

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

JAMES LEE ROSS,	§
	§
Petitioner Below-	§ No. 524, 2002
Appellant,	§
	§
v.	§ Court Below—Superior Court
	§ of the State of Delaware,
JUDGE MERRILL C. TRADER,	§ in and for Kent County
	§ C.A. No. 02M-08-003
Respondent Below-	§
Appellee.	§

Submitted: November 8, 2002

Decided: December 31, 2002

Before **VEASEY**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND** and **STEELE**, Justices.

ORDER

This 31st day of December 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 decisions dated August 14, 2002 and September 17, 2002.

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:

/s/ E. Norman Veasey
Chief Justice