

**Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing
Caselaw Highlights (PA Reporter through May 23, 2008)**

	Monahan	860 A.2d 180	10/1/2004	PA Super	Sentence	PSI	To satisfy the requirements of rule governing pre-sentence investigation reports, such a report should at least contain basic information about the defendant such as (1) education, (2) occupation and employment history, (3) marital status, (4) children, (5) official version of the offense, (6) defendant's version of the offense, (7) social hereditary history, (8) physical and mental health, (9) drug or alcohol use, (10) military history, (11) financial status, (12) role of religion in defendant's life, (13) hobbies and leisure activities, (14) sources of this information, and (15) evaluation by the pre-sentence investigator. Rules Crim.Proc., Rule 702, 42 Pa.C.S.A.
	Johnson	768 A.2d 1177	2/26/2001	PA Super	Sentence	PSI	Trial court was required to appraise itself sufficiently to impose sentence in informed fashion by a PSI or otherwise, and if court chose to dispense with PSI report, to provide cognizable reasons why, and court's failure to do either was error and required that the matter be remanded for resentencing.
	Goggins	748 A.2d 721	3/9/2000	PA Super	Sentence	PSI	Trial court's failure to provide adequate statement of reasons for refusing to order a presentence report mandated re-sentencing, in prosecution for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, where the court's sentence of five to ten years substantially exceeded the mandatory sentence of three years, the defendant was less than 21 years of age, and the conviction was defendant's first as an adult.
	Andrews	720 A.2d 764	10/5/1998	PA Super	Sentence	PSI	Defendant was not entitled to have a new pre-sentence report prepared and considered prior to resentencing where court took additional information about defendant's prison activities, which would have been contained in report, into consideration.
	Savich	716 A.2d 1251	6/15/1998	PA Super	Sentence	PSI	Defendant did not suffer prejudice from probation department's practice of not permitting defense counsel to review presentence investigation report until 48 hours before sentencing.