IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

CARMELO CLAUDIO,	§
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Defendant Below-	§ No. 24, 2002
Appellant,	§
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V.	§ Court Below—Superior Court
	§ of the State of Delaware,
STATE OF DELAWARE,	§ in and for New Castle County
	§ Cr.A. Nos. IN87-03-0073-0078
Plaintiff Below-	§ IN87-03-0098-0101
Appellee.	§

Submitted: February 26, 2002 Decided: March 28, 2002

Before VEASEY, Chief Justice, WALSH and STEELE, Justices

<u>O R D E R</u>

This 28th day of March 2002, the Court has considered the appellee's motion to affirm pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 25(a) and finds it manifest on the face of the appellant's opening brief that the appeal is without merit for the reasons stated by the Superior Court in its well-reasoned decision dated December 17, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the appellee's motion to affirm is GRANTED. The judgment of the Superior Court is AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

<u>/s/ E. Norman Veasey</u> Chief Justice