IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, : No. 35 EAL 2013

Petitioner

: Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the

: Order of the Commonwealth Court

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Respondent

<u>ORDER</u>

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 4th day of September, 2013, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issue, as stated by the Commonwealth, is:

a. Does a criminal defendant have no obligation to raise a return motion prior to the completion of proceedings before the trial court, but rather may wait six years from the completion of all criminal proceedings, including collateral attacks, to file a stand-alone motion?

It is further ordered that the trial court is directed to appoint counsel to assist Respondent on appeal to this Court.