

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT**

Marcus Watts, #316590,)
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Appellant,)
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vs.)
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South Carolina Department of Corrections,)
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Respondent.)

Docket No. 15-ALJ-04-0606-AP
Grievance No.: PCI 21-15

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

FILED

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SC ADMIN. LAW COURT

This matter is before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court (“ALC”) pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed November 16, 2015, by Marcus Watts “Appellant”), an inmate in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (“SCDC”).

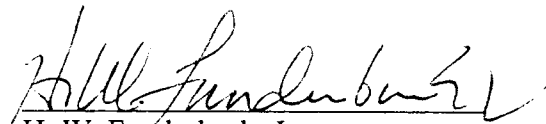
Appellant appeals a denial of a grievance complaining of SCDC Policy PS-10.08, “Inmate Correspondence Privileges.” The ALC cannot and should not extend its jurisdiction over an internal prison matter. *See Al-Shabazz v. State*, 338 S.C. 354, 382, 527 S.E. 2d 742, 757 (2000) (citing *Pruitt v. State*, 274 S.C. 565, 567-68, 266 S.E.2d 779, 780 (1980)) and *Howard v. S.C. Dep’t of Corr.*, 399 S.C. 618, 733 S.E.2d 211 (2012).

Under *Slezak v. S.C. Dep’t of Corr.*, 361 S.C. 327, 331, 605 S.E. 2d 506, 508 (2004), the ALC is to have jurisdiction of all properly perfected inmate appeals but “[s]ummary dismissal may be appropriate where the inmate’s grievance does not implicate a state created liberty or property interest.” It is therefore,

ORDERED that this appeal is **DISMISSED, WITH PREJUDICE.**

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

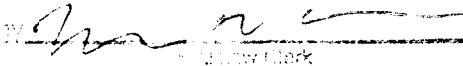
Columbia, South Carolina
December 15, 2015


H. W. Funderburk, Jr.
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this order in the above entitled action upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, postage paid, in the United States mail addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).

On 15 day of December 2015


Law Clerk