

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

S. Phillip Lenski, Administrative Law Judge

Case No. 2025-001699

Harlan D. Melton, #364742,

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department
of Corrections,

Respondent.

RECORD ON APPEAL

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In the motion to dismiss, the Department argues that because the Appellant is not alleging the loss of any good time credit as part of his punishment, but instead failed to earn good time for the month the disciplinary infraction occurred, no state-created liberty or property interest is implicated in this case and the Appellant's appeal does not trigger procedural due process guarantees. Therefore, the court should dismiss this appeal pursuant to *Howard* and subsection 1-23-600(D) of the South Carolina Code. *See Howard v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 399 S.C. 618, 636, 733 S.E.2d 211, 221 (2012) (holding that "because the plain language of section 1-23-600(D) would prohibit an ALC from hearing *all* inmate appeals involving the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits...the ALC may not summarily dismiss an appeal solely on the basis that it involves the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits. Instead, the ALC must also consider whether the appeal implicates a state-created liberty or property interest") (emphasis in original).

When reviewing the Department's decisions in inmate grievance matters, the court sits in an appellate capacity. *SCDC v. Mitchell*, 377 S.C. 256, 659 S.E.2d 233 (Ct. App. 2008). Consequently, the review in these inmate grievance cases is limited to the record before the court. There is no state-created liberty or property interest implicated in this case. As such, this is a case in which this court must adhere to the traditional "hands off" doctrine regarding judicial involvement in prison disciplinary procedures and other internal prison matters. *See Pruitt v. State*, 274 S.C. 565, 266 S.E.2d 779 (1980) and *Al-Shabazz v. State*, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000). Therefore, based on the foregoing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Department's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED** and this appeal is **DISMISSED**.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



S. Phillip Lenski
Administrative Law Judge

July 21, 2025
Columbia, South Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this order in the above entitled action upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, in the United States Mail, postage paid, or in the interagency Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).

This 21st day of July 2025

Judicial Law Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

HARLAN D. MELTON,)
APPELLANT,)

DOCKET/CASE NUMBER 25C0203)

GRIEVANCE NUMBER RCI 0035-25

V.)

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT)
OF CORRECTIONS,)
RESPONDENT.)

BRIEF

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE ON APPEAL

Appellant's issue that he brings before this court in this appeal is that his constitutional right, which is both state and federally protected, to due process and equal protection of the law, granted by the 5th and 14th amendments to the United States constitution, was violated by the South Carolina Department of Corrections' (SCDC) employees.

The 5th and 14th amendments to the United States constitution afford the appellant and every citizen the right to due process and equal protection of the law. Respectively, S.C. CONST Art. I §3 also grants to the citizens of the state of South Carolina that same right. Is appellant not a citizen of this country and state entitled to that same said due process and equal protection of the law?

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On Friday, January 31st, 2025, Ridgeland Correctional Institution Charleston A dorm was locked down due to an upcoming execution. At approximately 12:45 pm, according to SCDC form 19-29A erroneously completed by SCDC employee Lt. James Williams, a search of appellant's cell, CA-47, was conducted by Lt. Beeler and

Sgt. Wright. After a short time Sgt. Wright found a pair of scissors and asked if they were contraband. After a brief discussion amongst Lt. Beeler, Lt. Williams, and appellant outside of the door, it was determined appellant was allowed to keep the scissors. Lt. James Williams walked away and never entered appellant's cell.

After a few minutes, Lt. Beeler found a contraband item. Appellant was standing beside the cell door and watched as Lt. Beeler lay down on the floor to remove the contraband from its concealment. Lt. Beeler and Sgt. Wright were the only staff to enter appellant's cell on that day. Contrary to SCDC Policy OP-22.14:3, Lt. James Williams was the employee that completed form 19-29A. Policy citations will be given at the end of STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

After Lt. Beeler came out of appellant's cell he proceeded to give the contraband to Sgt. Wright who was the staff in possession of it the last time appellant saw it.

On February 5th, 2025 at 6:15 am, appellant was served with a disciplinary report, SCDC form 19-69, informing him that he was to appear before a hearing officer at least 48 hours or more of his receipt of that disciplinary report.

On February 6th, 2025 at 5:49pm, appellant made a request to staff utilizing the inmate kiosk as directed by policy to disciplinary for the purpose of requesting that Lt. Beeler be present at appellant's disciplinary hearing as a witness. that kiosk request (# 25-03818041) and other relevant requests will be cited at the end of STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

On February 7th, 2025 at 9:20 am, appellant sent another request by kiosk to have video evidence captured by permanently mounted dorm cameras and a kiosk request sent by appellants roommate as evidence in appellants disciplinary hearing (#25-03818676)

On February 8th, 2025 at 1:42 pm, appellant sent another request by kiosk to have chain of custody of evidence report and also for Sgt. Wright to appear as a witness (25-03819944)

Appellant made all of the afore-mentioned kiosk requests as directed by policy OP-22.14:14.4 in excess of the required 24 hours before his disciplinary hearing.

On February 12th, 2025 at 9:50 am, appellant did appear before disciplinary hearing officer Catherine James. Appellant informed DHO Catherine James of his kiosk requests for evidence and witnesses and was denied all of those requests. Her reasoning was that she had "cleared" her requests the previous Friday the 7th of February, and hadnt looked at kiosk requests since.

Appellant was afforded the opportunity to make a statement and, since he requested that his accuser be present, question Lt. James Williams. Lt. Williams lied on record when he said that he was the employee that searched appellant's cell. If appellant had the requested evidence he could have proven that Lt. Williams' statement was false and that the case against appellant should have been dismissed.

Appellant was found guilty but DHO Catherine James failed to complete SCDC form 19-69 by failing to "explain by number... If any (3) witnesses (4) ... documentation, or (5) evidence was excluded from the hearing" in the space provided as directed by SCDC policy OP-22.14:14.3 and 18.1.2 and 3.

The following bullet points are the policy and constitutional violations observed by the appellant:

- Lt. Deeler was the "observing employee" due to the fact that he was the employee that found the contraband in cell 47. Lt. James Williams violated SCDC policy OP-22.24:3 by completing form 19-29A, contrary to same.
- Lt. James Williams also violated SCDC policy OP-22.14:3 by failing to include all employees/witnesses involved.
- DHO Catherine James violated appellants constitutional right to due process and equal protection of the law by ignoring SCDC policy OP-22.14:14.4 by refusing appellants requests for witnesses and evidence in accord with policy.

- Dho Catherine James violated SCDC policy OP-22.14:14.3 and 18.1 by failing to write her reasons for denial of witnesses and evidence on form 19-69, in the space provided.

The following is policy as it is given to inmates on the tablets. Citing relevant parts and underlining for emphasis.

NUMBER : OP-22.14

TITLE : INMATE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

ISSUE DATE : FEBRUARY 2, 2015

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY : DIVISION OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS MANUAL : OPERATIONS

3. SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW/RESPONSIBILITIES:

If the supervisor on-duty cannot correct the inmates behavior using the corrective actions listed in Paragraph 2.1 and 2.2, above, or if the incident is too serious to be resolved in this manner, s/he will instruct the observing employee to complete form 19-29A. this report will be typed (if possible) and will, at a minimum, include the following information:

- Institution/center;
- Reporting official's Full Name,
- Location of Incident;
- Date/Time of Report;
- Date/Time of Incident, or Date of Discovery;
- Employee(s)/Witnesses Involved.

14. PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING

14.3 The inmate may call witnesses unless the Hearing Officer decides that the testimony of such witnesses is repetitive (that is, will simply repeat the testimony of other witnesses), is not relevant to the case, or is likely to jeopardize the life or safety of persons or the security and order of the institution. If witnesses are denied by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer must write his/her reasons for this denial on the SCDC Form 19-69, in the space provided. If an employee has been called as a witness and has information that is relevant to the case he/she is obligated to provide said information.

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14.4 the inmate must request the accusers(s) presence prior to the hearing utilizing SCDC form 19-69. Inmates may request witnesses for their hearing. Inmates will be required to use SCDC form 19-11, "Request to staff member" or Inmate kiosk system, listing the names of all witnesses they wish to be made available at their hearing. The form must be addressed to the inmates counsel or the Hearing officer if no counsel substitute has been assigned and must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the hearing.

18. HEARING RECORD

18.1 SCDC form 19-69 will be used to provide a written record of the hearing. The record will include the following information:

18.1.2 Whether any requested witnesses were excluded and, if so, the reason for the exclusion.

18.1.3 Whether any documentary evidence was excluded and, if so, the reason for the exclusion.

The following are the kiosk requests that were submitted by appellant to "Disciplinary". The underlined dates are to emphasize that appellant submitted requests in a timely manner, much in advance of the 24 hours required by policy, and that they were answered long after they should have been by the person that is assigned the position of DHO in two of three instances.

Original Request:

Request # 25-03318041

Request Date: 2/6/2025 5:49 PM

Type of Request: Disciplinary

I would like to have our dona Lt. present at my disciplinary hearing as a witness. I am refering to Lt. Beeler. I am unsure if this is how to spell his name. He is currently the Lt. of Charleston dona. Case # 25-00003. Thank you.

Response:

Request Status: Complete

Response Date: 3/5/2025 9:53 AM

Author: [Staff]* (asterisk because this has changed from original [025523])
forward to DHO James and Counsel Substitute Washington.

Original Request:

Request Date: 2/7/2025 9:20 AM

Type of Request: Disciplinary

I would like to have the video from 1/31/25 approx. 12:45 pm Charleston A dorm as evidence in case # 25-00003. I would also like a kiosk request sent to disciplinary on Thursday, February 6 from my roommate (Ginter, Nathan # 395536) as evidence in above mentioned case. Thank you.

Response:

Request Status: Complete

Response Date: 3/21/2025 1:51 PM

Author: [Staff]

I/M Melton, According to the offender management system, your hearings was conducted on 2/12/25. your issues/concerns have already been addressed. C. James, DHO

Original Request:

Request Date: 2/8/2025 1:42 PM

Type of Request: Disciplinary

I would like to have documentation of chain of custody for evidence collected in case # 25-00003 to use as evidence for my defence. I would also like to have Sgt. Wright as a witness in the above referenced case. Thank you.

Response:

Request Status: Complete

Response Date: 3/21/25 1:53 PM

Author: [Staff]

I/M Melton, as per the offender management system, your hearing was conducted on 2/12/25. Your issues/concerns have already been addressed. C. James DHO.

The appellant would like to point out to the court the negative effects that the appellant has been subjected to since being found guilty in this sham legal process:

Loss of 30 days of "good time"

Health negatively affected by the conditions of the dorm that appellant was moved to. Constant smell of smoke and the black mold in the showers and in the rooms has caused constant sneezing and coughing.

Safety is jeopardized by broken lights and exposed wires in the rooms and showers.

Mental health has been negatively affected by staff taking appellants arts and craft supplies.

Lt. James Williams committed an act of slander when he stated on DHO record that appellant told him that the contraband belonged to the appellant.

CONCLUSION

Had SCDC staff followed proper procedure and policy, appellant could have no reason to appeal this case against him. "The doctrine that an administrative agency must adhere to its own rules and regulations was set forth by the United States ex rel. Accardi v. Shaughnessy, 347 U.S. 260, 74 S.Ct 499, 98 L. Ed. 631 (1954) decision. Courts have regularly insisted that when an administrative agency, including a branch of the armed services, has established rules and regulations for its own internal procedures, these rules and regulations cannot then be ignored by them even in the exercise of discretionary authority, the court pointed out. Case law is consistent with the Accardi doctrine's purpose to prevent the arbitrariness which is inherently characteristic of an agency's violation of it's own procedures, the court declared. As has been held, the court concluded, departures from an agency's procedures "cannot be reconciled with the fundamental principle that ours is a government of laws and not men" 74 A.L.R. 2d. 227 American Law Reports.

Constitutional law and the amendments to that law are the highest law of the land. Any agency and its actors must continuously perform their duties in compliance of these constitutional laws and the boundaries set by them. An agency that has an established written policy and follows only a part of that policy that is found beneficial to that agency while disregarding another part of that same policy that is not beneficial to the agency is engaged in self contradiction; trying to have things both ways is arbitrary.

In United States v. Heffner, 420 F. 2d 809 (4th Cir. 1969) United States Court of Appeals, Headnote #1: Administrative Law And Procedure states: Government agency must scrupulously observe rules or procedures which it has established and when it fails to do so its action cannot stand and courts will strike it down.

In U.S. v. Morgan, United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, September 21, 1999 193 F. 3d 252, the court held, refering to cases applying the Accardi doctrine; "Although cases on this issue have generally addressed agency decisions outside the prison context, we believe that the principles apply equally here."

DHO Catherine James and other staff at Ridgeland failed to prove every element of the case against the appellant by failing to prove Lt. James Williams' false statement at the disciplinary hearing, that Lt. James Williams' erroneous completion of form 19-29A was correct by policy, and that there were no procedural errors in this case. DHO Catherine James' denial of appellant's requested witnesses and evidence was a direct violation of his constitutional right to due process and equal protection of the law.

Even as an incarcerated man, isn't appellant afforded the same due process and equal protection of the law of this country and state as every other citizen?

Finally, appellant would like to point out that agency actors have repeatedly abandoned the issue that he has with this case against him. It is appellant's request that this honorable court apply the Accardi doctrine and overturn the

SCDC's guilty verdict for failure to follow their own written policy and procedures. Appellant requests to also have all of his privileges restored to what they were before this case began, for all of his property to be returned promptly, to get back his lost "good time", to be rehoused in the Character Based Program, and such other and further relief that the court deems just and appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I, Harlan Melton, on the _____ day of _____, 2025, in Ridgeland, South Carolina, served a copy of this Brief after Notice of Appeal on all parties to this matter by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage paid, or in the mail room of the undersigned's institution and addressed as follows:

Name of person/agency served:

Signed:

Harlan D. Melton

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good-time credits; these credits entitle inmates to a sentence deduction for each month of incarceration if they have observed all rules of the institution where they are confined and have not been subjected to punishment for misbehavior. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 24-13-210(A)–(B). Inmates convicted of offenses other than “no-parole” offenses are eligible to earn 20 days of good time each month, and inmates convicted of no-parole offenses are eligible to earn three days of good time for each month. *Id.* However, these same provisions—*i.e.*, §§ 24-13-210(A) and (B)—make the earning of good time for a particular month contingent upon an inmate’s good behavior. *See, e.g.*, § 24-13-210(A) (granting good time credits for a month of time served, *provided that* the inmate “has not been subjected to punishment for misbehavior”) (emphasis added). In concert with this statutory language, SCDC, through Policy OP-21.11, *Loss of Statutory Good Time*, provides for an inmate’s failure to earn good time for a given month upon the inmate’s violation of a rule.

A rule violation may be determined through informal resolution or following a disciplinary hearing. If the inmate does not accept informal resolution, the incident may be referred to a disciplinary hearing, where the inmate may plead guilty to the infraction, or be found guilty of the infraction following the hearing.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The ALC’s jurisdiction to hear this matter is derived entirely from the decision of the South Carolina Supreme Court in *Al-Shabazz v. State*, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000). When reviewing SCDC’s decisions in inmate grievance matters, the ALC sits in an appellate capacity. *Id.* at 377, 527 S.E.2d at 754. Recently the South Carolina Supreme Court clarified the Administrative Law Court’s jurisdiction as:

[t]hat the ALC has subject matter jurisdiction over inmate grievance appeals that have been properly filed. (*internal citations omitted*) . . . [h]owever, the ALC is not

required to hold a hearing in every matter and may summarily dismiss an inmate's grievance if it does not implicate a state-created liberty or property interest sufficient to trigger procedural due process guarantees. The ALC may not grant an inmate relief from an erroneous administrative decision by SCDC, however, unless the inmate demonstrates the error deprived him of due process... (*internal citations omitted*)

Allen vs. S.C. Dep't of Corr., 439 S.C. 164, 170-71, 886 S.E.2d 671, 674 (2023).

"The requirements of procedural due process apply only to the deprivation of interests encompassed by the Fourteenth Amendment's protection of liberty and property." *Al-Shabazz*, 338 S.C. at 369, 527 S.E.2d at 750 (*quoting Board of Regents of State Colleges v. Roth*, 408 U.S. 564, 569, 92 S.Ct. 2701, 2705 (1972)). SCDC interprets *Slezak* as encouraging, for the sake of judicial economy, the ALC to summarily dismiss inmate cases that do not involve a state-created liberty or property interest. *Slezak v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 361 S.C. 327, 605 S.E.2d 506 (2004) (holding that the ALC "may summarily dismiss those appeals that do not implicate an inmate's *state created* liberty or property interest") (*emphasis added*).

The law governing this specific type of inmate appeal is clear. S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-600(D) provides:

[A]n administrative law judge shall not hear an appeal from an inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections involving the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits pursuant to Section 24-13-210(A) or Section 24-13-230(A).

By its plain meaning, § 1-23-600(D) precludes the ALC from hearing all inmate appeals involving the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits. See *Howard v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 399 S.C. 618, 626-27, 733 S.E.2d 211, 216 (2012) (holding that "the plain terms of section 1-23-600(D) precludes [*sic*] the ALC from hearing *all* inmate appeals involving the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits" and that "the Legislature definitively limited the parameters of the ALC's subject matter jurisdiction" regarding this specific type of inmate appeals)

(emphasis in original). Although the ALC “may not summarily decline to hear an inmate appeal solely on the ground that it involves the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits[,]” this case does not involve a separate and distinct state-created liberty or property interest as contemplated by *Howard. Id.* at 629, 733 S.E.2d at 218.

ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS

In the instant case, Appellant is challenging his conviction for the disciplinary offense of 898 “the Possession of Any Communication Device.” However, Appellant lost no good time due to this disciplinary conviction. *See* Step Two Grievance. Instead, Appellant failed to earn good time for the month the disciplinary infraction occurred and was sanctioned with a loss of canteen, telephone, and visitation privileges. *See* Disciplinary Report and Hearing Record. No other state-created liberty or property interest is implicated in this case. Appellant does not allege that SCDC erroneously calculated his sentence, sentence-related credits, or custody status; or allege that a state-created liberty or property interest was taken in a major disciplinary hearing. Appellant’s claim does not implicate a state-created liberty or property interest sufficient to trigger procedural due process guarantees, and therefore this case should be dismissed with prejudice.

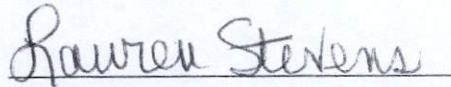
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, SCDC respectfully requests that the Court dismiss this appeal pursuant to *Howard* and S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-600(D).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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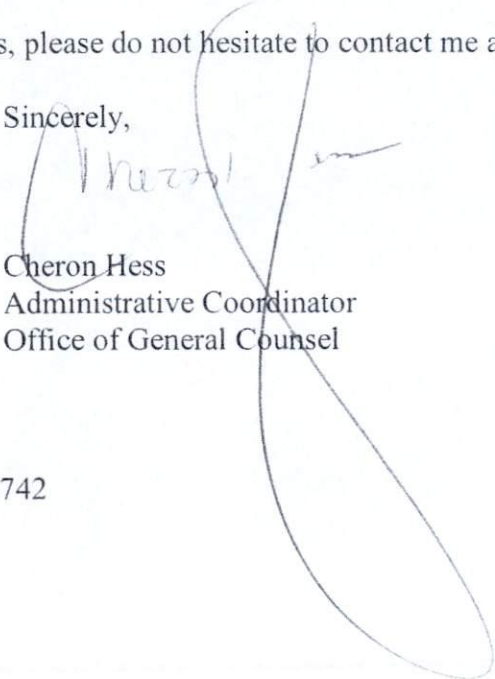
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Dear Judge Lenski:

Find enclosed an original and one copy of the *Respondent's Motion To Dismiss Pursuant to Howard v. South Carolina Department of Corrections and S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-600(D)* on the above referenced case. Please file the original in your office and return a clocked-in copy of the motion, that is provided, to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 896-3922.

Sincerely,


Cheron Hess
Administrative Coordinator
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

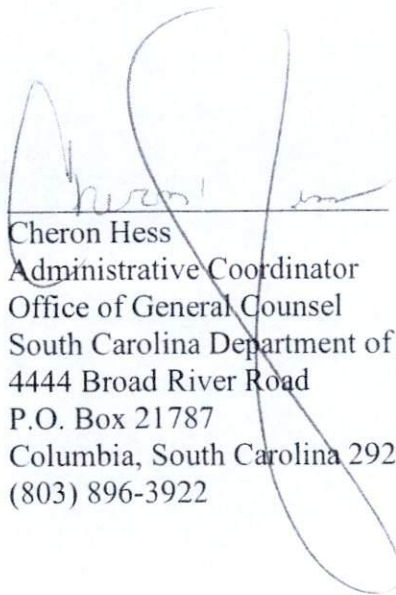
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Respondent's Motion To Dismiss Pursuant to Howard v. South Carolina Department of Corrections and S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-600(D)* was, this date, served upon the following individuals by placing a copy of the same via mail to his/her last known address as follows:

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RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION
TO DISMISS

STATEMENT OF CASE

From 8/22/33 to 9/17/33 is much more than three (3) days

On page 2 of respondent's motion to dismiss, beginning on line 3, respondent's counsel states: "Inmates convicted of offenses other than "no-parole" offenses are eligible to earn 20 days of good time each month, and inmates convicted of no-parole offenses are eligible to earn three days of good time for each month." Considering that appellant is convicted of a no-parole offense, he would only earn three (3) days of good time per month, according to respondent's motion to dismiss, but appellant's projected release date went up from 8/22/33 to 9/17/33 for a total of 25 days. That is 8 months worth of good time plus one day.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MOTION TO DISMISS

There has been an error in the calculation of appellant's good time and now much he was to "fail to earn" obviously. Appellant considers a "failure to earn" as a loss and views respondent's argument as an argument of semantics. To further strengthen appellant's argument; he is serving a no-parole sentence of 20 years and during that sentence will only receive three (3) days of good time per month. Considering this, appellant once again feels that the arbitrariness that SCDC brings is being further extended into this case by

respondent's claim that appellant did not lose any good time. Also considering that appellant has a parole eligibility date of 2/22/32, it seems that appellant is being forced to complete the no-parole offense sentence first, therefore, it is appellant's reasoning that he is only earning 3 days of good time per month until 2/22/32 whereupon that date appellant will begin serving the sentence for the "other than no-parole offense" and at that time begin earning twenty (20) days of good time per month. Respondent's reason for motion to dismiss is considered false by appellant.

CONCLUSION

Regardless of the preceding facts, respondent still fails to address appellant's assertion that agency actors have repeatedly abandoned the issues that he has with this case against him and that is: appellant's right to due process and equal protection of the law was violated by DHO James' denying of his witnesses and evidence requests et. al which made his hearing unfair. The requirements of procedural due process do apply here due to appellant being deprived of interests encompassed by the Fourteenth Amendment's protection of liberty and property interests contrary to respondent's argument, by way of 25 more days of incarceration (if parole is not attained) in this mold contaminated institution and being "relieved" of my art supplies for months, once again, liberty and property interests respectively.

When appellant was found guilty in this sham "legal" process, he was placed in a dorm that adversely affected his physical and mental health. Appellant had trouble breathing and had an adverse skin reaction whereupon he had to get medicine from medical for severe congestion and itching. Included is photos of moldy conditions inside of the dirty showers in the housing unit where appellant was housed. Photos were provided by a third party that lived inside of the same unit at the time. Furthermore, Appellant's mental health suffered by way of anguish and extreme boredom from having his art supplies taken away after complaining about the mold/fungus, in what appellant believes was purely retaliatory.

Since beginning this appeal process, appellants phone, visitation, and canteen privileges have been restored, although at a diminished capacity for canteen (before it was \$180 spending limit per week; now it is \$120 per week). Appellant has been returned to the "Character Based Unit" and hopes to get his art supplies returned shortly but he has still been sanctioned with the 25 days of "unearned" good time, if that's how respondent prefers to phrase it, for the month of the infraction and the charge is still present on the appellant's record as of 7/8/25.

Appellant again asks the court to order that his privileges be restored to what they were before, for his projected release date to be adjusted back to 8/22/33, and for this charge to be removed from his record and such other and further relief as the court deems just and appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I, Harlan D. Melton on the 9th day of July, 2025, in Ridgeland, South Carolina, served a copy of this RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS on all parties to this matter by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage paid, or in the mail room of the undersigned's institution, and addressed as follows:

Name of person/agency served:

Signature:

Harlan D. Melton

Harlan D. Melton

025-01-181

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INCIDENT REPORT

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Institution/Center: Ridgeland Correctional Institution					Date of Report: 1/31/25
Reporting Official (Full Name): James Williams					Time of Report: approx. 2:46 p.m.
Employee ID #:					Date of Incident: 1/31/25
Location of Incident: Charleston A wing Cell #47					Time of Incident: 12:45 p.m. approx.
Inmate(s)/Resident:	SCDC #	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Employee(s)/Witnesses Involved:
1. Melton, Harlan	#364742				1. RCI Search Team
2. Ginter, Nathan	#395536				2.
3.					3.
4.					4.
5.					5. 129

On the above date and approximate time:

I, Lt. James Williams and the RCI Search Team conducted a Random search of the Charleston A Wing cell #47 housing inmates Melton, Harlan #364742 and Ginter, Nathan #395536. Discovered a Orbic Verizon cellphone under the sink. Inmate Melton claimed ownership of the above item. I recommend inmate Melton be charged with (898) possession of a communication device.

Signature: *James Williams* Title: Lt.

Evidence: SCDC Forms: S-23; 19-79 and Photos

Disposition of Evidence: Attached

Supervisor's Comments: <i>Refer to Higher Authority. Min Complete</i>	STG Related - Refer to STG Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Printed Name: <i>Darryl Patrick</i>	This incident is DRUG related <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Signature: <i>Darryl Patrick</i> Title: <i>Capt.</i> Date/Time: <i>1/31/25 4:45 pm</i>	Responsible Authority Action Taken <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to Disciplinary Hearing
Major/Responsible Authority: <i>Charge Im Melton with 898.</i>	
Printed Name: <i>Consensya Washington</i>	
Signature: <i>Consensya Washington</i> Title: <i>AWO</i> Date/Time: <i>2-3-25 8:23 am</i>	

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*OP 2214
Due process*

DISCIPLINARY REPORT AND HEARING RECORD

Case#: 25-00003 Inmate Name: HARLAN MELTON SCDC#: 364742
Living Area: CHALRESTON A WING #47 Job: CLAFLIN Custody: ME
Offense Date: 1/31/2025 Offense Time: 12:45 AM Institution: Ridgeland Correctional Institution

Offense Description:

898 The Possession of Any Communication Device: The possession, receipt, use, concealment, storage, purchase, sale or facilitation of cellular phones or other communications equipment and/or any components thereof. This includes, but is not limited to, MP3 players, I-pods, e-readers or any like devices.

Charging Officer/Employee: JAMES WILLIAMS

Title: LT

INMATE NOTIFICATION: YOU WILL APPEAR BEFORE A HEARING OFFICER 48 HOURS OR MORE AFTER YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT AND MAKE A VERBAL STATEMENT.

Form with checkboxes: I GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO 48-HOUR NOTICE... I DO NOT WANT MY ACCUSER PRESENT AT MY HEARING... Includes handwritten signature of Harlan Melton and date 2/5/25.

HEARING INFORMATION:

Table with columns: Hearing Date (2/12/25), Hearing Time (9:50 am), Medclass (NMH), Reading Level (12.9)

DD: Assigned Counsel Substitute:

EXPLAIN BELOW BY NUMBER: (1) IF COUNSEL SUBSTITUTE WAS NOT PRESENT DURING PART OF THE HEARING; (2) IF ACCUSED WAS EXCLUDED FROM ANY PART OF THE EVIDENCE STAGE...

Table with columns: OFFENSE CODES (898), INMATE PLEA (G, NG, None) (N/A), FINDINGS (G, NG, DS) (NGMI) (GMI) (LJ)

IF GUILTY, EVIDENCE PRESENTED CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR DETERMINATION OF GUILT: (A) ADMISSION OF GUILT; (B) OFFICER'S REPORT; (C) WITNESS TESTIMONY; (D) OTHER. EXPLAIN IN DETAIL. Includes handwritten notes about SCD's form and statement by J. Williams.

SANCTIONS:

Form for sanctions: Loss of Privileges (Days), Property (Days), Canteen (Days), Disciplinary Detention (Days), Reprimand, Extra Duty (Hours), Visit Suspension (Days), Phone (Days), Loss of Good Time (Days), Restitution (\$), Cell Restriction (Days), Other (Days). Includes handwritten '1-20 days'.

SPECIFIC FACTUAL REASON(S) FOR PARTICULAR PUNISHMENT IMPOSED:

Handwritten note: 'notice... the officer'.

Form for credit and dates: CREDIT FOR PHD TIME SERVED? YES NO IF YES, DAYS: DATE INMATE PLACED IN PHD: DATE INMATE RELEASED FROM PHD: INMATE SIGNATURE FOR RECEIPT OF FINAL REPORT: DATE: 2/12/25

HEARING OFFICER (PRINT NAME): Katherine Spence

APPROVED DD MODIFICATION ONLY: WARDEN REASON

CONTACT YOUR CLASSIFICATION CASEWORKER OR COUNSEL SUBSTITUTE IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FORM.

White Institutional Record Canary Inmate (Service of Disciplinary Report) Golden Rod - Inmate (Service of Disciplinary Hearing Disposition) Pink Central Record

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

INMATE GRIEVANCE FORM

STEP 1

*** APPEAL ***

INMATE NAME: <u>Harlan Melton</u>	OFFICE USE ONLY Grievance No. <u>RCI-0033-25</u>
SCDC NUMBER: <u>364742</u>	Code: <u>General</u>
INSTITUTION: <u>Ridgeland</u>	Policy: _____ Disc. Hear. <u>398 2/10/25</u>
HOUSING UNIT: <u>Charleston A-47B 13 2025</u>	Class. <u>#63</u>
WORK ASSIGNMENT: <u>Clafin</u>	PREA _____ Date Received <u>2/19/25</u>
	IGC Initials <u>mm</u>

STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCE (Indicate the date of incident, and if the grievance is a challenge to SCDC Policy, specify which policy. Include supporting documentation and attach answered RTSM or Kiosk reference number.)
 Date of incident: 1/31/25 Date of hearing: 2/12/25 SCDC policy was violated by Lt. James Williams, OP 22.14:3 says that "the observing employee" is to complete form 19-29A, and also that "at a minimum, include the following information: the last item on the list is "Employee(s)/Witnesses Involved." He neglected to follow policy by not listing Lt. Beeler and Sgt Wright in this report. Sgt Wright and Lt Beeler were the only staff to enter my cell on that date so it would have been impossible for Lt. Williams to have found contraband.
 At my hearing I requested Lt. Beeler & Sgt Wright to be present along with evidence. I made this request in accordance with SCDC policy more than 24 hours prior to my hearing according to OP 22.14: 14.4. I was denied all witnesses and evidence because DHO Catherine James said she had "cleared" her kiosk requests the previous Friday and hadn't looked at it since. Additionally, DHO James failed to Explain in the provided space on form 19-b9 the reason for her to exclude my witnesses and evidence, in accordance with SCDC policy ~~22.14: 14.3~~ OP 22.14: 14.3. I wished to have these witnesses and evidence to support my claim of policy violation by Lt. Williams. It escalated to additional policy violations by DHO Catherine James. This is my issue:
My 14th Amendment right to due process was violated by these 4 policy violations.

The evidence I requested at my hearing was:
 Kiosk request 25-03818041 on 2/6/25 at 5:49 pm to have Lt Beeler present as a witness
 Kiosk request 25-03818676 on 2/7/25 at 9:20 am to have dorm video and kiosk request from my room mate as evidence
 Kiosk request 25-03819944 on 2/8/25 at 1:42 pm to have Sgt Wright as a witness and chain of custody as evidence.
 DHO Catherine James Failed to prove every element of this charge (B2B)

Harlan Melton 2/12/25
 Grievant Signature Date

ACTION REQUESTED: Reinstatement of privileges, Removal of charge from my record, After listening to the recording of the hearing and talking to Lt Beeler and Sgt Wright. Complete Dismissal of Charge, Please. Thank you

ACTION TAKEN BY IGC: PROCESSED UNPROCESSED OTHER

Your Disciplinary Hearing Appeal was investigated and forwarded to the Warden For his review/decision. See Warden's Decision (decision) and reason.

mm 2/19/25
 IGC Signature Date

(CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE)

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WARDEN'S DECISION AND REASON:

MELTON, HARLAN - 364742

RCI-0033-25

I have reviewed your concern. In your Appeal for 898 Possession or attempt to Possess on 2/12/2025 Case #03, you are requesting reinstatement of privileges, and removal of the charge from your record because Lieutenant James Williams was never in your cell. No technicalities, procedural errors or misinterpretation of the evidence was noted. The decision of the Disciplinary Hearing Officer was based on substantial evidence and the testimony of Contraband Lieutenant James Williams and members of the RCI Search Team conducted a search of CA-47 assigned to you and Inmate Ginter, Nathan #395536. One (1) Orbic Verizon cellphone was found under the sink. You claimed ownership of the phone. No evidence can be found in this instance where staff failed to perform their job duties properly. You were charged accordingly and are encouraged to follow SCDC rules, policies, and procedures.

Therefore, your grievance is denied.

If you disagree with this Warden's Decision "Decision", you may file a Step 2 Grievance Appeal by completing SCDC Inmate Grievance Form 10-5A, which is provided to you while serving you this Decision "Decision" and placing it in the Grievance Box at your local correctional institution within five days of your receipt of this Decision "Decision".

James Coble 2/26/25
Warden Signature Date

I accept the Warden's decision and consider the matter closed.

I do not accept the Warden's decision and wish to appeal.

Harlan D. Melton 3/3/25
Grievant Signature Date

M. E. Montouth 3/3/25
IGC Signature Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING STEP 1 GRIEVANCE FORM

1. An informal resolution shall be attempted prior to the filing of Step 1 by sending an Inmate Request to Staff Member (RTSM) form or Kiosk reference number to the appropriate supervisor. A copy of the answered RTSM must be attached to the grievance when the grievance is filed.
2. Complete each section in its entirety writing only in the space provided for inmate use. No additional pages will be permitted.
3. Only one (1) issue is to be addressed on each form.
4. Submit the completed form by placing it in the Grievance Box at your institution within eight (8) working days of the date on the RTSM response; policy grievances can be filed at any time. Disciplinary and Classification Review appeals must be submitted within five (5) working days of the hearing/review. Do not write in the space provided for the Warden's response.
5. If you are not satisfied with the Warden's decision, you may appeal to the appropriate responsible official within five (5) days of your receipt of the Warden's decision, by placing your Step 2 appeal form in the Grievance Box at your institution.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INMATE GRIEVANCE FORM

152-3/18/35

STEP 2
PRELIMINARY

Office Use Only

Grievance No. RCI-0033 25
Code: General _____
Policy _____
Disc. Hear. 898-2/12/25
Class 403
PREA _____
Date Received: 3/3/25
IGC Initials: AM
Date Received: 3/25/25
IGA Initials: Kh

INMATE NAME: Harlan Melton MAR 24 2025
SCDC NUMBER: 364742 INMATE GRIEVANCE
INSTITUTION: Ridgeland RIDGELAND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
HOUSING UNIT: GB 12 MAR 04 2025
WORK ASSIGNMENT: claffer

INMATE'S REASON FOR APPEAL (state specific dissatisfaction):
"No technicalities, procedure errors or... I listed the Technicalities and Procedural errors in my Step 1 Grievance Appeal as: Lt. Beeler was the observing employee and by policy he was supposed to be the staff to complete form 19-29A; also Lt Williams did not list all Employees/witnesses involved in accord with SCDC policy OP 22.14:3 for each technicality. DHO Catherine James also violated SCDC policy OP 22.14:14.4 by not allowing witnesses/evidence I requested more than 24 hours prior to my hearing as required in stated policy, her reasoning is on record as she hadn't looked at her kiosk requests since the previous Friday. DHO James also violated OP 22.14:14.3 by failing to explain on form 19-69 in the provided space her reason for excluding evidence and witnesses. I find it ironic that the warden would state "you were charged accordingly and are encouraged to follow SCDC rules, policies and procedures." in his decision, when staff clearly doesn't and is in violation of SCDC policy in several aspects. My 14th amendment right to due process was violated by these policy violations and I ask that this charge be dismissed and my privileges be restored."
Warden errored in finding that there were
Grievant Signature Harlan Melton Date 3/4/25

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL'S DECISION AND REASON:

The documentation provided indicates that the evidence presented was sufficient to support the conviction of the Possession of Any Communication Device (898), case #3 on February 12, 2025, under SCDC OP-22.14, Inmate Disciplinary System, dated February 2, 2015, and the sanctions imposed, which included the loss of -00- days accrued good time, were appropriate for the rule violation. There was no reason found to warrant a reversal of the Disciplinary Hearing Officer's decision. A review of your appeal revealed that you received forty-eight (48) hour notice prior to the hearing. You were afforded due process rights, as required, and the offense was classified and heard in a timely manner.

Therefore, your grievance is denied.

You may appeal this decision under the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act to the South Carolina Administrative Law Court. In order to appeal, you must fill out the attached Notice of Appeal Form (Form) and submit it as instructed on the form within 30 days of receipt.

Responsible Official Signature [Signature] Date 4-3-25

The decision rendered by the responsible official exhausts the appeal process of the Inmate Grievance Procedure. I hereby acknowledge receipt of the official's response and understand this is the Agency's final response to this matter.

Grievant Signature _____ Date _____ IGC Signature _____ Date _____

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS)

Dear Appellant:

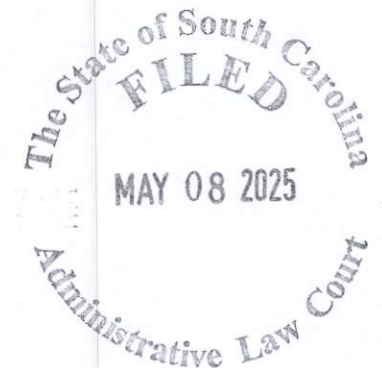
5/7/2025

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Below is information regarding your case which has been filed with the ALC. Please refer to the Rules of Procedure (enclosed) for the time frames on filing briefs and other matters.

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Case Type	Case Number	Filing Date	Date Assigned	Judge Last	Case Title (Appellant v. Respondent)	Grievance No
DOC Appeal	25C0203	4/22/2025	5/8/2025	Lenski	Harlan Melton #364742 v. SC DOC	RCI 0033-25



You must file all original documents and correspondence regarding this case directly with the above-named Judge and serve a copy on the Dept. of General Counsel, S.C. Dept. of Corrections, PO Box 21787, Columbia, SC 29221.

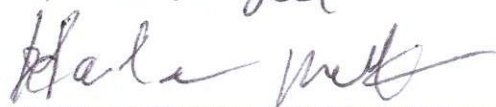
TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

TO: STAFF NAME: <u>Disciplinary Hearing officer</u>		STAFF TITLE: <u>Disciplinary Hearing officer</u>	DATE: <u>8/3/25</u>
INMATE NAME: <u>Harlan Melton</u>		SCDC #: <u>364742</u>	
INSTITUTION: <u>Ridgeland</u>	DORM/SIDE/BED: <u>CA-46</u>	HOUSING TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> RHU <input type="checkbox"/> R&E <input type="checkbox"/> INFIRMARY <input type="checkbox"/> SSR <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH ROW <input type="checkbox"/> ASSISTED LIVING UNIT (ALU) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
REASON FOR PAPER REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> PREA <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL <input type="checkbox"/> MENTAL HEALTH <input type="checkbox"/> DENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL COPAY <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL RECORDS <input type="checkbox"/> KIOSK INACCESSIBLE (EXPLAIN): _____			

YOU MUST USE THE KIOSK IF YOUR PAPER REQUEST DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THE CRITERIA ABOVE.

on 2/13/25 I was found guilty of 898 and was sanctioned with 120 days each of canteen, visitation, and phone privileges. I understand how all of that worked. I also, according to policy, failed to earn "good time" for the month of the infraction but I don't understand how that works. I am only allowed to earn 3 days per month because I am convicted of a no-parole offence and I wanted to know if you can explain how my projected release date changed from 8/22/33 to 9/17/33 for a total of 25 days. Is there something I am missing and if so would you direct me to the correct policy to read so I can understand what happened.

Thank you


DISPOSITION BY STAFF MEMBER:
 Received - 120 days 2/12 - 6/12/2025 (32 days difference)
 Due to you receiving a disciplinary four category changed from 2 of 5 to 3 of 5. you fail to earn good time for that month. It pushed you back 30 days.

DATE: 8-22-25 STAFF SIGNATURE: Stacy Hamilt

High lighted duty number of days, and staff statement at Bottom, are all wrong. I failed to earn 3 days, not 30 - black melton



INMATE DESCRIPTION		INMATE SENTENCE AND LOCATION	
SEX:	MALE	SCDC ID:	00364742
RACE:	WHITE	SID:	SC00909977
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	OFFENDER TYPE:	ADULT-STRAIGHT SENTENCE
WEIGHT:	199 lbs.	ADMISSION DATE:	07/21/2015
AGE:	53	LOCATION:	RIDGELAND
CITIZENSHIP:	CITIZEN - NATIVE BORN	DORM-ROOM-BUNK:	CA-0033-B
BUILD:	MEDIUM	EWC LEVEL:	3F5
COMPLEXION:	FAIR	EEC LEVEL:	
HAIR COLOR:	BROWN	PROJECTED RELEASE DATE:	09/17/2033
EYE COLOR:	GREEN	PROJECTED PAROLE ELIGIBILITY:	02/22/2032
PICTURE DATE:	01/29/2021	SUP. REENTRY ELIGIBILITY:	NOT ELIGIBLE

CURRENT OFFENSES										
OFFENSE	SENTENCE TYPE	YRS	MOS	DYS	COUNTY	START DATE	V/NV	CAT	INDICT	STATUS
GRAND LARC>\$2,000<10,000	ADULT-STRAIGHT SENTENCE	0	0	1	LANCASTER	07/20/2017	N	2	16GS2901987	SERVED
ASSAULT & BATTERY 2ND	ADULT-STRAIGHT SENTENCE	3	0	0	CHESTERFIELD	02/22/2015	N	2	15GS130339	ACTIVE
CRIM SEX COND.W/MINOR(2N	ADULT-STRAIGHT SENTENCE	20	0	0	CHESTERFIELD	02/22/2015	V	4	15GS130098	ACTIVE

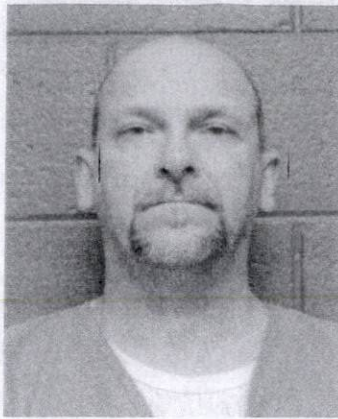
ESCAPES
NO ESCAPES DURING CURRENT INCARCERATION

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS		SANCTIONS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM PRIOR TO JANUARY 2009
DATE	DESCRIPTION	
01/31/2025	POSS. OR/ATTEMPT TO POSSESS CELL PHONE	
	LOSS OF CANTEEN PRIVILEGES FOR 120 DAYS	
	LOSS OF TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES FOR 120 DAYS	
	LOSS OF VISITATION PRIVILEGES FOR 120 DAYS	

MOVEMENT			
MOVEMENT DATE	TO LOCATION	STATUS	REASON
05/01/2025	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
04/28/2025	KIRKLAND	INCARCERATED	MEDICAL
10/16/2024	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
10/16/2024	OUTSIDE MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	MEDICAL
03/18/2024	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
03/18/2024	RICHLAND CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	MEDICAL
01/22/2024	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	RETURN FROM COURT
01/22/2024	CHESTFIELD CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	TO COURT
07/10/2023	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
07/10/2023	RICHLAND CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	MEDICAL
12/12/2022	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
12/09/2022	KIRKLAND	INCARCERATED	MEDICAL

INMATE SEARCH DETAIL REPORT

MELTON, HARLAN DONNELL (00364742)



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CITIZENSHIP:	CITIZEN - NATIVE BORN	DORM-ROOM-BUNK:	CA-0047-B
BUILD:	MEDIUM	EWC LEVEL:	2F5
COMPLEXION:	FAIR	EEC LEVEL:	
HAIR COLOR:	BROWN	PROJECTED RELEASE DATE:	08/18/2033
EYE COLOR:	GREEN	PROJECTED PAROLE ELIGIBILITY:	02/22/2032
PICTURE DATE:	01/29/2021	SUP. REENTRY ELIGIBILITY:	NOT ELIGIBLE

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ESCAPES

NO ESCAPES DURING CURRENT INCARCERATION

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS SANCTIONS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM PRIOR TO JANUARY 2009

NO DISCIPLINARIES DURING CURRENT INCARCERATION

MOVEMENT

MOVEMENT DATE	TO LOCATION	STATUS	REASON
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07/10/2023	RICHLAND CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	MEDICAL
12/12/2022	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	ADMINISTRATIVE
12/09/2022	KIRKLAND	INCARCERATED	MEDICAL
12/09/2022	OUTSIDE MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	MEDICAL
12/07/2022	KIRKLAND	INCARCERATED	MEDICAL
05/31/2022	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	RETURN FROM COURT
05/31/2022	GREENVILLE CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	TO COURT
04/27/2022	RIDGELAND	INCARCERATED	RETURN FROM COURT
04/27/2022	GREENVILLE CO	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)	TO COURT

CERTIFICATE OF APPELLANT

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Record on Appeal contains material proposed to be included by the Appellant and not any other material.

October 20, 2025

Harlan D. Melton

Harlan D. Melton #364742

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