IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

M.D. Appeal Dkt. 73 MAP 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 309 MAL 2017

Petitioner

Petition for Allowance of Appeal from

the Order of the Superior Court

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KATHLEEN E. BRADDOCK,

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Respondent

<u>ORDER</u>

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 20th day of November, 2017, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issue, as framed by the Commonwealth, is as follows:

Whether the Superior Court, relying on *Commonwealth v. Giron*, 155 A.3d 635 (Pa. Super. 2017), improperly expanded the illegal sentencing doctrine when it vacated Braddock's sentence on a non-preserved constitutional issue, holding that *Birchfield v. North Dakota*, 136 S.Ct. 2160 (2016), rendered enhanced penalties under 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 3803-3804 illegal, even though *Birchfield* recognized exigent circumstances or a search warrant can still justify increased penalties for a blood test refusal?