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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT**

SC ADMIN. LAW COURT

William Ford, 232122,)
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 Appellant,)
 vs.)
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 South Carolina Department of Corrections,)
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 Respondent.)

Docket No.: 15-ALJ-04-0001-AP
Grievance No.: MACD 0106-14

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

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SC Court of Appeals

This matter is before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court (“the ALC” or “the Court”) pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed January 2, 2015, by William Ford (“Appellant”), an inmate incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (“Department”). Appellant appeals the Department’s decision denying his Step Two Grievance in which Appellant complains the Department failed to follow its internal policy by not giving Appellant forty-eight (48) hour notice prior to an involuntary transfer. In response, the Department explained that Appellant has since been informed that he is no longer scheduled for a transfer under the Interstate Corrections Compact (“ICC”).


The ALC has subject matter jurisdiction when the Department disciplines an inmate and imposes a punishment that deprives the inmate of a constitutionally protected liberty or property interest. Sullivan v. S.C. Dep’t of Corr., 355 S.C. 437, 441-42, 586 S.E.2d 124, 126 (2003); Al-Shabazz v. State, 338 S.C. 354, 369, 527 S.E.2d 742, 750 (2000); Skipper v. S.C. Dep’t of Corr., 370 S.E. 267, 273-74, 633 S.E.2d 910, 914 (Ct. App. 2006). Slezak v. South Carolina Department of Corrections, 361 S.C. 327, 605 S.E.2d 506 (2004), provided further clarification that this Court has jurisdiction of all inmate grievance appeals that have been properly filed. However, when the grievance appeal does not implicate a state-created liberty or property interest, the ALC may summarily dismiss the appeal at its discretion. Furtick v. South Carolina Department of Corrections, 374 S.C. 334, 649 S.E.2d 35 (2007).

For the purpose of establishing jurisdiction, a state-created liberty or property interest exists when (1) an inmate is disciplined and punishment is imposed, or (2) when an inmate alleges prison officials have erroneously calculated his sentence, sentence-related credits, or custody status. Sullivan, 355 S.C. at 441, 586 S.E.2d at 126. Additionally, this Court has

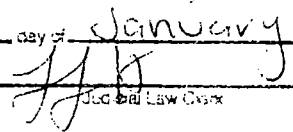
jurisdiction when an inmate contests the Department's decision to permanently deny the inmate's parole eligibility. *Id.* Finally, under certain circumstances, an inmate may have a state-created liberty interest in "freedom from restraint which, while not exceeding the sentence in such an unexpected manner as to give rise to protection by the Due Process Clause of its own force . . . nonetheless imposes atypical and significant hardship on the inmate in relation to the ordinary incidents of prison life." Sandin v. Conner, 515 U.S. 472, 483-84 (1995); see Sullivan, 355 S.C. at 443, 586 S.E.2d at 127 (applying Sandin to resolve a "condition of confinement claim").

Here, Appellant complains SCDC officials did not properly inform him that he was scheduled to be involuntarily transferred to another correctional institution. This complaint does not arise from punishment administered for a disciplinary conviction, nor does it relate to Appellant's sentence, sentence-related credits, or custody. Moreover, this is not an "atypical" condition of restraint. Accordingly, Appellant has not alleged deprivation of a state-created liberty or property interest in this matter. Therefore, the Court finds Furtick to be controlling, and the case is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this appeal is **DISMISSED, with prejudice.**
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


SHIRLEY C. ROBINSON
Administrative Law Judge

January 28, 2015
Columbia, South Carolina

DATE OF SERVICE
This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this order in the above identified action upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, in the United States mail, postage paid, or in the interagency Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).
This 28 day of January 2015
By: 
Judicial Law Clerk