IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 223 EAL 2021

Respondent

: Petition for Allowance of Appeal

: from the Published Opinion and

v. : **Order** of the Superior Court at No. : 2821 EDA 2019, at 249 A.3d 1229

: (Pa. Super. 2021) entered on April

MELVIN HOWARD, : 20, 2021, **affirming** the PCRA

: Order of the Philadelphia County

Petitioner : Court of Common Pleas at No. CP-

: 51-CR-0304271-1988 entered on

: September 11, 2019

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 12th day of November, 2021, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. We **VACATE** the decision of the Superior Court and **REMAND** for the Superior Court to apply *Commonwealth v. Small*, 238 A.3d 1267 (Pa. 2020).

Justice Dougherty files a concurring statement in which Justice Mundy joins.