IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

IN RE: APPLICATION OF BRUCE R.

: No. 174 MM 2016

BEEMER, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF

THE COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING AN

ORDER DIRECTING THAT AN

ADDITIONAL MULTICOUNTY

INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY HAVING

STATEWIDE JURISDICTION BE

CONVENED

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 9th day of December, 2016, upon consideration of the Application of Bruce R. Beemer, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it appearing to the Court that the granting of the Application is appropriate under the Investigating Grand Jury Act, 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The Attorney General's Application requesting an Order directing that an additional multicounty investigating grand jury having statewide jurisdiction ("Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury") be convened is hereby **GRANTED**.
- 2. The Honorable Anthony A. Sarcione, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifteenth Judicial District, Chester County, Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as Supervising Judge of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. All applications and motions relating to the work of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury—including motions for disclosure of grand jury transcripts and evidence—shall be presented to the Supervising Judge. With respect to investigations,

presentments, reports, and all other proper activities of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, Judge Sarcione, as Supervising Judge, shall have jurisdiction over all counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Judge Sarcione may temporarily designate another jurist who has been appointed by this Court as the Supervising Judge of a multicounty investigating grand jury having statewide jurisdiction to serve as Acting Supervising Judge of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury when Judge Sarcione is absent or otherwise unavailable.

- 3. Montgomery County is designated as the location for the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury proceedings.
- 4. The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania is directed to draw six counties at random from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of Rule 241(A)(1) and 241(C)(2) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, and these six counties, plus Montgomery, shall together supply jurors for the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury.
- 5. The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania is directed to obtain the names and addresses of persons residing in the aforesaid counties who are eligible by law to serve as grand jurors pursuant to the provisions of Rule 241(A)(2) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 6. The total of such names of prospective jurors to be collected shall be two hundred, of which fifty shall be selected at random and summoned by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania to Montgomery County. The Supervising Judge shall impanel the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury from this panel of fifty prospective jurors. If it becomes necessary, additional prospective jurors shall be

summoned by the Supervising Judge from among the remaining one hundred fifty prospective jurors.

- 7. The Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury will remain in session for not more than eighteen months following the date that it is impaneled by the Supervising Judge.
- 8. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or his designee in charge of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, may apply, if necessary, to the Supervising Judge for an extension of the term of the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury for an additional period of up to six months, if, at the end of its original term, the Investigating Grand Jury determines by majority vote that it has not completed its business. The Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury's term, including any extension thereof, shall not exceed twenty-four months from the date it was originally impaneled by the Supervising Judge.
- 9. In addition to maintaining control of transcripts and evidence as provided by Rule 229 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and controlling disclosure of matters occurring before the Forty-First Statewide Investigating Grand Jury as provided by 42 Pa.C.S. §4549, the Supervising Judge shall have the same duties and powers relating to maintaining grand jury secrecy with respect to each prior Statewide Investigating Grand Jury convened in Montgomery County or any other county identified in Rule 241(C)(2).