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IN THE INTEREST OF: A.M., A MINOR	:	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
APPEAL OF: A.M., A MINOR	:	No. 1407 WDA 2025

Appeal from the Order Entered September 25, 2025
In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County Criminal Division at No(s): CP-56-JV-0000015-2022

BEFORE: LAZARUS, P.J., PANELLA, P.J.E., OLSON, J., STABILE, J., DUBOW, J., MURRAY, J., McLAUGHLIN, J., KING, J., and LANE, J.

CONCURRING OPINION BY LANE, J.: **FILED: November 18, 2026**

I join the Majority Opinion's well-reasoned discussion of the speedy "trial" issue raised in this appeal.

I write separately to acknowledge the large number of the charges and the seriousness of A.M.'s conduct in this "deer poaching case." Statement Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(a)m, 12/24/24, at 5. ***See also*** Memorandum and Order, 9/25/25, at 3 (explaining that the instant matter stemmed "from multiple incidents" over a three-week period); ***see also*** Statement Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(a)m, 12/24/24, at 5-6 (summarizing the "Findings of Fact" hearing evidence that: A.M. and others hunted deer illegally; "[i]n total the carcasses of 19 deer were recovered," and more deer were "shot at, but not killed or recovered;" A.M. "often handl[ed] the deer spotlight," but also held a gun and "helped moved the dear;" and there was a video of A.M. and others "joking around about being tagged out, with deer carcasses visible").

I also acknowledge that at the time of the juvenile court's September 2025 memorandum, there had been a vacancy on the bench for one year and

eleven months, and thus there were two sitting Judges to conduct all of the proceedings on a busy docket. ***See*** Memorandum and Order, 9/25/25, at 3-4.

President Judge Emeritus Panella and Judge King join the Concurring Opinion.