IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

STATE OF DELAWARE)	
v.)	Cr.A. No.: 1303013769
EDMOND LINCOLN)	
Defendant.)	

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ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS

Defendant Edmund Lincoln ("Lincoln") was arrested on March 16, 2013 during a stop at a sobriety checkpoint (the "Checkpoint"), and charged with Driving Under the Influence ("DUI") in violation of 21 *Del. C.* § 4177(a).

On May 16, 2013, Lincoln filed the present Motion to Suppress, raising two issues: first, whether the statistics proffered by the State regarding the number of "alcohol related arrests" conforms to the checkpoint guidelines of the Office of Highway Safety, and; second, whether the statistics, which were from 2011, should be considered "stale".

The Court is in receipt of written submissions from both parties, as well as the transcript and order from *State v. Hornig*. The issues raised by Lincoln were addressed in *Hornig*. The *Hornig* transcript shows that Chief Michael Capriglione of the Newport Police Department testified that the "alcohol related arrests" appearing on the statistic sheet indicates the number of

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¹ State v. Hornig, C.A. No. 1210013587, (Del. Super. August 2, 2013) (Johnston, J.) (TRANSCRIPT).

DUI arrests.² Furthermore, the checkpoint in *Hornig* was approved based on data compiled

nearly two years prior.³ The Superior Court found that the checkpoint procedure was in

compliance with the defendant's Fourth Amendment Rights.⁴

Both of the issues raised by Lincoln were addressed in *Hornig*, which is the most recent

Superior Court case addressing these issues, and therefore is binding precedent. Accordingly,

Lincoln's Motion to Suppress is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of January, 2014.

The Honorable Carl C. Danberg Judge

Diane Healy, Judicial Case Manager cc:

² *Id*. at 21. ³ *Id*. at 22.

⁴ State v. Hornig, C.A. No. 1210013587, (Del. Super. August 2, 2013) (Johnston, J.) (ORDER).