

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	
	:	
v.	:	No. 289-CR-2008
	:	
MERRICK STEVEN KIRK DOUGLAS,	:	
Defendant	:	
Jean Engler, Esquire		Counsel for Commonwealth
Assistant District Attorney		
Michael P. Gough, Esquire		Counsel for Defendant

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Nanovic, P.J. - August 4, 2014

The Defendant, Merrick Steven Kirk Douglas, has appealed from our order of June 13, 2014, denying his Second Amended Petition for Post-Conviction Relief filed on May 31, 2013. Therein, Defendant claimed both his trial and appellate counsel were ineffective and sought the grant of a new trial.

By Memorandum Opinion dated June 13, 2014, we explained the reasons for our denial of Defendant's requested PCRA relief. A copy of this Memorandum Opinion is attached for the convenience of the Court.¹

¹ On page 4 of the attached Memorandum Opinion we have corrected the date of the first meeting of the victim with the police from July 12, 2007 to July 11, 2007. This was an error in our original Memorandum Opinion, but makes no difference in the analysis.

Following Defendant's Notice of Appeal filed on June 27, 2014, we directed Defendant to file a concise statement of the Matters Complained of on Appeal pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b). On July 17, 2014, Defendant timely filed the requested concise statement.

The issues raised in this statement are identical to those raised in Defendant's Second Amended Petition for Post-Conviction Relief and were addressed in our June 13, 2014 Memorandum Opinion. For this reason, we refer the Superior Court to that opinion to fulfill our responsibility under Pa.R.A.P. 1925(a).

BY THE COURT:

P.J.