IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 185 WAL 2022

Respondent

: Petition for Allowance of Appeal

: from the Order of the Superior Court

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WILLIE JAMES HARDY,

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Petitioner

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 21st day of December, 2022, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, rephrased for clarity, are:

- (1) Was Appellant's Petition for Post-Conviction DNA Testing Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 9543.1 timely?
- (2) Did Appellant satisfy the requirements of 42 Pa.C.S. § 9543.1(a)(2), with regard to evidence previously tested for DNA and evidence not previously tested for DNA?
- (3) Did Appellant present a *prima facie* case demonstrating that the DNA testing sought, assuming exculpatory results, would establish his actual innocence of the offense for which he was convicted?