

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Ronnie Swofford, Jr., #218281, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000747

ORDER

On March 23, 2026, Appellant filed a notice of appeal seeking review of a decision by an administrative law judge. Appellant sought to be paid pursuant to the prevailing wage statute for work performed as part of an industry within the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Appellant also filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because Appellant alleges he has been denied a prevailing wage, we grant his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See *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).



J.

FOR THE COURT

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