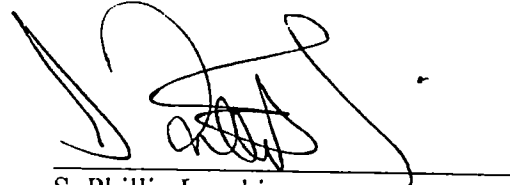


When reviewing the Department's decisions in inmate grievance matters, the court sits in an appellate capacity. SCDC v. Mitchell, 377 S.C. 256, 659 S.E.2d 233 (Ct. App. 2008). Consequently, the review in these inmate grievance cases is limited to the Record presented.

In this case, the Appellant did not lose any good time as part of his punishment and therefore his punishment does not affect a state-created liberty or property interest. As such, this is a case in which this court must adhere to the traditional "hands off" doctrine regarding judicial involvement in prison disciplinary procedure and other internal prison matters. See Pruitt v. State, 274 S.C. 565, 266 S.E.2d 779 (1980) and Al-Shabazz v. State, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000).

THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the decision appealed from is **AFFIRMED** and this appeal is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.



S. Phillip Lenski
Administrative Law Judge

May 21, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina