

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
APPEAL FROM ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT JOHN D. MCLEOD


CASE NO.: 2013-002278

Michael Goins #302385 ----- Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections ----- Respondents.

APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF


May 8th, 2014

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ISSUES

The Respondents responded to the Appellant's Initial Brief on April 30, 2014 with their Respondent's Initial Brief. The Respondents assert that appellant was not prejudiced by the decision of the Disciplinary Hearing officer's finding the Appellant guilty with erroneous evidence nor was the Appellant prejudiced by the Administrative agencies dismissal of his case with abuse of discretion. The Appellant begs to differ.

The appellant has submitted evidence and exhibits to solidify and substantiate his defense. Undisputable evidence. Substantial evidence. The appellant has submitted to the Honorable court an signed and dated Request to Staff Member addressed to The Health Care Administrator (HCA) Mr. Matthew Harper who did name all of the appellant's Keep on Person (KOP) medications in which he enlisted all four (4) of the medications that the appellant was charged for. It is only common sense to know that if an medicine is described as "KOP" it can not be also "dose by dose" as Registered Nurse Jennifer Nations has erroneously described. The fact that the appellants counsel substitute, Ms. Donikia Gray, stated in the hearing that when she interviewed the appellant he showed her the KOP medications in his window sill (see ~~the~~ Record on Appeal, transcript page #4, line #5) and the SCDC Form 19-11 from the HCA Mr. Harper enlisting all of the appellants "KOP" medications (see Record on Appeal, Exhibits), it is clearly shown that Nurse Jennifer Nations erred by stating that the medication was dose by dose instead of KOP which was an error that completely harmed the Appellant's defense because he was convicted upon erroneous evidence. See S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-610 (e). See also Lounry v. F.D.I.C. 204 F.3d. 1125 (D.C. 2000) (it is well established that the substantial evidence rule requires consideration of the evidence on both sides, Evidence that is substantially viewed in isolation may become insubstantial when contradictory evidence is taken in to account. Id. 1141.) State v. Wiley 692 S.E.2d 560 (S.C. App. 2010) (when defendants shows error and resulting prejudice in grievous and that prejudicial effects can not be removed, error is not harmless. Id. 563.)

It has been conclusively proven by an incompetent evidence such that another rational conclusion can be reached. [An appellate] court should set aside conviction because of errors affecting the results. State v. Lyles 165 S.E.2d 201, 204-05 (S.C. App. 2008). Evidence is incompetent if it could create dangers such as prejudice, confusion of the issues, or have the tendency to mislead. Id. 206.

The Appellant has substantially, undisputably proven the error in the evidence used to convict him. The Administrative agency's decision should be overruled on that accord alone.

Furthermore, the appellant has submitted an signed and dated copy of an SCRC Form 10-14 "Agreement to debit E.H. Cooper" which is signed and dated by both, the appellant and the Mailroom supervisor, Ms. Nancy Merchant, proving that the appellant did agree to have two (2) letters sent out-agency mail- to the ALC and SCRC office of General Counsel. The 10-14 form states that this mail was sent out on September 16, 2013. The Appellant also submitted an signed, dated and notarized Proof of Service which clearly proves that the appellant served on the ALC & respondents a copy of his appellant's Brief on September 13, 2013 to their addresses.

The Appellant has submitted substantial, undeniable evidence to prove that the Administrative agency abused their discretion by dismissing his case on erroneous, misleading testimony that the appellant didn't comply with Rule 60 of the SCALC Rules and sent his brief. The appellant had 65 days from the date of assignment to file his Appellants brief. See Rule 60 of the SCALC Rules. Being that this was complied with and is substantially proven. the administrative agency abused its discretion by dismissing the Appellant's case with false pretences. See State v. McLeod 606 S.E.2d 215 (S.C. App. 2004) (Abuse of discretion occurs when the trial court rulings is based on error of law resulting in prejudice to the appellant.) Id. 218-19.

CONCLUSION

THEREFORE, the appellant has clearly, precisely, substantially, undisputably proven his defense from all sides of the case. The appellant wishes that this Honorable Court overrule his conviction and uplifts all sanctions imposed on him.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael ~~Leins~~

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PROOF OF SERVICE

COMES NOW Appellant, Michael Goins #302385, to certify that on May 8, 2014 he served a copy of his reply brief on the following agencies by depositing a copy of the same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following addresses:

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- 2.) SCDC Office of General Counsel P.O. Box 21787 Columbia, S.C. 29221

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this 8th day of May, 2014.

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Notary Public For South Carolina

My Commission expires: September 25, 2023 My Commission Expires

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