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## SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

Appeal From: the Order of the Superior Court at No. 811 MDA 2021 entered on April 28, 2023, Affirming the Judgment of Sentence of the Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division, at No. CP-49-CR-0000045-2018 entered on March 2, 2021

Probable Jurisdiction Noted: Docketed Date: October 30, 2023  
 Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted: October 30, 2023 Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.: 289 MAL 2023  
 Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order: AND NOW, this 30th day of October, 2023, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:

1. In an issue of first impression, whether the Superior Court erred in concluding that an individual does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her electronic content, particularly in his or her private internet search queries and IP address?

2. In an issue of first impression, whether the Superior Court erred in finding that probable cause may be established to support a search warrant to Google, Inc. requesting the content of an individual's private internet search queries where the suspect is unknown and no evidence is presented establishing that Google, Inc. was used in the planning or commission of the crime?

## FEE INFORMATION

Fee Dt	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Receipt Dt	Receipt No	Receipt Amt
02/29/2024	2nd Motion for Extension of Time	10.00	02/29/2024	2024-SUP-M-000550	10.00

## INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Superior Docket Number: 811 MDA 2021  
 Date of Order: April 28, 2023 Rearg/Recon Disp Date:  
 Rearg/Recon Disposition:  
 Judge(s): Murray, Mary P.  
 McLaughlin, Maria  
 Colins, James G.  
 Intermediate Appellate Court Action: Affirmed  
 Referring Court:

## AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

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Court Below: Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas  
 County: Northumberland Division: Northumberland County Criminal Division  
 Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: March 2, 2021  
 Docket Number: CP-49-CR-0000045-2018  
 Judge(s): Saylor, Charles H. OTN: U 536095-0  
 Order Type: Judgment of Sentence

## ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description
Transcript(s)	October 31, 2023	18 (1 part contains sealed exhibits/envelope)
Part(s)	October 31, 2023	9

Record Remittal: January 5, 2026

## BRIEFING SCHEDULE

**Amicus Curiae****ACLU of Pennsylvania, et al.****Brief**

Due: January 10, 2024 Filed: January 10, 2024

**Appellee****Commonwealth of Pennsylvania****Brief**

Due: March 27, 2024 Filed: March 26, 2024

**Electronic Frontier Foundation, et al.****Brief**

Due: January 10, 2024 Filed: January 5, 2024

**Office of Attorney General****Brief**

Due: March 27, 2024 Filed: March 27, 2024

**PA District Attorney's Association****Brief**

Due: March 27, 2024 Filed: March 27, 2024

**Appellant****Kurtz, John Edward****Brief**

Due: January 10, 2024 Filed: January 10, 2024

**Reply Brief**

Due: April 12, 2024 Filed:

**Reproduced Record**

Due: January 10, 2024 Filed: January 10, 2024

## SESSION INFORMATION

Journal Number: J-36A-2024  
 Listed/Submitted Date: May 14, 2024  
 Consideration Type: Oral Argument Supreme Ct.

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## DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No:	J-36A-2024	Judgment Date:	December 16, 2025
Category:	Decided	Disposition Author:	Wecht, David N.
Disposition:	Affirmed	Disposition Date:	December 16, 2025
Dispositional Filing:	<b>Opinion Announcing Judgment of the Court</b>	Author:	Wecht, David N.
Filed Date:	December 16, 2025		
Justice:	Dougherty, Kevin M.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Brobson, P. Kevin	Vote:	Joins
Dispositional Filing:	<b>Concurring Opinion</b>	Author:	Todd, Debra
Filed Date:	December 16, 2025		
Justice:	Mundy, Sallie U.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	McCaffery, Daniel D.	Vote:	Joins
Dispositional Filing:	<b>Concurring Opinion</b>	Author:	Mundy, Sallie U.
Filed Date:	December 16, 2025		
Dispositional Filing:	<b>Dissenting Opinion</b>	Author:	Donohue, Christine
Filed Date:	December 16, 2025		

## DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
<b>October 30, 2023</b>	<b>Allocatur Granted</b>		Per Curiam
Comments:			
AND NOW, this 30th day of October, 2023, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:			
1. In an issue of first impression, whether the Superior Court erred in concluding that an individual does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her electronic content, particularly in his or her private internet search queries and IP address?			
2. In an issue of first impression, whether the Superior Court erred in finding that probable cause may be established to support a search warrant to Google, Inc. requesting the content of an individual's private internet search queries where the suspect is unknown and no evidence is presented establishing that Google, Inc. was used in the planning or commission of the crime?			
<b>October 31, 2023</b>	<b>Sealed Superior Court Record Received</b>		Superior Court of Pennsylvania

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November 13, 2023	Application for Extension of Time	Appellant	Kurtz, John Edward
November 15, 2023	No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time to File Brief	Appellee	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
November 17, 2023	Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Appellant Brief		Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 17th day of November, 2023, Appellant's application for extension of time is granted. Appellant's Brief and Reproduced Record shall be filed on or before January 10, 2024.			
November 17, 2023	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
January 5, 2024	Amicus Curiae Brief	Amicus Curiae	Electronic Frontier Foundation, et al.
Comments: Amicus Brief on behalf of: Electronic Frontier Foundation, National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers, and PA Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers			
January 10, 2024	Appellant's Brief	Appellant	Kurtz, John Edward
January 10, 2024	Sealed Appellant's Reproduced Record Filed	Appellant	Kurtz, John Edward
January 10, 2024	Amicus Curiae Brief	Amicus Curiae	ACLU of Pennsylvania, et al.
Comments: Amicus Brief on behalf of: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU), ACLU OF PENNSYLVANIA, LIBRARY FREEDOM PROJECT, ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES, FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION, AND INTERNET ARCHIVE			
February 9, 2024	Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - First Request	Appellee	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
February 9, 2024	No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time	Appellant	Kurtz, John Edward
February 9, 2024	Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Appellee Brief		Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 9th day of February, 2024, Appellee's application for extension of time is GRANTED. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before March 13, 2024.			
February 9, 2024	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
February 29, 2024	Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - Second Request	Appellee	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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March 4, 2024	<b>Answer to Second Application for Extension of Time to File Appellee's Brief</b>	Appellant	Kurtz, John Edward
March 12, 2024	<b>Order Granting Appellee's Second Motion for an Extension of Time, in Part</b>		Per Curiam
Comments: AND NOW, this 12th day of March, 2024, the Commonwealth's Second Motion for an Extension of Time is GRANTED, IN PART. The Commonwealth shall file its brief no later than March 27, 2024. No further extensions will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances.			
March 12, 2024	<b>Order Exited</b>		Office of the Prothonotary
March 22, 2024	<b>Acknowledgement of Argument Notice</b> Kurtz, John Edward	Appellant	Taglieri, Douglas Joseph
March 22, 2024	<b>Acknowledgement of Argument Notice</b> Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Appellee	Skinner, Julia Margaret
March 26, 2024	<b>Appellee's Brief</b>	Appellee	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
March 27, 2024	<b>Amicus Curiae Brief</b>	Amicus Curiae Amicus Curiae	Office of Attorney General PA District Attorney's Association
May 14, 2024	<b>Argued</b> Kurtz, John Edward Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Appellant Appellee	Taglieri, Douglas Joseph Skinner, Julia Margaret
December 16, 2025	<b>Affirmed</b>		Wecht, David N.
Comments: For these reasons, Kurtz had no enforceable expectation of privacy in his internet searches. As such, he cannot prevail on a challenge to the validity of the search warrant executed in this case. We affirm.  Justices Dougherty and Brobson join the opinion announcing the judgment of the Court.  Chief Justice Todd files a concurring opinion in which Justices Mundy and McCaffery join .  Justice Mundy files a concurring opinion.  Justice Donohue files a dissenting opinion.			
December 16, 2025	<b>Judgment Entered</b>		Office of the Prothonotary
January 5, 2026	<b>Remitted</b>		Office of the Prothonotary

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