

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

SC ADMIN. LAW COURT

Samuel Wilder, 258295,)
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 Appellant,)
 vs.)
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 South Carolina Department of Corrections,)
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 Respondent.)
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Docket No.: 16-ALJ-04-0862-AP
Grievance No.: MCCI 0591-14

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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 December 12, 2016, by Samuel Wilder (“Appellant”), an inmate incarcerated with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (“Department”). Appellant appeals the Department’s decision finding that Appellant received adequate dental care to address the concerns Appellant has with his tooth.

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 asserts that the Department erred in failing to provide him proper dental care. 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.

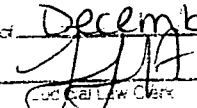
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this appeal is **DISMISSED, with prejudice.**

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


SHIRLEY C. ROBINSON
Administrative Law Judge

December 30th, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I hereby certify that a undersigned has on a date served this order in the above entitled action upon all parties to this case by depositing a copy hereof, in the United States mail postage paid or in the Emergency Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).

This 30 day of December 2016
By: 
Local Law Clerk