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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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RE: James A. Primus v. S.C. Dept of Corrections
Appellate case No. 2013-002447

Dear Honorable Clerk V. Claire Allen

This is in response to your letter dated
March 3 2014 Please find enclosed of the
first copy of Judge Diane S. Goodstein's order
Please accept this with my kindest regards

Sincerely

James Anthony Primus

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Case No. 2011-CP-18-2455

JAMES ANTHONY PRIMUS, # 252315,)
Plaintiff,)

-versus-

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT)
OF CORRECTIONS,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

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DORCHESTER COUNTY

Pro se inmate plaintiff James Anthony Primus is suing South Carolina Department of Corrections for being listed on the Sexual Offender Registry. His complaint is that the defendant has misinterpreted "Section 23-3-340 of the South Carolina Code of Laws that all kidnapping convictions has to be put into the Sexual Offender Registry whether court order or not" (Complaint, ¶ 4) and that "on July 2, 2010, without proper notification or legal authorization the South Carolina Department of Corrections placed plaintiff on the Sexual Offender Registry." (Complaint, First Amendment, ¶ 5)

Defendant is before the Court on its motion for summary judgment. The Court has considered the pleadings, evidence presented in accordance with Rule 56, SCRCPC, the oral presentations of counsel and plaintiff Primus, and has reviewed the legislative history of S.C. Code § 23-3-340.

Defendant asserts summary judgment is proper, and this action should be dismissed because S.C. Code § 23-3-340 mandates that when a person is convicted of kidnapping, as plaintiff was, he must be placed on the Sex Offender Registry "except when the court makes a

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finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense”, and that the court made no such finding concerning plaintiff. The pertinent portion of the applicable statute is:

SECTION 23-3-430. Sex offender registry; convictions and not guilty by reason of insanity findings requiring registration.

(A) Any person, regardless of age, residing in the State of South Carolina who in this State has been convicted of, adjudicated delinquent for, pled guilty or nolo contendere to an offense described below, or who has been convicted, adjudicated delinquent, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or found not guilty by reason of insanity in any comparable court in the United States, or a foreign country, or who has been convicted, adjudicated delinquent, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or found not guilty by reason of insanity in the United States federal courts of a similar offense, or who has been convicted of, adjudicated delinquent for, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or found not guilty by reason of insanity to an offense for which the person was required to register in the state where the conviction or plea occurred, shall be required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article. . . .

* * * *

(15) kidnapping (Section 16-3-910) of a person eighteen years of age or older except when the court makes a finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense.

Defendant has supported its motion for summary judgment with court documents and documentation. In September, 1997, a Dorchester County grand jury indicted *pro se* plaintiff for kidnapping. The Indictment, in Case No. 97-GS-18-1046, alleged:

That James Anthony Primos [sic] did in Dorchester County on or about July 13, 1997, did wilfully and unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct, or, carry away one Nikki M. Scott, without authority of law. Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

The case came on for trial before the Honorable Luke N. Brown, Jr. at the September, 1998 term of the Court of General Sessions of Dorchester County. Plaintiff was defended by William L. Runyon, Esquire. plaintiff was convicted of kidnapping, a violation of S.C. Code §

16-3-910. On the sentencing, sheet Judge Brown noted that the offense was "violent" and "most serious" and sentenced plaintiff to thirty (30) years confinement in the State Department of Corrections. The Court also takes judicial notice of the opinion of the Supreme Court of South Carolina in plaintiff's appeal of his case, in which the Court states:

James Anthony Primus was convicted of kidnapping and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature (ABHAN). He was sentenced to thirty years for kidnapping and ten consecutive years for ABHAN.

The State v. James Anthony Primus, Op. No. 3214, filed July 10, 2000.

As there was no finding on the record by the Court that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense the Court finds that plaintiff is appropriately classified under S.C. Code § 23-3-340 and can properly be listed on the Sexual Offender Registry. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that summary judgment is GRANTED to defendant South Carolina Department of Corrections, and this action is DISMISSED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



DIANE S. GOODSTEIN
Chief Administrative Judge, First Judicial Circuit

St. George, South Carolina.

~~December~~
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I Certify that I have served a copy of this Request to produce a copy of Judge Diane S. Goodstein First order by depositing a copy in the United States Mail Postage Prepaid on all parties listed below on the date listed March 6 2014

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