie County Court House, 140 West 6th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501 as the time and place for the Hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested parties may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE Pursuant to Act 295 of December 16, 1982 notice is hereby given of the intention to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a "Certificate of Carrying On or Conducting Business under an Assumed or Fictitious Name." Said Certificate contains the following information:

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4. An Application for the registration of a fictitious name under the Fictitious Names Act was filed on January 11, 2019.

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LEGAL NOTICE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL DIVISION ERIE COUNTY DOCKET NO.: 12836-16 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA RULE OF **CIVIL PROCEDURE 3129** THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-10CB, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10CB, Plaintiff VS.

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MILLER, DECEASED, Defendants NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

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6. You may be entitled to a share of the money which was paid for your real estate. A schedule of distribution of the money bid for your real estate will be filed by the Sheriff within thirty (30) days of the sale. This schedule will state who will be receiving that money. The money will be paid out in accordance with his schedule unless exceptions (reasons why the proposed schedule of distribution is wrong) are filed with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after the posting of the schedule of distribution.

7. You may also have other rights and defenses, or ways of getting your real estate back, if you act immediately after the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Matthew Wayne Higby must appear March 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Erie County Courthouse for a custody conciliation appointment.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ATTENTION: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF MINOR FEMALE CHILD D.M.R. DOB: 01/06/2018 BORN TO: IANETTE MIOSOTIS

BORN TO: JANETTE MIOSOTIS RIVERA-JAMES

38 IN ADOPTION, 2018

If you could be the parent of the above-mentioned child, at the instance of Erie County Office of Children and Youth you, laying aside all business and excuses whatsoever, are hereby cited to be and appear before the Orphan's Court of Erie County, Pennsylvania, at the Erie County Court House, Honorable Shad Connelly, Court Room No. B-208, City of Erie on March 1, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. and there show cause, if any you have, why your parental rights to the above child should not be terminated in accordance with a Petition and Order of Court filed by the Erie County Office of Children and Youth. A copy of these documents can be obtained by contacting the Erie County Office of Children and Youth at (814) 451-7729

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LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS Probate Court No. 2 COUNTY OF DALLAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. PR-18-02390-2 By publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Dallas, for one issue, prior to the return day hereof ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS and ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Karen Louise Olsonsmith, Deceased,

are cited to be and appear before the Probate Court No. 2 of Dallas County, Texas at the Renaissance Tower, in the City of Dallas, on the first Monday after service hereof is perfected, to wit: Monday, December 17, 2018, to answer The Amended Application For Determination Of Heirship filed by William Bowen Smith, on the November 30, 2018, in the matter of the Estate of: Karen Louise Olson-smith, Deceased, No. PR-18-02390-2, and alleging in substance as follows:

Applicant alleges that the decedent died on July 11, 2011 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, and prays that the Court hear evidence sufficient to determine who are the heirs of Karen Louise Olson-smith, Deceased.

The testator's property will pass to the testator's heirs if the will is not admitted to probate; and the person offering the testator's will for probate may not be in default for failing to present the will for probate during the four-year period immediately following the testator's death.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the City of Dallas, December 03, 2018 JOHN F. WARREN, County Clerk

Dallas County, Texas /s/ Dawn Magers, Deputy

Feb. 8, 15

AUDIT LIST NOTICE BY KENNETH J. GAMBLE Clerk of Records Register of Wills and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division, of the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County, Pennsylvania

The following Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees have filed their Accounts in the Office of the Clerk of Records, Register of Wills and Orphans' Court Division and the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Erie County at the Court House, City of Erie, on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** and confirmed Nisi.

March 20, 2019 is the last day on which Objections may be filed to any of these accounts.

Accounts in proper form and to which no Objections are filed will be audited and confirmed absolutely. A time will be fixed for auditing and taking of testimony where necessary in all other accounts.

<u>2019</u>	<u>ESTATE</u>	ACCOUNTANT	ATTORNEY
26.	L. B. Cooley	David J. Rhodes, Guardian	David J. Rhodes, Esq.
27.	Ruby Cooley	David J. Rhodes, Guardian	David J. Rhodes, Esq.

KENNETH J. GAMBLE Clerk of Records Register of Wills & Orphans' Court Division

Feb. 15, 22



ESTATE NOTICES

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 persons named. All persons having claims or demands against said estates are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said estates are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or their attorneys named below.

FIRST PUBLICATION

CHRISTOS, GEORGE P., a/k/a GEORGE PETER CHRISTOS, a/k/a GEORGE CHRISTOS, a/k/a GEORGE P. CHRISTOS, SR., deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executrix: Serena Elias, c/o 504 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16501

Attorney: Alan Natalie, Esquire, 504 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16501

DEWEY, LESLIE R., JR., a/k/a LESLIE R. DEWEY,

deceased

Late of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania *Executrix:* Christina Dewey, c/o Peter J. Sala, Esquire, 731 French Street, Erie, PA 16501 *Attorney:* Peter J. Sala, Esquire, 731 French Street, Erie, PA 16501

EVANS, MARIAN, deceased

Late of the Township of Harborcreek, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *Executor:* David Evans c/o Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508 *Attorney:* Darlene M. Vlahos, Esq., Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508

GRABINSKI, LORI L., a/k/a LORI LYNN GRABINSKI, a/k/a LORI GRABINSKI,

deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executrix: Sharon Lipinski, c/o Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508 *Attorney:* Darlene M. Vlahos, Esq., Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508

HILLIARD, IONA G., a/k/a IONA HILLIARD,

deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executor: Gregory G. Hilliard, c/o John J. Shimek, III, Esquire, Sterrett Mott Breski & Shimek, 345 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

Attorney: John J. Shimek, III, Esquire, Sterrett Mott Breski & Shimek, 345 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

JENKS, GORDON L.,

deceased

Late of City of Erie *Executor:* Daniel A. Jenks, c/o 246 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501 *Attorney:* Evan E. Adair, Esq., 246 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501

KUHAR, MICHAEL D., deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie, Pennsylvania *Executor:* Michael P. Kuhar, c/o 150 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501 *Attorney:* Gregory L. Heidt, Esquire, 150 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501 LIBRAN, VENERA VEGA, a/k/a VERENA V. PEREZ, a/k/a VERENA V. LIBRAN, a/k/a VENERA V. PEREZ, a/k/a VENERA V. LIBRAN, a/k/a VERENA PEREZ, a/k/a VENERA PEREZ, a/k/a VENERO PEREZ, deceased

Late of the Township of Springfield, County of Erie, State of Pennsylvania

Executor: Jesus Perez, 2126 Rice Avenue, Lake City, PA 16423 *Attorney:* James R. Steadman, Esq., 24 Main St. E., P.O. Box 87, Girard, PA 16417

MOFFETT, BOBBIE J., a/k/a BARBARA MOFFETT, a/k/a BARBARA JOYCE MOFFETT, deceased

Late of the Boro of Wesleyville, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Administrator: Daniel K. Moffett, c/o Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506 Attorney: Melissa L. Larese, Esq., Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506

WILLRICH, SYLVIA H., a/k/a SYLVIA RUTH WILLRICH, deceased

Late of Washington Township, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *Executor:* John E. Stafford, 358 Brookmeade Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 *Attorney:* None

SECOND PUBLICATION

GASPER, BRIAN D., a/k/a BRIAN GASPER, a/k/a BRIAN DAVID GASPER, deceased

Late of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania Administrator: Gary Gasper, c/o Dan W. Susi, Esquire, 714 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA 16501 Attorney: Dan W. Susi, Esquire, 714 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA 16501

GEORGE, SHIRLEY F.,

deceased

Late of Fairview Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania *Executor:* Joseph Timothy George, c/o Jeffrey D. Scibetta, Esq., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501 *Attorney:* Jeffrey D. Scibetta, Esq., Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501

KONIECZKI, NANCY J., a/k/a NANCY KONIECZKI, deceased

Late of the Township of Summit, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Administratrix: Linda R. Kessler, c/o Eugene C. Sundberg Jr., Esq., Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507

Attorney: Eugene C. Sundberg Jr., Esq., MARSH, SPAEDER, BAUR, SPAEDER & SCHAAF, LLP., Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507

OHLE, ELLEN M.,

deceased

Late of Township of Fairview, Erie County, Pennsylvania *Executor:* Donna Bittner, c/o Martone & Peasley, 150 West Fifth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507 *Attorney:* Joseph P. Martone, Esquire, Martone & Peasley, 150 West Fifth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

RIESDORPH, RICHARD, a/k/a RICHARD J. RIESDORPH, deceased

Late of Millcreek Township, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executor: Adam Riesdorph *Attorney:* David J. Rhodes, Esquire, ELDERKIN LAW FIRM, 150 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501

ROPELEWSKI, VIRGINIA STELLA, a/k/a VIRGINIA S. ROPELEWSKI, a/k/a VIRGINIA KOZA, a/k/a VIRGINIA S. BENACKI,

deceased

Late of the Township of Harborcreek, County of Erie, State of Pennsylvania *Executrix:* Patricia L. Koza-Zielewski, 1115 East 30th Street, Erie, PA 16504 *Attorney:* James R. Steadman, Esq., 24 Main St. E., P.O. Box 87, Girard, PA 16417

SIMON, WILLIAM L., deceased

Late of McKean Township Executrix: Kristina M. Bennett, c/o 246 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501 Attorney: Evan E. Adair, Esq., 246 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501

STELMACK, ROBERT G., deceased

Late of City of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania *Executor:* Joshua Robert Stelmack, c/o Martone & Peasley, 150 West Fifth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507 *Attorney:* Joseph P. Martone, Esquire, Martone & Peasley,

Esquire, Martone & Peasley, 150 West Fifth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

THIRD PUBLICATION

ALEX, WILLIAM P., a/k/a WILLIAM ALEX, a/k/a BILLY ALEX, deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executor: Patty Brunner, c/o 504 State Street, 3rd Floor, Erie, PA 16501

Attorney: Michael J. Nies, Esquire, 504 State Street, 3rd Floor, Erie, PA 16501

BRIGGS, MATTHEW TERRELL, a/k/a MATTHEW T. BRIGGS, deceased

Late of City of Erie, Erie County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *Administrator:* David T. Briggs, c/o Jerome C. Wegley, Esq., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501 *Attorney:* Jerome C. Wegley, Esq., Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., 120 West Tenth Street, Erie, PA 16501

FIORETTI, ALDESIA, a/k/a ALDESIA E. FIORETTI, deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executrix: Linda Ann Kemper, c/o Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506 *Attorney:* Melissa L. Larese, Esq., Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc., 2222 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506

FOX, LESTER E.,

deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executrix: Judith M. Hansen, c/o Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508 *Attorney:* Darlene M. Vlahos, Esq., Vlahos Law Firm, P.C., 3305 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16508

JARMOLOWICZ, NORMA JEAN, a/k/a NORMA J. JARMOLOWICZ, a/k/a NORMA JARMOLOWICZ, deceased

eceased

Late of the Township of Fairview, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania

Administrator: Anthony Andrezeski, 3102 Wellington Road, Erie, PA 16506

Attorney: Ronald J. Susmarski, Esq., 4030 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

KELLEY, JOHN ARTHUR, a/k/a JOHN A. KELLEY,

deceased

Late of Harborcreek Township, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *Executrix:* Shelby S. Rose *Attorney:* Craig A. Zonna, Esquire, ELDERKIN LAW FIRM, 150 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501

KINNEY, JAY B., a/k/a JAY B. KINNEY, JR., deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Administratrix: Jaynette M. Simmons, c/o Kevin M. Monahan, Esq., Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507

Attorney: Kevin M. Monahan, Esq., MARSH, SPAEDER, BAUR, SPAEDER & SCHAAF, LLP, Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507

LYLE, JAMES R., a/k/a JAMES RAYMOND LYLE, a/k/a JAMES LYLE, deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania

Executrix: Dianne C. Lyle, 2334 W. 32nd Street, Erie, PA 16506 *Attorney:* Ronald J. Susmarski, Esq., 4030 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

MIODUS, DENNIS WALTER, a/k/a DENNIS W. MIODUS, a/k/a DENNIS MIODUS,

deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania Executrix: Cinnia Miodus, 1817 Clifford Drive, Erie, PA 16505 Attorney: Ronald J. Susmarski,

Esq., 4030 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

ORPHANS' COURT

NELSEN, HARVEY P., JR., a/k/a HARVEY P. NELSEN, a/k/a HARVEY NELSEN,

deceased

Late of the Township of Millcreek *Executrix:* Kathryn A. Musich *Attorney:* Michael G. Nelson, Esquire, Marsh, Spaeder, Baur, Spaeder & Schaaf, LLP, 300 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

OWENS, DOLLYANNA, deceased

Late of the Borough of Waterford, County of Erie, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Executor: Jeffrey C. Owens, c/o Sterrett Mott Breski & Shimek, 345 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

Attorney: John J. Shimek, III, Esquire, Sterrett Mott Breski & Shimek, 345 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

PATTERSON, SALLY, a/k/a SALLY E. PATTERSON, deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie

Executor: Stephen A. Patterson, 1031 Marshall Drive, Erie, Pennsylvania 16505

Attorney: Kari A. Froess, Esquire, CARNEY & GOOD, 254 West Sixth Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

RILEY, DAVID W., a/k/a DAVID RILEY, a/k/a DAVE RILEY, deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Administratrix: Deborah Williams, c/o 504 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16501

Attorney: Alan Natalie, Esquire, 504 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16501

SAWYER, MARK R., a/k/a MARK ROGER SAWYER, a/k/a MARK SAWYER, deceased

Late of the City of Erie, County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania *Executor:* Ronald J. Susmarski, 4036 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

Attorney: Aaron E. Susmarski, Esq., 4030 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505

STEWART, PAUL L., a/k/a PAUL LEROY STEWART, deceased

Late of the Township of Harborcreek, County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania *Executor:* James L. Stewart, c/o Kurt L. Sundberg, Esq., Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507 *Attorney:* Kurt L. Sundberg, Esq., MARSH, SPAEDER, BAUR, SPAEDER & SCHAAF, LLP., Suite 300, 300 State Street, Erie, PA 16507

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