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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

\* \* \* \* \* No. 404-2023  
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA \*  
\*  
vs. \*  
\*  
MELVIN A. ROACH, JR. \*  
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\* \* \* \* \*

Aston, PA, August 28, 2024, 9:04 a.m.

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Magisterial District 32-2-38

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE: DISTRICT MAGISTRATE DIANE HOLEFELDER  
  
DANIELLE KITZINGER, ESQUIRE  
For the Commonwealth  
  
MELVIN A. ROACH, JR., PRO SE  
Defendant

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[None]

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August 28, 2024

THE DEFENDANT: Again, could the Court please present it for my inspection and verification?

THE COURT: This is CR 404 of 2024 [sic], Melvin Andrew Roach, R-o-a-c-h. Representing the Commonwealth?

MS. KITZINGER: Danielle Kitzinger for the Commonwealth, attorney ID 335036.

THE COURT: Mr. Roach, do you want to enter your appearance?

THE DEFENDANT: This is a special visitation. I'm settling the matter. Let the record reflect that the appearance has been entered. Could you -- could the bailiff or someone present this to the Court, please?

THE COURT: Is there a reason why you're not sitting at the --

THE DEFENDANT: Again, could this --

THE COURT: No, there --

THE DEFENDANT: -- be presented to the Court?

THE COURT: No.

THE DEFENDANT: Let the record reflect that the appearance has been entered. Is this -- Judge, is this not who you're after?

THE COURT: The appearance of whom?

1           THE DEFENDANT: The appearance of the legal  
2 fiction. Is this not who you're after?

3           THE COURT: I don't know of what you refer to  
4 when you say legal fiction.

5           THE DEFENDANT: The ends ledges [ph], the  
6 corporate entity which you are -- you are attempting  
7 to --

8           THE COURT: I don't represent a corporate  
9 entity. I represent the Unified Judicial System of  
10 Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

11          THE DEFENDANT: Well, is it not true that one  
12 has the right to question the nature and causes of any  
13 charge brought against them?

14          THE COURT: Which is why you had today, which  
15 is why you've been set for a preliminary hearing today.

16          THE DEFENDANT: So --

17          THE COURT: If you are here to participate and  
18 you are here to represent yourself, then you need to  
19 have a seat at the table. If you are not here to do  
20 that, then there will be a hearing with you sitting here  
21 and you have chosen not to participate.

22          THE DEFENDANT: Let the record reflect that,  
23 again, without controversy, Magistrate, the appearance  
24 has been entered. Is this not who you're --

25          THE COURT: What I have in my possession is a

1 certificate of birth of a Melvin Andrew Roach, Jr. That  
2 is what I have in my possession.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Is this not the -- is this not  
4 who the summons is for?

5 THE COURT: It is.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Exactly. So let the record  
7 reflect that the appearance has been entered.

8 THE COURT: By whom?

9 THE DEFENDANT: By the authorized  
10 representative.

11 THE COURT: Which is who?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Which is myself.

13 THE COURT: So you are Melvin Andrew Roach,  
14 Jr.?

15 THE DEFENDANT: I'm not. I'm Melvin.

16 THE COURT: Then you can -- then you cannot  
17 say that you are representing.

18 THE DEFENDANT: I never said that I was  
19 representing. I said that I'm the --

20 THE COURT: You're entering --

21 THE DEFENDANT: -- authorized --

22 THE COURT: -- your appearance.

23 THE DEFENDANT: -- as a special visitation.

24 It is not an appearance, Magistrate. Again, when I --

25 THE COURT: Well, then how can you enter an

1 appearance if you're not stating that at this time that  
2 you are the -- in such a person of Melvin Andrew Roach,  
3 Jr.?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Let --

5 THE COURT: How does that work?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Let the record reflect that I  
7 stated and you do have documentation which I faxed to  
8 the Court --

9 THE COURT: Oh, there's a lot of  
10 documentation.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Let the record  
12 reflect --

13 THE COURT: I do know that.

14 THE DEFENDANT: -- that I entered a special  
15 visitation because I'm here to settle the matter --

16 THE COURT: Could you --

17 THE DEFENDANT: -- on behalf --

18 THE COURT: Can you -- can you --

19 THE DEFENDANT: -- on behalf of the legal  
20 fiction, which who the summons is for --

21 THE COURT: Can you --

22 THE DEFENDANT: -- not the living man.

23 THE COURT: Can you --

24 THE DEFENDANT: I'm the living man.

25 THE COURT: Can you define for me what a

1 special visitation is? I would like the legal  
2 definition of a special visitation.

3 THE DEFENDANT: Again, without controversy,  
4 Magistrate --

5 THE COURT: No controversy here, sir. I just  
6 need you to either participate or not participate. And  
7 here's what I'm going to tell you your two options are,  
8 and then there may be a third option after that. But  
9 we're going to try it the nice way, and we're going to  
10 give two options, okay? The first option is that you  
11 utilize the public defender that is sitting in the room.  
12 That's the first option. The second option is that you  
13 either participate in what I heard you through the  
14 attorney that you want to represent pro se. So you  
15 either participate or don't participate.

16 THE DEFENDANT: She's not -- she's not --  
17 she's not speaking on my behalf in accordance with the  
18 Constitution, which you took an oath to uphold. Is that  
19 not true and correct, Magistrate?

20 THE COURT: So you would -- yes, I did, and  
21 you would --

22 THE DEFENDANT: Absolutely.

23 THE COURT: -- you would have to prove to me  
24 how she's not representing you.

25 THE DEFENDANT: I sent her documentation, and

1 she never responded back to me. I could show you a copy  
2 of the documentation I sent her. And she never  
3 responded back. We've talked, and I -- and I explained  
4 to her clearly that she was -- if she was going to speak  
5 on my behalf, that she had to do that in accordance with  
6 the rights secured for me by the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania, which --

8 THE COURT: So you are --

9 THE DEFENDANT: -- for the record, you took a  
10 duty to uphold.

11 THE COURT: Look, I'm not getting into what my  
12 duties are and what they aren't with you. I know what  
13 they are, okay? And you're going to learn very easily  
14 what my main duty is. Okay? And I don't want to have  
15 to go there with you again. So whatever you're --  
16 whatever you believe is a fraudulent document for your  
17 purposes, in this court it is not a fraudulent document.  
18 And you have had plenty of time prior to today to either  
19 secure representation that is satisfactory to you and  
20 what your claims are, but you showed here today without  
21 an attorney, which gives me two options. One, I can  
22 incarcerate you, and then you have to be represented by  
23 someone.

24 THE DEFENDANT: So, again --

25 THE COURT: Or, two, you sit down and



1       participate.

2               THE DEFENDANT:  So you'll violate my due --  
3       let the record reflect that you just stated that you  
4       will violate my due process rights, and you will violate  
5       the Constitution to the Pennsylvania -- to the oath --  
6       the oath of office to the Constitution of Pennsylvania,  
7       which you took to uphold.  Let the record reflect that  
8       you are intending to violate that.  You did state this  
9       for the record.  And moving forward, is this matter  
10      criminal or civil?  Before we can move forward, if you  
11      intend -- if you expect --

12              THE COURT:  Criminal.

13              THE DEFENDANT:  It's criminal?  Well, is it  
14      not --

15              THE COURT:  You have a copy of it, and I'm --  
16      I'm not going to play this game with you.

17              THE DEFENDANT:  Is it not true that in a  
18      criminal matter, one has the right to face his accuser,  
19      and that accuser has to be a living man or woman?

20              THE COURT:  Right there.

21              THE DEFENDANT:  Right where?

22              THE COURT:  Your accuser is right there.

23              THE DEFENDANT:  Who's the accuser?

24              THE COURT:  A Pennsylvania State trooper.

25              THE DEFENDANT:  Is that not -- is it not true

1       and correct that a Pennsylvania State trooper is an  
2       entity -- is an agent of a corporation, and a living  
3       party --

4               THE COURT:   Not -- not a corporation.

5               THE DEFENDANT:  -- a living party in a  
6       criminal matter has to be a living man or woman.  The  
7       Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not a living man or  
8       woman.

9               THE COURT:   The powers that have been given to  
10      him by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not a  
11      corporation, is who arrested you.

12              THE DEFENDANT:  Well, let's get him in and get  
13      him sworn on the record then.

14              THE COURT:   Exactly.  And we need to do the  
15      same with you.  That's why I said you're either going to  
16      participate or you're not.  You can't ask him questions,  
17      you can't confront the witness, you can't confront  
18      evidence or put evidence in unless you sit down and  
19      participate.

20              THE DEFENDANT:  There's been no injured party  
21      of no living man, so what's happening is, Judge, you're  
22      committing fraud on the court.  You're committing  
23      malfeasance of office.

24              THE COURT:   Okay.

25              THE DEFENDANT:  So if you're going to

1       incarcerate me because of that, then there will be --

2               THE COURT:  I didn't say I was.

3               THE DEFENDANT:  -- a bond placed on your  
4       claim --

5               THE COURT:  I said I had an option.

6               THE DEFENDANT:  Then there will be a bond  
7       placed on your claim.  You know this.  And not everyone  
8       in here can understand this, but you --

9               THE COURT:  It won't be the first time.

10              THE DEFENDANT:  -- you are familiar.

11              THE COURT:  It won't be --

12              THE DEFENDANT:  Okay.

13              THE COURT:  -- the first time.

14              THE DEFENDANT:  Well, there's no living man  
15       or --

16              THE COURT:  So are you going to have a seat  
17       and participate, or are you going to watch from the  
18       gallery?

19              THE DEFENDANT:  I'm going to watch --

20              THE COURT:  It's entirely up to you --

21              THE DEFENDANT:  I'm not boarding the vessel.  
22       That's a corporate vessel.  I'm not the corporate  
23       entity.  I'm the living man.

24              THE COURT:  Right, who is Melvin Andrew Roach,  
25       Jr.

1                   THE DEFENDANT: No, no, I'm -- now under --  
2                   that's not me. That's Melvin. That's the corporate  
3                   fiction.

4                   MS. KITZINGER: Mr. Roach -- if I -- if I can,  
5                   Judge, the only way that you're going to be able to  
6                   cross-examine the trooper is if you do sit up here. And  
7                   that's what we discussed. In order to be able to  
8                   confront your accuser, you have to sit here to  
9                   participate to be able to ask the necessary questions  
10                  that you want to ask. If you do not participate in the  
11                  proceeding in that way, you will have to sit in the  
12                  gallery, and you will not be able to ask questions and  
13                  confront the witness that's going to testify. So I just  
14                  want to make that clear for you, sir.

15                  THE DEFENDANT: Again, if there's no injured  
16                  party, if there hasn't been anyone that's been hurt or  
17                  injured, then I'm not proceeding in a farce. You want  
18                  me to proceed in a fraud.

19                  MS. KITZINGER: I just wanted you to  
20                  understand that that's how that --

21                  THE DEFENDANT: Magistrate, you are committing  
22                  fraud on the court. Let the record reflect that you are  
23                  committing fraud on the court, and I intend to appeal  
24                  your decision in any manner. Prosecutor, do you mind --  
25                  do you mind certifying my claim for subrogation?

1                   THE COURT: You do not need to speak to him.  
2                   He is unrepresented.

3                   THE DEFENDANT: Let the record reflect that  
4                   this is an Article 1 venue. This is not an Article 3  
5                   court, so this is the wrong venue if it's a criminal  
6                   matter. If it's civil, then why are you trying to pass  
7                   off statutes as law? So we have an issue here.

8                   THE COURT: Let the record reflect that the  
9                   case has been called and that Melvin Andrew Roach, Jr.  
10                  is in the room and at this time, by the Court's  
11                  observation, is choosing not to participate. There is  
12                  also a public defender in the room for which Melvin  
13                  Andrew Roach, Jr. has chosen not to utilize. There's  
14                  two options for you at this time. You can either have a  
15                  seat at that table and participate, or you're going to  
16                  need to sit down and watch from the gallery. You're not  
17                  going to stand there. Just to understand that by  
18                  sitting in the gallery and not participating, you get  
19                  absolutely no option to ask the witness any questions.  
20                  If you call out, if you make any comments during a  
21                  hearing, you will be taken into custody. Do you  
22                  understand?

23                  THE DEFENDANT: No, I don't understand.

24                  THE COURT: Well, I just explained it to you,  
25                  and I --

1 THE DEFENDANT: Let the record reflect that my  
2 appearance --

3 THE COURT: You have used --

4 THE DEFENDANT: -- has been entered.

5 THE COURT: You have used five-syllable words,  
6 sir, so I know you understand what I just said.

7 THE DEFENDANT: My appearance has been entered  
8 for the record.

9 THE COURT: Choice one or two, have a seat  
10 there or have a seat there. Thank you. Whenever you're  
11 ready.

12 MS. KITZINGER: Commonwealth will call Trooper  
13 Nicholas Peroni.

14 THE COURT: Trooper, if you would state your  
15 name and spell your last for the record, please.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, it's Trooper Nicholas  
17 Peroni, P-e-r-o-n-i, badge #15163.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Peroni, with your left hand on  
19 the Bible, right hand up.

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21 [Witness duly sworn, 9:15 a.m.]

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23 THE COURT: Have a seat, please.

24 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

25 \*\*\*

1                                   NICHOLAS PERONI,  
2       having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness  
3       herein and was examined and testified as follows:

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5                                   DIRECT EXAMINATION (9:15 a.m.)

6       BY MS. KITZINGER:

7       Q.   Trooper, can you please tell me where you work?

8       A.   I work for the Pennsylvania State Police, currently  
9       employed with the Patrol Unit at the Media barracks.

10      Q.   And were you working on the day of December 31st,  
11      2023?

12      A.   Yes.

13      Q.   And on -- at the time of 7:15 did you -- where did  
14      your tour of duty take you?

15      A.   So I was monitoring northbound traffic on I-95,  
16      Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway, when I observed a  
17      silver BMW pass my location heading northbound. That  
18      silver BMW had window tinting that was so dark that it  
19      obstructed my view inside the vehicle. Based on that, I  
20      left my stationary position and began to follow the  
21      vehicle northbound. As I followed the vehicle  
22      northbound, I observed it had a temporary registration  
23      plate on the back of the vehicle that was torn in the  
24      middle so it was flapping in the wind, which obstructed  
25      my view of the registration plate from a reasonable

1 distance. As the vehicle continued northbound, I  
2 observed the vehicle cross over one of the dash lane  
3 indicators, failing to maintain its lane. Based on  
4 those violations, I initiated my emergency lights and  
5 sirens and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

6 Q. Okay. And when you conducted this traffic stop,  
7 where was that?

8 A. I believe it was around mile marker 2.1. It's  
9 contained in the affidavit.

10 Q. And is that in Delaware County?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. And at the time of the vehicle stop, did you come  
13 into contact with anyone that you see in the room today?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you please identify that person for the record?

16 A. Mr. Roach in the brown -- I don't know if it's a  
17 gown -- with the manila folder on his lap wearing black-  
18 rimmed glasses.

19 \*\*\*

20 MS. KITZINGER: Okay. Your Honor, please let  
21 the record reflect that the witness has identified the  
22 Defendant.

23 THE COURT: So noted.

24 \*\*\*

25 BY MS. KITZINGER:



1 Q. Okay. Can you please explain your interaction with  
2 the Defendant at that time?

3 A. Yeah. So after I initiated my emergency lights and  
4 sirens, the vehicle pulled onto the right shoulder, came  
5 to a complete stop, then continued to roll forward  
6 before coming to a complete stop again. Before I exited  
7 my patrol vehicle, since the vehicle was not traveling  
8 anymore, the registration plate folded down. I was able  
9 to query it. It was a Delaware temporary registration  
10 plate. The query through CLEAN NCIC revealed no records  
11 found for that registration plate. After that, I exited  
12 my patrol vehicle, made a passenger-side approach on the  
13 vehicle, stayed at like the rear quarter panel because  
14 of the dark window tinting. Even that close to the  
15 vehicle, I couldn't see inside the vehicle. So I began  
16 to knock on the window to attempt to order the operator  
17 to lower his window. As I did that, I could hear the  
18 operator shouting from the driver window. Based on  
19 that, I moved to the driver side quarter panel of the  
20 vehicle and observed Mr. Roach partially hanging out his  
21 vehicle. He had his cell phone in one hand and his  
22 other hand was -- remained inside the vehicle. His  
23 window was about halfway up and down so I could not see  
24 his left hand as I came around the vehicle. For about a  
25 minute or so, I ordered Mr. Roach to either roll down

1 all the windows or step out of his vehicle. I believe  
2 in total I ordered him to step out of the vehicle 20  
3 times or roll down the window 11 times. The entire  
4 time, Mr. Roach was shouting at me he wanted my surety  
5 bond information, I didn't have the authority to stop  
6 him or ask him out of the vehicle, all phrases that,  
7 based on my training and experience led me to believe  
8 Mr. Roach was a living man or sovereign citizen. After  
9 about a minute or so, as I described, I ordered him to  
10 put his hands outside the vehicle, which he complied at  
11 first. As I approached him, he pulled his left hand  
12 back into the vehicle, so I retreated again back to the  
13 quarter panel. Again, I told him to put his hands  
14 outside the vehicle, to which he did. I was able to  
15 approach him at the driver door and secure both of his  
16 hands, opened the door from the inside, and removed him  
17 from the vehicle to the rear of his vehicle, front of my  
18 patrol vehicle. At that point, I tried to place Mr.  
19 Roach in custody for obstruction of justice. I grabbed,  
20 I believe, his left hand or his right hand. His phone  
21 was in his right hand, so I grabbed his left hand to put  
22 it behind his back to handcuff him. At that point, he  
23 pulled away from me and tried to obviously not let me  
24 put him into custody. After a brief struggle, I was  
25 able to place both hands behind his back and place him

1       into handcuffs.

2       Q.    Okay.  When you say that he -- he pulled away from  
3       you, can you be more specific like how he was -- he was  
4       -- you're saying he was trying not to be arrested --

5       A.    That's what it seemed like.  I had a grip on his  
6       wrists.  He broke my grip on his wrists, and I could  
7       feel, as he did that, all of his muscles tense up as if  
8       he was trying to pull away from me.  And again, we're on  
9       the side of a busy interstate, so it's pretty dangerous  
10      for both myself and him.

11      Q.    Did you conduct any search incident to arrest?

12      A.    So, yeah, after I placed him into custody, multiple  
13      local Upper Chichester Police Department units arrived  
14      on scene and helped me secure Mr. Roach in my patrol  
15      vehicle.  I conducted an inventory search of his vehicle  
16      because it was being towed.  He was the sole occupant,  
17      so we can't leave the vehicle on the side of the  
18      interstate.  During that inventory search, I discovered  
19      a loaded SIG Sauer SP2022 in a green tactical bag in the  
20      rear passenger floorboard of his vehicle.

21      Q.    Okay.  And did the Defendant possess a license for  
22      this firearm?

23      A.    CLEAN NCIC query did not provide a record that Mr.  
24      Roach had a license to carry firearms.

25      Q.    And would you recognize this -- the results of this

1 query if I were to show it to you?

2 A. Yes.

3 \*\*\*

4 MS. KITZINGER: Okay. Your Honor, I'm  
5 introducing what's been marked as Exhibit C-1. May I  
6 approach the witness?

7 \*\*\*

8 BY MS. KITZINGER:

9 Q. Tell me what I've just handed you.

10 A. This is an information certification form from the  
11 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Division. This form  
12 certifies that, at the time of this incident, Mr. Roach  
13 did not have a valid license to carry a firearm or a  
14 valid sportsman firearm permit.

15 \*\*\*

16 MS. KITZINGER: Okay. Your Honor, at this  
17 time, I'm -- would like to move C-1 into evidence.

18 \*\*\*

19 BY MS. KITZINGER:

20 Q. At this point did you --

21 \*\*\*

22 THE COURT: C-1.

23 MS. KITZINGER: Oh, sorry.

24 \*\*\*

25 BY MS. KITZINGER:

1 Q. At this point, did you conduct a criminal  
2 background check?

3 A. Yes. So prior to conducting a criminal history  
4 check, another trooper arrived on scene. The vehicle  
5 was going to be towed back to PSP Media pending a search  
6 warrant. On the way back to PSP Media, Mr. Roach made  
7 statements to me that were not brought about by me that  
8 -- it was something to the effect of "After you see me  
9 check this magistrate and tribunal, you're going to see  
10 me walk out of here," which I imagine he meant our  
11 station, "and you're going to give me my gun back."  
12 Once we got back to PSP Media, he was fingerprinted for  
13 the incident, and his criminal history revealed that he  
14 had a 2010 conviction for aggravated assault in  
15 Philadelphia.

16 Q. Okay. And how did you come across that  
17 information?

18 A. So when we fingerprint somebody, based on the  
19 fingerprint records, AFIS sends up back the  
20 corresponding criminal history.

21 Q. Okay. And would you recognize the criminal history  
22 if I were to show it to you today?

23 A. Yes.

24 \*\*\*

25 MS. KITZINGER: All right. Your Honor, I'm

1       introducing what has been marked as Exhibit C-2. May I  
2       approach the witness?

3               THE COURT: Yes.

4                               \*\*\*

5       BY MS. KITZINGER:

6       Q. Can you tell me what I have handed you?

7       A. So this is a criminal history for Melvin Andrew  
8       Roach. These don't have page numbers, but there is  
9       circled here a 2010 -- 11/21/2010 arrest for aggravated  
10      assault, which is a felony of the second degree. And  
11      Mr. Roach pled guilty to that offense based on his  
12      criminal history.

13      Q. And is this what you viewed at the time that you --

14      A. Yes.

15      Q. -- conducted the criminal history check?

16      A. Yes.

17                               \*\*\*

18               MS. KITZINGER: Okay. Your Honor, at this  
19      time, I'd like to move C-2 into evidence.

20               THE COURT: C-2.

21                               \*\*\*

22      BY MS. KITZINGER:

23      Q. Okay. Now, Officer, did you have an opportunity to  
24      examine the gun?

25      A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. And how long have you been an officer?

2 A. Two years.

3 Q. And do you carry service -- a service weapon with  
4 you every day?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do you have -- do you have to attend firearm  
7 training as an officer?

8 A. We do.

9 Q. And do you have any personal firearms?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. Okay. How many?

12 A. Probably over 10.

13 Q. So you're familiar with them?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Did -- and did the firearm that you got to  
16 observe, did it appear to be working -- in working  
17 condition based on your training and experience with  
18 firearms?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Was it rusted at all? Was there any damage?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. Brief --

23 A. And, for the record, too, it was loaded with one  
24 round in the chamber, and then I forget how many were in  
25 the detachable magazine. It's contained in the

1 affidavit, though.

2 Q. So there was no -- was there any indication that  
3 this gun was unable to fire a shot?

4 A. No.

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6 MS. KITZINGER: Okay. Brief indulgence, Your  
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: Certainly.

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10 BY MS. KITZINGER:

11 Q. And, Trooper, where did you say that the gun was  
12 recovered exactly?

13 A. So it was in a green tactical-style bag about yea  
14 big in the rear passenger floorboard area in between the  
15 passenger -- front passenger seat and rear passenger  
16 seat.

17 Q. Okay. And was this vehicle owned by the Defendant?  
18 Was it registered to him?

19 A. So the vehicle was unregistered, but there was a  
20 DOT number affixed to the side of the vehicle. One of  
21 our MCSAP troopers was able to run that DOT number. And  
22 the corporation it was registered to is, I guess, owned  
23 or operated by Mr. Roach.

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25 MS. KITZINGER: Okay. All right. No --



1           THE COURT: I'm sorry, according to records of  
2           what, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

3           THE WITNESS: However they file DOT, which I  
4           believe is through the federal government.

5           THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

6           MS. KITZINGER: No further questions, Your  
7           Honor.

8           THE COURT: The Court is going to take notice  
9           of the date of the incident, which was --

10          THE WITNESS: 12/31/23.

11          THE COURT: 12/31/23. And it's known to the  
12          Court that Pennsylvania State troopers did not have body  
13          cameras at that time.

14          THE WITNESS: That's correct.

15          THE COURT: But is there --

16          THE WITNESS: Everything was --

17          THE COURT: -- in-vehicle video?

18          THE WITNESS: Yes, there is. In-vehicle and  
19          our front MVR was active, recording, and has been  
20          retained.

21          THE COURT: And preserved for a higher court?

22          THE WITNESS: Yes.

23          THE COURT: If necessary?

24          THE WITNESS: Of course.

25          THE COURT: Thank you.

1 MS. KITZINGER: That's the Commonwealth's  
2 case, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, Trooper.

4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

5 THE COURT: The Commonwealth has presented its  
6 case and rested its case. The defense table is silent.  
7 Mr. Melvin Roach, all charges are being held for Common  
8 Pleas Court. Your Common Pleas Court date will be  
9 October 9th, 2024. I have a form here for you to sign,  
10 sir. Do you choose to sign it?

11 THE DEFENDANT: No.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Hearing that Mr. Roach has  
13 -- is choosing not to sign the formal subpoena for  
14 arraignment in the Court of Common Pleas, it will be  
15 mailed to your home, which the Court has as 5612 Hunter  
16 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Understanding that if  
17 your address has changed or does change, it is your  
18 responsibility, Mr. Roach, to change your address with  
19 the Court, specifically the Court of Common Pleas in  
20 Delaware County. I would also caution you, as I'm sure  
21 the public defender that is in the room will let you  
22 know, that if you choose not to show on October 9th,  
23 2024, there will be a warrant for your arrest from the

1 Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County. With all that  
2 being said, have a good day.

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4 [End of Proceeding, 9:28 a.m.]

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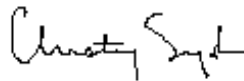
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