

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Devanta Boyd, #358966,

Appellant,

vs.

South Carolina Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

Docket No. 17-ALJ-04-0284-AP

Grievance No.: ACI 115-17

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter is before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court ("ALC") pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed June 1, 2017, by Devanta Boyd ("Appellant"), an inmate in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections ("SCDC").

Appellant appeals a denial of a grievance in which he complained that his cell window was painted, preventing him from looking outside. The ALC is not the forum by which an inmate can challenge the ordinary incidents of prison life. Consequently, 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**.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Columbia, South Carolina
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