

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
EASTERN DISTRICT**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 741 CAP
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Judgment of
	:	Sentence imposed November 1,
	:	1990 and re-imposed February 24,
v.	:	1993, in the Court of Common
	:	Pleas, Philadelphia County, Criminal
	:	Division at No. CP-51-CR-0126101-
CRAIG MURPHY,	:	1984. (Nunc Pro Tunc rights
	:	reinstated on May 3, 2017)
Appellant	:	

CONCURRING STATEMENT

JUSTICE DONOHUE

DECIDED: October 15, 2020

I join the order as I am constrained to do as a result of this Court's precedential opinion in *Commonwealth v. Reid*, 235 A.3d 1124 (Pa. 2020). For the reasons stated in my dissenting opinion in *Reid*, I continue to hold the view that *Williams v. Pennsylvania*, ___ U.S. ___, 136 S.Ct. 1899 (2016), mandates that this defendant receive a de novo appeal to this Court because former Justice Castille, while the District Attorney of Philadelphia, authorized the pursuit of the death penalty in his case and later participated in the appeal of the imposition of that sentence. *Williams* should have been retroactively applied to this defendant and the two other defendants similarly situated. I continue to believe that the preservation of the integrity of this Court demanded no less.