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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
Crystal M. Rookard, Administrative Law Court
Case No. 25-ALJ-04-0744-AP

SC Court of Appeals

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent,
v.
Ronnie C. Swofford, Jr. #218281 Appellant,

**MOTION TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

The Appellant respectfully Motions this Honorable Court to proceed In Forma Pauperis, the appellant is indigent and can not pay the fee for the Appeal the appellant has filed against the Order the Honorable Crystal M. Rookard ruled in the Administrative Law Court. The appellant seeking to be paid the prevailing wage per the statute for work performed as part of an industry within the South Carolina Department of Corrections from 2003 until 2006. The appellant believes his status is covered by Ex Parte Martin, 321 S.C. 533, 535, 471 S.E.2d 134, 134-35 (1995) (Motions to proceed in forma pauperis may be granted only when authorized by statute or required by constitutional provisions); Wicker v. S.C. Dep't of Corrs., 360 S.C. 421, 424, 602 S.E.2d 56, 58 (2004)(recognizing a state-created property interest in the payment of a prevailing wage).

The appellant has a state-created property interest in monies earned while working in the Prison Industries Program from 2003 - 2006. The appellant prays this Honorable Court will wave the cost of the appeal and allow the appeal to be heard.

Ronnie C. Swofford Jr.

Ronnie C. Swofford, Jr #218281
PRO SE
Kershaw Corr. Inst.
SB - 12
4848 Goldmine Hwy
Kershaw, S.C. 29067

3-17-26
Date

I, Ronnie C. Swofford, Jr. #218281, hereby apply for leave to proceed in this action without prepayment of fees or costs or security therefor. In support of my Motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true:

(1) I am the Appellant in this appeal and I believe I am entitled to redress.

(2) Because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or give security thereof.

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SWORN or affirmed to and subscribed before me this

13th day of March, 2026.

Donna A Truesdale

My Commission Expires: March 03, 2031



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INSTRUCTIONS TO INMATE: Complete top portion then give to your mailroom. When returned from Accounting, you must mail this form with any payment to the Court.

By signing my name below, I am asking the Financial Accounting Office of the South Carolina Department of Corrections to complete this report. In accordance with SC Code of Laws §24-27-100 and 150, I authorize payment of the full filing fee. If I have insufficient funds in my account at this time to pay the court's full filing fee, I authorize SCDC to deduct the initial and subsequent payments until payment is completed.

INMATE NAME (print): Ronnie C. Swofford Jr.

SCDC# 218281 INMATE SIGNATURE: Ronnie Swofford Jr.

I plan to file this action in the SC County of Richland

The report is prepared by SCDC - Financial Accounting Branch & use ONLY.

- (1) Total deposits to inmate's account for \$ 71.91
- (2) Twenty percent (20%) of line 1 \$ 14.38
- (3) Account balance current date \$ 0.28

PAYMENT AMOUNT **
(Amount of line 2 or line 3)
Enclosed check # _____ \$ 0.28
* no check was cut

**NOTE to COURT: If payment is for partial fee, Court must notify SCDC once case is accepted and filed. Send notice with case # and balance owed to address below. SCDC will NOT process any additional payments until notification is received from Court.

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Financial Accounting - Room 234
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