SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY A-13 September Term 2022 086958

State of New Jersey,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

ORDER

Alan T. Walker,

Defendant-Appellant.

The Court having entered an order on October 7, 2022, granting defendant's petition for certification, and counsel for defendant having subsequently notified the Court that defendant passed away prior to the entry of the Court's order; and

The Court having considered the parties' written submissions as to whether defendant's appeal should proceed in light of defendant's passing; it is

ORDERED that defendant's appeal is dismissed as moot pursuant to the standard articulated in <u>State v. Gartland</u>, 149 N.J. 456 (1997).

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 6th day of December, 2022.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT