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3. In an abuse of discretion claim, Appellant must establish, by reference to the record, that the sentencing court ignored or misapplied the law, exercised its judgment for reasons of partiality, prejudice, bias or ill will, or arrived at a manifestly unreasonable decision.

4. Where the death of the victim was preventable long before it occurred and where the evidence showed that Appellant and victim were in a longstanding toxic, volatile relationship where months prior to the victim’s death, Appellant sent text messages to other people stating she wanted to kill the victim, that she was going to stab him and where victim had sent texts stating he was afraid of her and that she needed help and where the evidence showed Appellant’s knowledge that she needed mental health treatment but failed to obtain any until she was incarcerated and where the court read 27 victim impact statements, Appellant’s sentence was appropriate and there was no abuse of discretion.

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Before PECK, J.

OPINION PURSUANT TO Pa. R.A.P. 1925

PECK, J., January 20, 2023:—

I. FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 7, 2022, Appellant entered an open plea of nolo contendere to Voluntary Manslaughter, a felony of the first degree, in full satisfaction of the charges at this docket.<sup>1</sup> We sentenced Appellant on June 7, 2022 to 7 to 14 years in state prison, above the aggravated range.<sup>2</sup> Appellant

<sup>1</sup>Order of Court, In re: Amended Information/No Contest Plea/Directed to Appear, April 7, 2022 (PECK, J.). At the plea, the parties agreed only that no sentencing enhancements would be applied and that the standard guidelines were 36 to 54 months. **Id.** Appellant was originally charged with Criminal Homicide, a felony of the first degree; Aggravated Assault, a felony of the first degree; Involuntary Manslaughter, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and Recklessly Endangering Another Person, a misdemeanor of the second degree. Criminal Information, filed February 24, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Order of Court, In re: Sentence, June 7, 2022 (PECK, J.).

filed a timely post-sentence motion on June 17, 2022 requesting that we modify Appellant’s sentence to be a standard-range sentence, on the basis that our reasons did not support the sentence imposed and that we failed to consider other factors.<sup>3</sup> We denied that motion on October 20, 2022.<sup>4</sup> Appellant filed a timely Notice of Appeal on November 17, 2022.<sup>5</sup> The Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal raises the following issues:

1. The Honorable Court abused its discretion in imposing a sentence outside of the standard and aggravated guideline range of the Pennsylvania Sentencing Guidelines.
2. The Honorable Court’s sentence was not supported by sufficient reasons to deviate from the Pennsylvania Sentencing Guidelines.
3. The Honorable Court’s reasons for imposing the sentence were not supported by the record.
4. The Honorable Court’s sentence failed to take into account mitigating evidence and gave undo [**sic**] weight to any aggravating evidence.<sup>[6]</sup>

We offer this Opinion pursuant to Pa. R.A.P. 1925(a).

## II. DISCUSSION

Title 42, Section 9721 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provides:

In selecting from the alternatives set forth in subsection (a), the court shall follow the general principle that the sentence imposed should call for total confinement that is consistent with section 9725 (relating to total confinement) and the protection of the public, the gravity of the offense as it relates to the impact on the life of the victim and on the community, and the rehabilitative needs of the defendant. The court shall also consider any guidelines for sentencing and resentencing adopted by the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing[.] ... In every case in which the court imposes a sentence for a felony or misdemeanor, ... the court shall make as a part of the record, and disclose in open court at the time of sentencing, a statement of the reason or reasons for the sentence imposed. In every case where the court imposes a sentence

<sup>3</sup>Post-Sentence Motion—Motion to Modify Sentence, filed June 17, 2022.

<sup>4</sup>Order of Court, In re: Post-Sentence Motion, October 20, 2022 (PECK, J.).

<sup>5</sup>Notice of Appeal, filed November 17, 2022.

<sup>6</sup>Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, filed December 9, 2022 (renumbered).

or resentence outside the guidelines[,] ... the court shall provide a contemporaneous written statement of the reason or reasons for the deviation from the guidelines to the commission[.] ... Failure to comply shall be grounds for vacating the sentence or resentence and resentencing the defendant.

42 Pa. C.S. §9721(b). The sentencing guidelines “may help frame the exercise of judgment by the court in imposing a sentence,” but the guidelines have no binding effect, create no presumption in sentencing, and do not predominate over other sentencing factors—they are advisory guideposts that are valuable, may provide an essential starting point, and that must be respected and considered; they recommend, however, rather than require a particular sentence.

**Commonwealth v. Walls**, 926 A.2d 957, 964-65 (Pa. 2007). Discretionary aspects of sentencing, such as those raised by Appellant, are reviewed using an abuse of discretion standard, which has been articulated as follows:

Sentencing is a matter vested in the sound discretion of the sentencing judge, and a sentence will not be disturbed on appeal absent a manifest abuse of discretion. In this context, an abuse of discretion is not shown merely by an error in judgment. Rather, the appellant must establish, by reference to the record, that the sentencing court ignored or misapplied the law, exercised its judgment for reasons of partiality, prejudice, bias or ill will, or arrived at a manifestly unreasonable decision.

**Commonwealth v. Holiday**, 954 A.2d 6, 9 (Pa. Super. 2008) (quoting **Commonwealth v. Hardy**, 939 A.2d 974, 980 (Pa. Super. 2007)). Appellant claims that we abused our discretion in sentencing above the aggravated range, that such sentence was not supported with sufficient reasons, that our reasons were not supported by the record, and that we failed to take into account mitigating evidence and gave undue weight to any aggravating evidence.<sup>7</sup> We will address these issues contemporaneously.

We had the benefit of a pre-sentence investigation report which indicated the standard range sentencing guidelines were a minimum of 36-54 months, plus or minus 12 months for mitigated and aggravated

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<sup>7</sup>Concise Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, filed December 9, 2022 (renumbered).

sentences.<sup>8</sup> The facts supporting Appellant's nolo contendere plea were stated as follows:

[I]t's alleged that on the 26th day of October of 2020, that the Defendant and the victim in this case, Ryan Young, the two of them were involved in a relationship as we just discussed. They had children together and were living together.

On that date, the two individuals were involved in a domestic argument, a verbal argument, that was taking place. At some point during that argument, the Defendant went into the bathroom of the apartment behind a closed door. While she was in that bathroom, the victim, Mr. Ryan Young, was in the hallway outside of the bathroom. The two of them were still arguing. They were also on the phone with different individuals each at the same time.

At some point during that argument, Mr. Young entered the bathroom. And when he entered the bathroom, the Defendant, who was seated on a stool on the floor of the bathroom, had a knife in her hand at the time, reached up and stabbed Mr. Young in the leg. That stab wound cut his femoral artery. 9-1-1 was called almost immediately by Mr. Young. Unfortunately, Mr. Young died as a result of that wound.<sup>9</sup>

Much discussion followed our acceptance of the plea, including both counsel responding to the victim's father's expressed concerns with the standard guideline range.<sup>10</sup> The District Attorney noted the following, by way of explanation of the reason for negotiating the plea notwithstanding some of the victim's family's disagreement with the standard range and confusion as to why the case was not going to trial as a first-degree murder case:

I mean, things that I'm concerned about which leads me to this point would be the one thing that just prior to going into the bathroom [the victim] was on the phone with the Defendant's mother and he said, hold on, this bitch is in the bathroom talking shit. That certainly is something were this to go to trial we would

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<sup>8</sup>Court's Exhibit No. 1, Pre-Sentence Investigation Report, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing; see Transcript of Proceedings, In re: Sentence, June 7, 2022, at 19, 22 (PECK, J.) (hereinafter "N.T. Sentencing Hearing at \_\_\_").

<sup>9</sup>Transcript of Proceedings, In re: Amendment/No Contest Plea, April 7, 2022, at 5-6 (PECK, J.) (hereinafter, "N.T. Plea Hearing at \_\_\_").

<sup>10</sup>N.T. Plea Hearing at 11-20. Indeed, the victim's father asked this Court to not allow the plea to reduced charges to go through, but rather for this Court to reject same and go to trial on all charges.

be concerned about a self-defense argument in this case going to the jury.<sup>[11]</sup>

Defense counsel agreed that Appellant would have used a self-defense theory if the case went to trial, explaining:

I think what is undisputed in this case is that [Appellant] and [the victim] had a very volatile relationship, and that the history shows that on this particular date there [were] arguments that were taking place and they were volatile arguments between [Appellant] and [the victim].

... [T]he arguments became volatile enough that my client essentially, I would say, locked herself in their bathroom in the apartment[.] ...

My client was in that bathroom sitting on a [very small] stool ... [s]o she's literally practically sitting on the floor. And my client is on the phone with a friend of hers. [The victim] is on the phone with my client's mother at one point in time, but this volatile argument and behavior is ongoing. In the bathroom with [Appellant] is a knife. It's a kitchen knife.

The evidence I think is uncontradicted. But that knife had been in the bathroom for some period of time. [Appellant], unfortunately, is a cutter. She cuts herself. And those scars, those wounds were seen by the police. And, again, I don't believe that that's contradicted in any way, shape, or form from any of the parties. ...

At a point in time just indicated right before or right after [the victim] made that statement that [the District Attorney] just alluded to, he entered into the bathroom and came toward [Appellant]. She was still seated on that stool, and as he approached her and came toward her she felt he was coming toward her in an aggressive fashion and she feared for her safety and for her well-being and that she was in danger of bodily injury if not serious bodily injury.

As a result of that, she made a visceral reaction, for lack of a better way of putting it, of reaching down to where this knife happened to be and essentially reached up saying get away. Unfortunately, to say the least, that knife then is when it penetrated [the victim's] leg and cut the femoral artery. ... [Appellant] actually got on the phone with 9-1-1 and was attempting to stop the bleeding ...<sup>[12]</sup>

On this point, we note the parties' related arguments at sentencing, which were made in relation to defense securing the admission of a 2018 criminal

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<sup>11</sup>N.T. Plea Hearing at 21.

<sup>12</sup>N.T. Plea Hearing at 22-24.



complaint underlying a simple assault plea, where the victim in this case was the defendant and vice versa:

[District Attorney]: ... I don't want the Court in any way to get the impression that the Defendant was the victim in this particular case. As the voluntary manslaughter, the section that she pled to, whether she believes she had the right to self-defense, or not, legally, she did not have the right to self-defense when she killed him, and this was not a situation where she was defending herself when she took [the victim's] life. I just want to make sure that the record is clear on that point.

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[Defense counsel]: Again, the plea here speaks for itself in terms of what [Appellant] is dealing with, and none of my comments were intended to indicate that [Appellant] was in any way, shape, or fashion ... the victim in this particular case. She is not, and she has owned up to that. She is the Defendant, [the victim] is the victim, but I think it is important for the Court to understand the full context of everything.<sup>[13]</sup>

We did carefully consider the simple assault plea that the victim entered into in 2018, which defense counsel's sentencing memorandum indicated was based on the victim (in the instant case) pushing Appellant to the ground while she was pregnant and attempting to hit her.<sup>14</sup> We also considered Appellant's statements at sentencing, which included an apology to the victim's family and a statement that she wishes she could change what occurred the night of the victim's death. She said she is trying to better herself which includes engaging in counseling in prison, taking her

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<sup>13</sup>N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 30-31.

<sup>14</sup>Defendant's Exhibit No. 1, Sentencing Memorandum, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing; **see also**, Defendant's Exhibit No. 1, Police Criminal Complaint filed March 27, 2018, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing. We also note that following Appellant's filing of her post-sentence motion, we took time to again at length consider the simple assault plea and the PFA that Appellant in the instant case had against the victim. N.T. Plea Hearing at 24. We also again considered Appellant's arguments in favor of a lesser sentence and the Commonwealth's arguments opposed thereto. While we sympathize with Appellant's mental health difficulties, her upbringing, and being a victim at some times in a turbulent relationship, we ultimately came to the same conclusion as to the appropriate sentence given the manner of the loss of a life here, the apparent premeditated ill will toward the victim, and at the very least Appellant's lack of remedial measures given her knowledge of her proclivity to want to kill the victim. We note that several children were in the home at the time of the incident and that Appellant had a knife in the bathroom at that time. **See** N.T. Sentencing at 6-7, 10.

prescribed medications,<sup>15</sup> and attending treatment groups and church.<sup>16</sup> Appellant’s counsel added that the police reports in this case demonstrate that Appellant did show remorse upon learning that the victim had died as a result of his wound; defense counsel’s sentencing memorandum avers that Appellant responded to police by saying, “What did I do,” “I ruined my kids[’] lives,” “I never wanted him to get hurt,” and similar statements.<sup>17</sup> Defense counsel further explained at sentencing and in his sentencing memorandum that Appellant has been unable to, or perhaps advised not to, speak directly to the victim’s family to express remorse given the pending criminal charges.<sup>18</sup>

That being said, we gave great weight to the fact that the death of the victim was a preventable event, long before it occurred. That is, it went undisputed that Appellant and the victim were in a longstanding toxic, volatile relationship that Appellant knew was detrimental to both of them. It was also undisputed that in the months leading up to the victim’s death, Appellant sent text messages to the victim and to others saying she wanted to kill the victim, that she was going to stab him if they did not separate, and that she was going to be on “The First 48.”<sup>19</sup> Appellant also texted the victim at some point saying (untruthfully) that she had just stabbed their baby.<sup>20</sup> This paints a clear picture that although the crime here occurred in the heat of the moment, Appellant clearly knew long in advance that the pair was in a situation that would likely result in her inflicting harm.<sup>21</sup> The District Attorney also pointed to text messages the victim sent to Appellant in the months leading up to the victim’s death, where he wrote to her “about being scared for her, and about her needing

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<sup>15</sup>Defense counsel indicated in the sentencing memorandum that Appellant was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder in her early teens but never obtained treatment except briefly at some point in time. He also wrote that she is currently taking prescription medication for anxiety and depression. Defendant’s Exhibit No. 1, Sentencing Memorandum, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing.

<sup>16</sup>N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 22-23.

<sup>17</sup>Defendant’s Exhibit No. 1, Sentencing Memorandum, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing.

<sup>18</sup>See N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 23-24; Defendant’s Exhibit No. 1, Sentencing Memorandum, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing.

<sup>19</sup>See N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 9, 30. “The First 48” is a television show about homicide investigations, focusing on the first 48 hours of the investigation.

<sup>20</sup>N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 17.

<sup>21</sup>At best, Appellant’s threatening text messages were “attention[-]seeking,” as defense counsel argued, but same does not affect the weight we assign to them as indicating Appellant’s knowledge of the volatility of their relationship or the full extent of her own tendencies to react violently, and her failure to do anything to address same before the worst case scenario occurred. See N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 25.

to get help, and about him wanting to get her help, encouraging her to seek help.”<sup>22</sup> Defense counsel’s sentencing memorandum indicated that Appellant was suicidal in the months leading up to the victim’s death, and that she was recommended for mental health treatment but never obtained it.<sup>23</sup> This is illustrative of our view of the circumstances of the offense; we reiterate that the victim’s death was not a split-second decision, even assuming arguendo it was “visceral” as defense counsel described it, as the decision to stab the victim was a long time in the making via Appellant’s failure to remove herself from her relationship with the victim notwithstanding her awareness of the relationship’s volatility and her need for mental health treatment but failure to obtain same until incarcerated.

We read 27 victim impact statements and heard from the victim’s father and children at sentencing, who were speaking both for themselves and as representatives of the many friends and family who attended sentencing, each statement with resounding themes that the victim was extraordinarily loved and unbearably missed, that family members had attempted to get the victim to leave the relationship previously but that he feared leaving his children with Appellant who had previously threatened to kill the children, and that his family is painfully suffering his loss each passing day since his death, which occurred on the eve of his 38th birthday.

Where defense counsel has failed to point out anywhere this Court ignored the law or exercised its judgment for reasons of partiality, prejudice, bias or ill will, or unreasonably, and following this Court’s careful consideration of all arguments by all counsel in support of their respective requests as to an appropriate sentence, we discern no error.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>22</sup>N.T. Sentencing Hearing at 17.

<sup>23</sup>Defendant’s Exhibit No. 1, Sentencing Memorandum, 6/7/22 Sentencing Hearing.

<sup>24</sup>**See** pages 31-35 for our placing of our reasons on the record at sentencing. **See also**, the sentencing order dated June 7, 2022 indicating a summary of our reasons in writing.

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**SECOND PUBLICATION**

**Eckrich, John A., Jr. a/k/a John Eckrich, Jr.,** dec'd.

Late of 210 Big Spring Road, West Pennsboro.

Executor: Terry Eckrich, 2 Osprey Way, Shippensburg, PA 17257.  
Attorney: None.

**Eckrich, Margaret M.,** dec'd.

Late of 210 Big Spring Road, West Pennsboro.

Executor: Terry Eckrich, 2 Osprey Way, Shippensburg, PA 17257.  
Attorney: None.

**Etter, Alice J.,** dec'd.

Late of Carlisle Borough.  
Administrator: Kelly J. Miller c/o Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C., 396 Alexander Spring Road, Suite 1, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Attorneys: Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C.

**French, Betty J.,** dec'd.

Late of New Cumberland.  
Executor: Thomas A. French c/o Barley Snyder, 213 Market Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101.  
Attorneys: Kevin Koscil, Esquire, Barley Snyder, 213 Market Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

**Galvin, Bette P. a/k/a Bette Galvin,** dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg/Upper Allen.

Executrix: Bridget E. Brandon, 775 Markham Ct., Lewisberry, PA 17339.

Attorney: None.

**George, Carol A.,** dec'd.

Late of North Middleton Township.  
Administrator: Jimmie L. George c/o Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C., 396 Alexander Spring Road, Suite 1, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Attorneys: Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C.

**Hartman, Frank R.,** dec'd.

Late of 1233 N. West St., Carlisle.  
Executrix: Jean Vargas, 71 Mountain Lane, Newburg, PA 17240.

Attorney: None.

**Henderson, Sylvia A.,** dec'd.

Late of the Borough of Carlisle.  
Co-Executors: Fredrick Steven Canfield and Nicholas John Canfield c/o Marcus A. McKnight, III, Esquire, Irwin & McKnight, P.C., 60 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Attorneys: Irwin & McKnight, P.C.

**Hilbert, John L. a/k/a John Lewis Hilbert,** dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg Borough.  
Executor: Joseph Mack, 4284 River Gate Lane, Little River, SC 29566.

Attorneys: Elizabeth H. Feather, Esquire, Caldwell & Kearns, P.C., 3631 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, (717) 901-5948.

**Hoffman, Nancy M.**, dec'd.

Late of Camp Hill Borough.  
 Executor: Harvey E. Hoffman, 1200 Yverdon Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011.  
 Attorney: None.

**Jones, Dorothy L. a/k/a Dorothy L. Aubele**, dec'd.

Late of Camp Hill, Hampden Township.  
 Executrix: Diane E. Beck, 50 Oak Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011.  
 Attorney: None.

**Kreiser, Milton L., III**, dec'd.

Late of Cumberland County.  
 Executor: Randall L. Kreiser c/o William R. Kaufman, Esquire, 940 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4376.  
 Attorney: William R. Kaufman, Esquire, 940 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4376.

**Mann, Hunter, III**, dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg Borough.  
 Executor: James G. Mann, 37335 Branchriver Road, Hillsboro, VA 20132.  
 Attorney: Richard E. Thrasher, Esquire, 220 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

**O'Donnell, John Edward, II**, dec'd.

Late of Camp Hill Borough.  
 Co-Administratrices: Linda Tocket and Marsha Leitzel.  
 Attorneys: Craig A. Diehl, Esquire, CPA, Law Offices of Craig A. Diehl, 3464 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Parson, Scott D. a/k/a Scott Douglas Parson**, dec'd.

Late of Shippensburg Township.

Executrix: Kylee A. Phillips c/o R. Thomas Murphy & Associates, P.C., 2005 East Main Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268.

Attorneys: Jared S. Childers, Esquire, R. Thomas Murphy & Associates, P.C., 2005 East Main Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268.

**Pastewka, Jullia V. a/k/a Jullia Virginia Pastewka**, dec'd.

Late of Hampden Twp.  
 Executrix: Jullia A. Sheridan, 1023 N. Waterford Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.  
 Attorneys: Kathleen B. Murren, Esquire, Skarlatos Zonarich, 320 Market St., Ste. 600W, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

**Porter, Lois M.**, dec'd.

Late of South Newton Township.  
 Co-Executors: Kathleen M. Ginnick, Michael K. Hopkins and Cindy L. Adams c/o Thomas P. Gleason, Esquire, 825 West King Street, Suite E, Shippensburg, PA 17257.  
 Attorney: Thomas P. Gleason, Esquire, 825 West King Street, Suite E, Shippensburg, PA 17257, (717) 532-3270.

**Stevens, Calvin W.**, dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
 Executors: Kimberly G. Hess and Scott A. Stevens c/o Reager & Adler, PC, 2331 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.  
 Attorneys: Susan H. Confair, Esquire, Reager & Adler, PC, 2331 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**THIRD PUBLICATION**

**Beaston, Lenus L.**, dec'd.

Late of East Pennsboro Township.  
 Co-Executors: Jeffrey M. Beaston and Linda L. Maugans c/o Mark W. Allshouse, Esquire, Christian Lawyer Solutions, LLC, 15 Cove Road, Marysville, PA 17053.

Attorneys: Mark W. Allshouse, Esquire, Christian Lawyer Solutions, LLC, 15 Cove Road, Marysville, PA 17053, (717) 582-4006.

**Cox, Gregory Allen,** dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg.  
Administrator: Ronald B. Zeigler, 8044 Manada View Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112.  
Attorney: None.

**Eichelberger, Samuel R., Jr.,** dec'd.

Late of East Pennsboro Township.  
Administratrix: Justine Stewart c/o Sean M. Shultz, Esquire, Saidis, Shultz & Fisher, 100 Sterling Parkway, Suite 300, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.  
Attorneys: Sean M. Shultz, Esquire, Saidis, Shultz & Fisher, 100 Sterling Parkway, Suite 300, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, (717) 590-8529.

**Galbraith, Kay K.,** dec'd.

Late of Carlisle, West Pennsboro Twp.  
Executor: Jody Minich, 2146 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.  
Attorney: None.

**Gish, Dorothy J. a/k/a Dorothy Jean Gish,** dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
Executrix: Karen E. Sellers c/o Gerald J. Brinser, Esquire, P.O. Box 323, Palmyra, PA 17078.  
Attorney: Gerald J. Brinser, Esquire, P.O. Box 323, Palmyra, PA 17078.

**Hair, Jeanne B.,** dec'd.

Late of South Middleton Township.  
Executrix: Diane H. Morris a/k/a Diane L. Morris c/o Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C., 396 Alexander Spring Road, Suite 1, Carlisle, PA 17015.  
Attorneys: Bradley L. Griffie, Esquire, Griffie & Associates, P.C.

**Harcarik, James T.,** dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
Executrix: Therese E. Harcarik-McHugh.

Attorneys: Michael L. Bangs, Esquire, Bangs Law Office, LLC, 429 South 18th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Johnson, Nancy L.,** dec'd.

Late of Carlisle Borough.  
Co-Executors: Robert E. Johnson, 341 Bonnybrook Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 and John E. Johnson, II, 1820 Landisburg Road, Landisburg, PA 17040.  
Attorney: Scott W. Morrison, Esquire, 6 West Main Street, P.O. Box 232, New Bloomfield, PA 17068.

**Kanelakis, Christine L.,** dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
Executor: Kimon C. Kanelakis c/o Stone, Wiley & Linsnbach, P.C., 3 N. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019.  
Attorneys: Brian C. Linsnbach, Esquire, Stone, Wiley & Linsnbach, P.C., 3 N. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019, (717) 432-2089.

**Karycki, Lillian A.,** dec'd.

Late of Hampden Township.  
Executor: Michael A. Karycki c/o Lisa Marie Coyne, Esquire, Coyne & Coyne, P.C., 3901 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4227.  
Attorneys: Lisa Marie Coyne, Esquire, Coyne & Coyne, P.C., 3901 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4227.

**Mangan, Francis C.,** dec'd.

Late of Lower Allen Township.  
Executor: James F. Mangan, Esquire, 1065 Highway 315, Ste. 302, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.



Attorneys: James F. Mangan, Esquire, Koff Mangan Vullo & Gartley PC, 1065 Highway 315, Ste. 302, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**McDougall, Lois J.,** dec'd.

Late of Hampden Township.  
 Executrix: Laura J. Redcay.  
 Attorneys: Edmund G. Myers, Esquire, Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner, P.C., 301 Market Street, P.O. Box 109, Lemoyne, PA 17043.

**Puchalsky, Marie L.,** dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
 Executrix: Karen Graham.  
 Attorneys: Bruce J. Warshawsky, Esquire, Cunningham, Chernicoff & Warshawsky, P.C., 2320 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

**Rice, Dorothy M.,** dec'd.

Late of Dickinson Township.  
 Executrix: Martha Tuckey c/o Robert G. Frey, Esquire, 5 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.  
 Attorneys: Frey and Tiley.

**Ross, Emily J.,** dec'd.

Late of Hampden Township.  
 Executor: James A. Ross a/k/a James Andrew Ross, 3561 Valley Road, Marysville, PA 17053.  
 Attorneys: Robert M. Walker, Esquire, Law Offices of Robert M. Walker, LLC, 23 Central Boulevard, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Saylock, Doris J.,** dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg.  
 Executrix: Dawn Fiamingo, 1401 Boyd's Lane, Dauphin, PA 17018.  
 Attorneys: Rachael L. Baturin, Esquire, Baturin & Baturin, 2604 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

**Saylock, Stanley,** dec'd.

Late of Mechanicsburg.

Executrix: Dawn Fiamingo, 1401 Boyd's Lane, Dauphin, PA 17018.  
 Attorneys: Rachael L. Baturin, Esquire, Baturin & Baturin, 2604 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

**Schoen, Dorothy M.,** dec'd.

Late of the Township of Shippensburg.  
 Executrix: Joan Campbell, 2483 East Kempton Road, Chandler, AZ 85225.  
 Attorneys: Kenneth C. Sandoe, Esquire, Steiner & Sandoe.

**Searfoss, Betty E.,** dec'd.

Late of Newville Borough.  
 Administrator: Keith A. Searfoss.  
 Attorneys: Katherine L. McDonald, Esquire, Dethlefs-Pykosh Law Group, LLC, 2132 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011, (717) 975-9446.

**Smith, Noel a/k/a Noel B. Smith,** dec'd.

Late of the Township of South Middleton.  
 Executor: Patrick L. Smith, 608 Copper Circle, Carlisle, PA 17015.  
 Attorney: Tina M. Fryling, Esquire, 4402 Peach Street, Suite 3, Erie, PA 16509.

**Snyder, Thomas L.,** dec'd.

Late of South Middleton Township.  
 Executrix: Tracey L. Snyder c/o Martson Law Offices, 10 East High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.  
 Attorneys: Hubert X. Gilroy, Esquire, Martson Law Offices.

**Tritt, Deanna J.,** dec'd.

Late of New Cumberland Borough.  
 Executor: Jon K. Tritt.  
 Attorneys: H. Robert Fischer, III, Esquire, Walters & Galloway, PLLC, 54 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**Waddell, Doris V.,** dec'd.

Late of Upper Allen Township.  
Executor: Michael G. Waddell c/o  
Gerald J. Brinser, Esquire, P.O.  
Box 323, Palmyra, PA 17078.  
Attorney: Gerald J. Brinser, Es-  
quire, P.O. Box 323, Palmyra, PA  
17078.

**Wilson, Dorothy M.,** dec'd.

Late of the Township of Hampden.  
Executrix: Linda K. Kennedy, 16  
Barlow Drive, East Berlin, PA  
17316.  
Attorneys: Law Office of Keith O.  
Brenneman, P.C., 44 West Main  
Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**FICTITIOUS NAME  
REGISTRATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pur-  
suant to the provisions of the Act of  
Assembly, No. 295 of 1982 effective  
March 16, 1983, as amended, of  
intention to file in the Office of the  
Department of State of the Com-  
monwealth of Pennsylvania, at Har-  
risburg, Pennsylvania, an application  
for the conduct of a business in Cum-  
berland County, Pennsylvania under  
the assumed or fictitious name, style  
or designation of:

SUNNIE Outreach  
with its principal place of business  
at: 3 Mimosa Drive, Mechanicsburg,  
PA 17055.

The application has been (or will  
be) filed on December 5, 2022.

The name(s) and address(es) of  
the (all) person(s) (entity) owning or  
interested in said business is (are)  
Elizabeth Gurka 3 Mimosa Dr., Me-  
chanicsburg, PA 17055.

Feb. 24

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
on or about December 12, 2022, an  
application for Registration of Ficti-  
tious Name was filed with the Depart-

ment of State of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Fic-  
titious Name Act, for the purpose of  
registering a Pennsylvania fictitious  
name. The fictitious name is:

SUPPORTIVE

PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH  
and its registered office is located at:  
St. John's, 1A N. Hanover Street, Car-  
lisle, PA 17013. The fictitious name  
is registered to Summer Program for  
Youth, St. John's, 1A N. Hanover  
Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

GEORGE F. DOUGLAS, III,  
ESQUIRE

SALZMANN HUGHES, P.C.  
354 Alexander Spring Road  
Suite 1  
Carlisle, PA 17015

Feb. 24

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
NOTICE (NON PROFIT)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
Articles of Incorporation were filed  
with the Department of State of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on  
February 13, 2023, with respect to a  
proposed nonprofit corporation:

HOUSE OF GRACE RENOVATED  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, INC.

which will be incorporated under the  
Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.  
A brief Summary of the purpose or  
purposes for which said corporation  
is organized is: To be a Church, Reli-  
gious Ministry, Community Develop-  
ment Organization.

Feb. 24

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION  
AND WINDING UP**

TO: ALL CREDITORS of Willis Truck-  
ing Co., a Pennsylvania business  
corporation

This is to notify you that it is dis-  
solving and winding up its business.  
The shareholders have approved a  
proposal that the corporation dis-  
solve voluntarily and that the board

of directors is now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the corporation under the provisions of Section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988. Please contact the undersigned regarding any claims you have against the company, including the amount of the claim and the basis for the claim.

ROBERT C. MAY, ESQUIRE  
THE LAW FIRM OF MAY &  
MAY, P.C.  
4330 Carlisle Pike  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
(717) 612-0102

Feb. 24



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