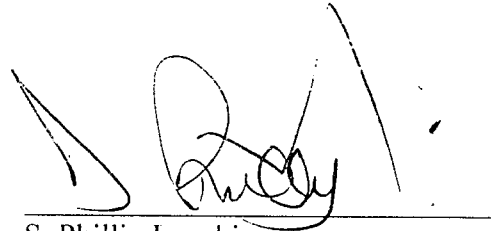


(2) cases in which an inmate has received punishment in a major disciplinary hearing as a result of a serious rule violation.¹ *Id.*

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 before the court. In this case, the Appellant did not lose any good time credit as part of his punishment but only failed to earn good time credit for the month in which the disciplinary incident occurred, therefore his punishment does not affect a state-created liberty or property interest. *See also Howard v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 399 S.C. 618, 626-27, 733 S.E.2d 211, 216 (2012) (holding that "the plain terms of section 1-23-600(D) precludes [*sic*] the ALC from hearing *all* inmate appeals involving the loss of the opportunity to earn sentence-related credits" and that "the Legislature definitively limited the parameters of the ALC's subject matter jurisdiction" regarding this specific type of inmate appeal) (emphasis in original). 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, based on the foregoing, the Department's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED** and this appeal is **DISMISSED**.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

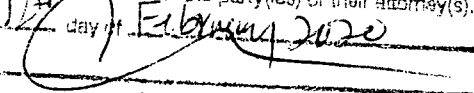


S. Phillip Lenski
Administrative Law Judge

February 12, 2020
Columbia, South Carolina

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, in the United States Mail, postage paid, or in the interagency Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).

This 12th day of February, 2020

Judicial Law Clerk

¹ The court does have limited jurisdiction in some property matters, the authority for which need not be cited here.