[J-9-2013] [OAJC: Baer, J.] IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.: No. 58 MAP 2012

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Appellee : Appeal from the Order of the Superior

: Court entered January 20, 2012 at No.

: 2464 EDA 2009, vacating and remanding

v. : the Judgment of Sentence of the

: Delaware County Court of Common Pleas,

: Criminal Division, entered July 14, 2009 at

SHATAAN ADAMS, : No. 23 CR-0002312-2008

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Appellant : ARGUED: September 10, 2013

CONCURRING OPINION

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE CASTILLE DECIDED: November 20, 2014

I concur in the result reached by the Court on the basis of my Dissenting Opinion in the companion case, <u>Commonwealth v. Molina</u>, __ A.3d __ (Pa. 2014). Because this case involves a pre-arrest scenario, in my view, the reference to appellant's pre-arrest silence during the course of the police investigation did not impinge upon his constitutional rights, irrespective of whether the prosecution later exploited the reference. In the alternative, I agree with Mr. Justice Baer's explanation of why the reference at issue did not implicate the right to silence, even if such a right could be said to obtain in the pre-arrest scenario.