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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF

PENNSYLVANIA

Appellee

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ABDUL MURRAY

Appellant No. 3010 EDA 2015

Appeal from the Judgment of Sentence Entered April 30, 2015 In the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County Criminal Division at No: CP-51-CR-0001435-2013

BEFORE: FORD ELLIOTT, P.J.E., STABILE, and MOULTON, JJ.

CONCURRING OPINION BY STABILE, J.: FILED NOVEMBER 15, 2017

I write briefly to emphasize that the record contains case-specific facts supporting Agent Todd Clark's search of Appellant's cell phone. Specifically, Appellant admitted to Agent Clark that he handled a firearm and passed it on to an acquaintance. Agent Todd believed, based on his prior experience, that Appellant's cell phone could reveal communications referencing the firearm. Majority Opinion, at 13. I believe Appellant's statement to Agent Clark, combined with Agent Clark's prior experience, was sufficient to create reasonable suspicion in support of a search of Appellant's cell phone. We are not faced here with a bald assertion, based on an agent's experience, that cell phones often contain relevant evidence. Subject to this observation, I join the Majority's well-reasoned opinion.