

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ALFRED WILLIAM PARTON, JR., §

Petitioner Below,
Appellant,

v.

TERRI LYNN BUTTERS PARTON, §

Respondent Below,
Appellee.

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§ No. 69, 2000

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§ Court Below: Family Court

§ of the State of Delaware in and

§ for New Castle County

§ File No. CN98-09206

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Submitted: October 11, 2000

Decided: October 20, 2000

Before VEASEY, Chief Justice, WALSH, and STEELE, Justices.

O R D E R

This 20th day of October 2000, upon consideration of the briefs of the parties, the Court concludes that the Family Court's ruling concerning the disposition of marital property involved an exercise of discretion under 13 *Del. C.* § 1513(a). The Court further concludes that the Family Court's treatment of the alleged dissipation of marital funds by the Wife did not constitute an abuse of that discretion. Accordingly, we affirm.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the decision of the Family Court be, and the same hereby is, AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

s/Joseph T. Walsh
Justice