

State of South Carolina
Court of Appeals

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SC Court of Appeals

Travis Javon Harris #349116
Appellant

v

South Carolina Department of Corrections
Respondent

Docket No: 26-ALJ-04-0068-AP

[Grievance No: MCCI 0857-25]

Notice of Appeal

I, Travis J. Harris acting Pro Se, is on the date of October 8th, 2026 is filing an appeal in regards to the South Carolina Administrative Law Court's decision and Honorable Robert L. Riebold's decision to dismiss my appeal and grant the respondent's motion to dismiss.

My Issues and Questions on Appeal
of ALC's Decision / Ruling

1. Did ALC err in granting department's/respondent's motion to dismiss?
2. Did ALC err in dismissing appellant's appeal with prejudice?
3. Did ALC err in judgement?
4. Did ALC err in not considering evidence showing proof of appellant's certificate and participation in 5K race recreational activity with general population inmates from other dorms?
5. Did ALC err in not ruling, responding, addressing, and/or answering a litany of issues statements, and questions presented to ALC Judge Robert L. Riebold in Appellant's Initial Brief?
6. Did ALC err in not granting appellant an injunction or ruling insuring that department and MCI officials give appellant the full access, tools, and ability to conduct and/or attend Jum'ah services in Unit F4-B with other practicing Muslims in the Unit in accordance with grievance response during the Administrative Process?
7. Did ALC err in not insuring an enforcement of alternative means stated by A/W (Associate Warden), Director, and the department after Appellant clearly stated that he is still being denied the right to practice, attend, and/or conduct Jum'ah services in Unit F4 with the rest of the practicing Muslims in the dorm? (Still being denied access at this current time in Chapel and inside Unit.)
8. Did ALC err by stating that the mandatory language stated in SCDC Policy does not constitute a state-created liberty interest?
9. Did the ALC and Judge Riebold err in his determination that section 7.7 of the Handbook (Al-Islam) under SCDC Policy PS-10.05 stating clear and mandatory

language does not constitute or create a state-created liberty interest when it's a fact Dorm/Unit F4 is not a RHLU (Restricted Housing Unit) or SLU (Structured Living Unit) or Infirmary which states are the only Units where inmates are not permitted access to Jumu'ah services in the Chapel on Friday?

10. Did the ALC and Judge Riebold err in his determination that section 7.7 of the Handbook (Al-Islam) under SCDC Policy PS-10.05 focuses solely on negative implications?

11. Did ALC err in stating appellant did not respond to the motion to dismiss within the time specified by Rule 57 stating appellant did his brief June 10th when Initial Brief was notarized June 4 and clocked stamped and sealed by MCI's mailroom and current case was filed by ALC March 5, 2026?

12. Is ALC in violation of Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 §1-23-610 (Section B, 1-6) and/or any statutory provisions?

13. Did ALC err in not holding the respondent liable for not explaining or expressing in no form or fashion how the Appellant attending Jumu'ah services poses a threat to security, staff, or volunteers and how this would be a threat to the safety of the institution?

14. Did ALC err in not ruling or making a determination on SCDC officials and SCDC Policy using vague and auspicious language and ambiguous terminology?

15. Did ALC err in concluding that these issues suffered and grieved by appellant does not constitute an atypical and significant hardship in relation to ordinary incidents of prison life?

16. Did ALC err in not insuring that appellant's 1st, 8th, and 14th amendment rights are protected?

17. Did ALC err in concluding that grievance, complaint, and issues doesn't consist of atypical and significant hardship in relation to ordinary incidents of prison life when this is the only general population dorm/unit in the entire state on every level (Closed Custody, Medium, and Minimum) that active Muslims are not allowed to participate in obligatory worship services in the Chapel or in the Unit/Dorm on the institution?

18. Did the ALC err in not upholding SCDC Policy, State Constitutional, and U.S. Constitutional protections guarding appellant's right and freedom to practice and exercise religion?

19. Did ALC err in not granting injunction for the dayroom and/or prayer room to be open inside the dorm so there is a place away from the

- noise on the roof (Middle of dorm/unit) so that we can worship and pray and conduct Jumu'ah service?
20. Did ALC err in ruling that appellant must modify his behavior to attend Jumu'ah service in the Chapel when the policy uses mandatory and clear language stating that I'm allowed to attend as long as I'm not in a RTHU or SLU?
21. Did ALC err in judgement regarding discrimination and cruel and unusual punishment since my custody level, classification level, mental health level, and disciplinary history is identical to almost every inmate at the institution?
22. Did ALC err in not granting injunction relief since F4 is not a RTHU or SLU which are the only dorms not permitted to go to Jumu'ah services in the Chapel per SCDC Policy PS-10.05 (Appendix A) The Handbook Al-Islam (Muslim) Section 7.7?
23. Did ALC err in not holding SCDC and MCI officials liable for not explaining how the decision of denying me access to Jumu'ah services in the Chapel and/or in the dorm is reasonably related to legitimate penological interests and not personal preference?
24. Did ALC err in not granting an injunction providing satellite service and/or cable TV to this dorm that shows Islamic channels and Islamic based services and not just Christian based services, providing appellant an alternative to denying me access to in-dorm worship?
25. Did ALC err in not considering my pain and suffering and mental and emotional stress because I'm being forced to commit an egregious sin in my religion?
26. Did ALC err in discussion and conclusion in regards to all 4th Circuit sources used in appellant's Free Exercise Claim (Legal Standards, Factor 1-4) and appellant's RLUIPA Claim and 8th and 14th amendment violations?
27. Did ALC err in calling additional legitimate sources which all consisted of 4th Circuit case law and rulings insufficient in appellant's brief?

28. Did ALC err in not viewing or requesting MCI's Dorm F4 B-side's video camera footage of every Friday since the appellant's complaint to see evidence and proof that MCI staff is not allowing Muslims in F4 to practice or exercise the observation of Jumu'ah as stated by the A/W (Associate Warden) and Director throughout the Administrative Process?
29. Did the ALC err in stating that appellant does have grounds for a remedy but ALC is not the correct venue to address my appeal, grievances, and complaints?
30. Did ALC err in not notifying appellant of the right to appeal with it's final order?

Conclusion

I'm requesting that this honorable court grants appellant injunction relief, so appellant can ~~attend~~ Jumu'ah worship services in the Chapel and/or the dorm unhindered, and/or that this judgement be reversed and remanded for further analysis of prison conditions and grievance issues.

Respectfully Submitted

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