

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Sidney Fields, #254392

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

Docket No. 24-ALJ-04-0768-AP

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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This matter is before the Court pursuant to a Notice of Appeal filed by Sidney Fields (“Appellant”), an inmate of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (“Respondent”). Appellant challenged the Department’s determination regarding deductions from Appellant’s wages. On December 3, 2024, the Department filed a Stipulation of Dismissal, signed by Appellant and outside counsel for the Department.¹ The stipulation states in full:

The parties hereto hereby stipulate to the dismissal, with prejudice, of this action and all claims that have or could have been asserted by Appellant against Respondent in the above-captioned matter. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys’ fees.

Given that both parties have agreed to this stipulation, and it concludes this appeal in full, dismissal is appropriate.

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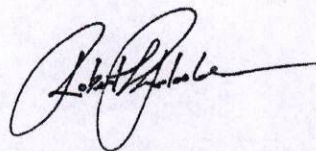
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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this appeal is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

¹ The Stipulation of Dismissal is captioned with the correct docket number (24-ALJ-04-0768) but contains, although not normally part of a case caption, a typed grievance number that differs from the one at issue in the instant appeal. On November 6, 2024, the Department filed a Statement of Settlement which likewise contains a grievance number involved in a different appeal. Appellant sent a letter to the Court on November 12, 2024, to point out this “clerical error” or “mistake.” Following the filing of the Stipulation of Dismissal, Appellant filed, on December 10, 2024, a letter again claiming a mistake and voicing opposition to the stipulation. Both documents contain the correct docket number and are signed by the parties and Appellant acknowledges he signed settlement papers. While the Court is sympathetic to any confusion Appellant may have, this matter is before the Court in its limited appellate capacity. Furthermore, any claims or remedies for rescission or modification of the settlement between the parties would be equitable remedies that simply are not available from this Court and, consequently, this Court makes no determination on such matters.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Reibold", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honorable Robert L. Reibold
Administrative Law Judge

January 2, 2025
Columbia, South Carolina