

**[J-99-1999]**  
**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ,	:	No. 120 Capital Appeal Docket
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Judgment of Sentence
	:	entered September 6, 1995 in the Court of
	:	Common Pleas of Lackawanna County at
v.	:	No. 92 CT 397
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RICHARD YOUNG,	:	
	:	SUBMITTED: May 19, 1999
Appellant	:	
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**DISSENTING OPINION**

**MR. JUSTICE NIGRO**

**DECIDED: March 24, 2000**

I join Madame Justice Newman's dissenting opinion to the extent that she would find that the improper introduction of Slick and Cornell's statements constituted harmless error, since the statements were merely cumulative of substantially similar, properly admitted evidence.<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Commonwealth v. Lopez, 739 A.2d 485, 503 (Pa. 1999); Commonwealth v. Romero, 722 A.2d 1014, 1019 (Pa. 1999); Commonwealth v. Washington, 547 Pa. 550, 557, 692 A.2d 1018, 1021 (1997); Commonwealth v. Foy, 531 Pa. 322, 327, 612 A.2d 1349, 1352 (1992).

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<sup>1</sup> As noted by Madame Justice Newman in her dissenting opinion, Slick and Cornell's statements were merely cumulative of Hull's testimony, which was corroborated by other untainted testimony and physical evidence.