

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

George Adams, #181283,

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Probation,
Parole and Pardon Services,

Respondent.

Docket No. 25-ALJ-15-0026-IJ

ORDER

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This matter is before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court (ALC or Court) pursuant to an appeal filed by George Adams (Appellant), an inmate incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. On August 8, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (Department) notified Appellant that the Department previously determined by letter dated December 21, 2012, that he was ineligible for parole consideration due to his classification as a subsequent violent offender. On September 15, 2025, Appellant filed the Notice of Appeal challenging this classification and requesting an evidentiary hearing. This matter was assigned to the undersigned on September 18, 2025. On October 6, 2025, the Department filed a Motion to Dismiss (Motion) alleging the matter was untimely and barred by collateral estoppel. Appellant filed his initial brief on October 10, 2025. On October 15, 2025, Appellant requested additional time to file his response to the Motion alleging that his legal materials have been taken.

The Appellant is entitled to legal assistance so that he has a reasonably adequate opportunity to present claimed violations of constitutional rights to the courts. *Hendricks v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 385 S.C. 625, 629, 686 S.E.2d 191, 193 (2009). Rule 7(B) of the Rules of Procedure for the Administrative Law Court provides that, "[a]ny party may file a written response to the motion within ten (10) days of the service of the motion unless the time is extended or shortened by the administrative law judge . . ." See also SCALC Rule 61. Appellant has requested, and provided sufficient rationale, for an extension.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Appellant's request for additional time to file

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a response is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Appellant shall file his response to the Department's Motion within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Crystal M. Rookard

The Honorable Crystal M. Rookard
South Carolina Administrative Law Judge

October 23, 2025
Columbia, South Carolina

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Brown, hereby certify that I have this date served this Order upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof in the United States mail, postage paid, or by electronic mail, to the address provided by the party(ies) and/or their attorney(s).

Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Brown
Judicial Law Clerk

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