

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 262 MAL 2017
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Respondent	:	
	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal from
v.	:	the Order of the Superior Court
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MICHAEL NORTON,	:	
	:	
Petitioner	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 19th day of September, 2017, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issue presented by Petitioner and rephrased for clarity is:

Whether a defendant's assertion of innocence based on the sufficiency of the evidence and his inability to reconcile entering a plea when *he* maintained his innocence well before the time of his sentencing and when the Commonwealth made no argument of prejudice, is sufficient to establish a fair and just reason for withdrawing his plea of nolo contendere?