## [J-97A-2016 and J-97B-2016] IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 668 CAP

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Appellant : Appeal from the Order entered on

09/28/2012 in the Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division of Philadelphia

v. : County at No. CP-51-CR-0823621-

1984, granting a Stay of Execution

TERRANCE WILLIAMS, : SUBMITTED: August 25, 2016

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Appellee

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 669 CAP

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: SUBMITTED: August 25, 2016 TERRANCE L. WILLIAMS, :

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Appellee

## <u>ORDER</u>

## **PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017, the Court being equally divided, the September 28, 2012 order of the PCRA court granting a stay of execution and ordering a new penalty phase trial is hereby **AFFIRMED**. The matter is remanded to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County for a new penalty phase trial.

Justice Donohue files an opinion in support of affirmance in which Justice Wecht joins.

Justice Mundy files an opinion in support of reversal in which Justice Dougherty joins.

Chief Justice Saylor and Justices Baer and Todd did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.