

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	: No. 98-10352
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	:
vs.	: CRIMINAL DIVISION
	:
JOHN R. COBB,	: Petition for Review of
Defendant	: Sentence

ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ day of May 1999, the defendant's Petition for Review of Sentence is hereby DENIED.

In his petition, the defendant is requesting that he placed on the In-home Detention program. The defendant is serving a one to two (1-2) year IP sentence for Simple Assault. He has served a little over six (6) months of his sentence. The defendant is a good worker and he has gainful employment. As far as the Court knows, he is performing adequately at the Pre-Release Center.

Typically, prison officials do not put an offender on In-home Detention for more than four (4) months because their experience has shown that the program is geared for a short period of time and is not effective beyond a four (4) month period. This approach is applied to all sentences.

On May 11, 1999, the Court talked with Tim Mahoney, Director of PRC, about this matter and he urged the Court to maintain the four (4) month time frame on In-home Detention for the reasons stated above. For these reasons, the Court DENIES the defendant's request for

immediate In-home Detention.

The defendant will be evaluated for In-home Detention when he has five (5) months to serve on his minimum sentence. **If the prison officials find the defendant is an acceptable candidate for In-home Detention and there is equipment available**, the defendant may be placed on In-home Detention when he has four (4) months remaining on his minimum sentence.

By The Court,

Kenneth D. Brown, J.

cc: Michael Groulx, Esquire
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Adult Probation
Timothy Mahoney, PRC