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Style of Case:	Bart Woodard v. Arkansa	s Division of Correction	
Docket Number	Claim No. 221169		
Type of Matter	(please circle one):	Claims Review	Litigation Reports Oversight
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To: Thomas Burns (DOC); Roni Gean (DOC)

Cc: Kathryn Irby

Subject: CLAIM: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

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Please see attached. Contact Kathryn Irby with any questions.

Thank you, Caitlin

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April 26, 2022

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Burns,

Enclosed please find a copy of the above-styled claim filed against the Arkansas Division of Correction. Pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as Claims Commission Rule 2.2, you have **thirty days from the date of service** in which to file a responsive pleading.

Your responsive pleading should include your agency number, fund code, appropriation code, and activity/section/unit/element that this claim should be charged against, if liability is admitted, or if the Claims Commission approves this claim for payment. This information is necessary even if your agency denies liability.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: cmcdaniel

cc: Bart Woodard (ADC , Claimant (w/ encl.)

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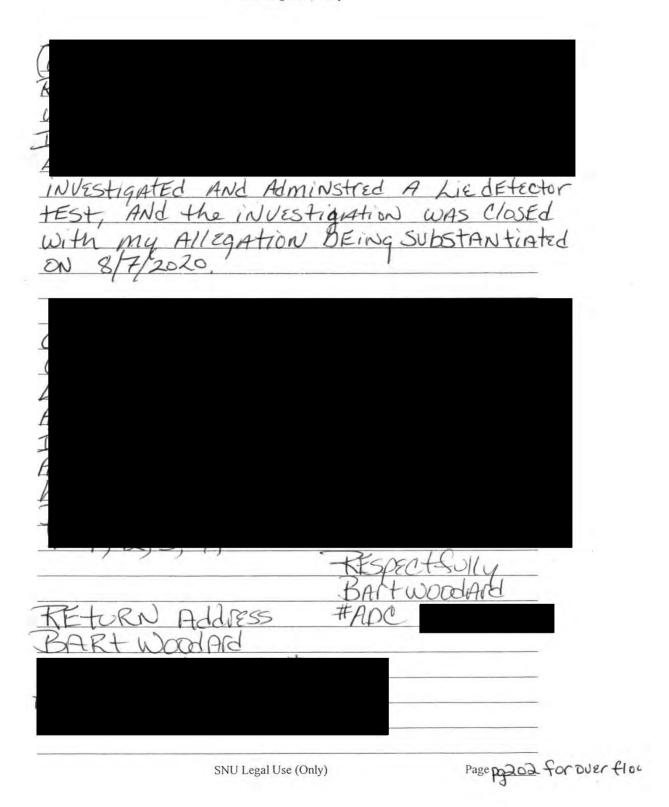
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inmate: Woodard, Bart Wayne	ADC#:	Assignment: AM:Unassigned PM:DCR No Duty
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EXhibit #1

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Is this Grievance concerning Medical or Mental Health Se	ervices? If yes, circle one: medical or mental
Inmate Signature If you are harmed, threatened because of your use of the grievan	Date Date nce process, report it immediately to the Warden or designee,
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Attachment VI

INMATE NAME: Woodard, Bart W.

ADC #:

GRIEVANCE#:SNN20-00189

CHIEF DEPUTY/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION



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9/3/26 Date

> Exhibit #3



Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602 Phone: 870-267-6405 Amanda.Pasley@Arkansas.Gov

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To: Inmate B. Woodard ADC #

From: Amanda Pasley, Division of Correction

oordinator

Date: September 4, 2020

Re: ORCU Grievance # SNN20-00189

In reference to the above-listed grievance, this allegation was investigated and found to be substantiated on 8/7/2020.

EXhibit #4

http://DOC.Arkansas.gov

From: Thomas Burns (DOC) To: **ASCC Pleadings** Roni Gean (DOC) Cc:

Subject: Bart Woodard v ADC 211169 and 211170 Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 10:59:41 AM

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD

CLAIMANT

v.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Corrections, and for its Answer, states and alleges as follows:

Respondent denies liability in this claim and asserts it will hold the Claimant to 1. strict proof on each allegation unless admitted by Respondent. Respondent reserves the right to plead further upon completion of the investigation by internal affairs and requests the matter be held in abeyance until the investigation is complete.

2. The applicable account information required by the Commission is:

a. Agency number: 0480

b. Cost Center: HCA 0100

c. Internal Order:

340301

d. Fund Center: 509

WHEREFORE, for the reasons cited above, the Respondent prays that the claim be dismissed with prejudice and that Claimant take nothing or, in the alternative, that the matter be held in abeyance until completion of the investigation by Internal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006) **ADC Legal Division**

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I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 28th day of April 2022 on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage, to:

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Motion to Dismiss

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC), for its Motion to Dismiss, states:

- 1. The inmate's claim should be dismissed pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure (ARCP) 12(b)(6) as it fails to state facts upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. On a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure the courts treat the facts alleged in complaints as true and view them in the light most favorable to the plaintiff. *Dockery v Morgan*, 2011 Ark. 94. "However, [Arkansas's] rules require fact pleading, and a complaint must state facts, not mere conclusions, in order to entitle the pleader to relief." *Id.* The Court should "treat only the facts alleged in the complaint as true but not the plaintiff's theories, speculation, or statutory interpretation." *Id.*
- 3. An "important mechanism for weeding out meritless claims [is a] motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim." *Fifth Third Bancorp v. Dudenhoeffer*, 573 U.S. 409, 425 (2014). Legal conclusions, unsupported conclusions, and unwarranted inferences must be ignored and fail to withstand a Rule 12(b)(6) motion. *See Farm Credit Svcs. v American State bank*, 339 F.3d 764 (8th Cir. 2003). A pleading must contain a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief. *Ashcraft v Iqbal 556 U.S. 662 (2009)*. Although detailed factual allegations are not required, more that "unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me-

accusations" are required. *Id*. To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter that, when accepted as true, state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face. *Id*. A claim is facially plausible "when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." *Id*.

- 4. When a trial court is presented with extraneous materials outside of the pleadings and does not exclude those materials, a motion to dismiss for failure to state facts upon which relief can be granted shall be treated as one for summary judgment. *Norris v Davis*, 2014 Ark. App. 632 (2014)
- Although inmate seeks an award of damages (\$12500.00), he fails to plead any basis for an award of damages, and he fails to give the Arkansas Claims

 Commission any rational basis beyond mere speculation of the damages. Damages are an essential element of a tort claim and there must an allegation of sufficient facts to satisfy the damages element or the case is subject to a motion to dismiss. Wallis v. Ford Motor Company, 362 Ark. 317, 208 S.W. 3d 153 (2008). The inmate's claim, even if true, does not support a claim for monetary relief.
- 6. Even if the inmate were to plead with more specificity, he would still not be able to prevail. The party claiming damages has the burden of proving those damages beyond speculation. *Minerva Enterprises v. Howlett, 308 Ark. 291, 824 S.W. 2d 377 (1992).* Even taking the inmate's allegations true as pleading, and giving him the benefit of every possible inference, his mere inconvenience of alleged wrongdoing can never render a claim that is anything but speculation.
- 7. Pro Se parties are not given special treatment and are held to the same standard as a licensed attorney. *Pressler v. Ark. Publ. Serv. Comm'n, 2011 Ark. App. 512, at 9, 385 S.W.3d*

349, 355 (citing Elder v. Mark Ford & Assocs., 103 Ark. App. 302, 288 S.W.3d 702 (2008)). The Claims Commission notes that under Arkansas law, a claimant choosing to represent himself is held to the same standard as an attorney. Michael Pickens v ADC claim 190793 (ASCC 2019).

- 8. Whether a plaintiff is represented by counsel or is appearing <u>pro se</u>, his complaint must allege specific facts sufficient to state a claim. *See Martin v Sargent*, 780 F.2d 1334, 1337 (8th Cir. 1985).
- 9. A complaint must state facts, not mere conclusions, in order to satisfy the requirements of Rule 8 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure. *Doe v Weiss*, 2010 Ark. 150.
- In reviewing whether a complaint is subject to dismissal, the Court must accept as 10. true all factual allegations in the complaint, but is "not bound to accept as true a legal conclusion couched as a factual allegation." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007)). "Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice." Id. "Nor does a complaint suffice if it "tenders 'naked assertion[s]' devoid of 'further factual enhancement." Id. (quoting Twombly, 550 U.S. at 557). Rather, a complaint must plead "enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." Twombly, 550 U.S. at 570. "A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 678. "The plausibility standard is not akin to a 'probability requirement,' but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully." Id. (quoting Twombly, 550 U.S. at 556). A well pleaded complaint may proceed even if it appears that actual proof of those facts is improbable and that recovery is very remote and unlikely. Twombly, 550 U.S. at 556. A complaint cannot, however, simply leave open the possibility that a plaintiff might later establish some set of undisclosed facts to support recovery. Id. at 561. Rather, the facts set forth in the

complaint must be sufficient to nudge the claims across the line from conceivable to plausible. *Id. at 570.* "[W]here the well-pleaded facts do not permit the court to infer more than the mere possibility of misconduct, the complaint has alleged –but it has not 'show[n]' – 'that the pleader is entitled to relief.'" *Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 679 (quoting Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a)(2))*.

- 11. The Plausibility standard is not akin to a "probability requirement" but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully. Where a complaint pleads facts that are "merely consistent with" a defendant's liability, it" stops short of the line between possibility a plausibility of entitlement to relief" *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007)*
- 12. The inmate is currently housed at the Ouachita River Correctional Unit of the ADC. He is serving a 25-year sentence on a conviction of Aggravated Robbery and other crimes.
- 13. The inmate claims that the ADC wrongfully convicted him in the Disciplinary Court.
- 14. The inmate states in his complaint that the ADC did nothing and another Inmate. See Inmate Complaint
- 15. The inmate never called the hotline, nor did he ever tell anyone of the allegations. See inmate complaint.
- This was the second time the Inmate has been charged with this. See attached Ex A. Exhibit A is being provided "In Camera" as it contains documents that would endanger the safety and security of the Inmates and Unit.
 - 17. Both Woodard and Brown were charged with s
- 18. Both inmates said they did not have a problem with one another and told medical they did not engage

- 19. The Inmate is making claims of prison conditions, section 1983 claims, and 8th Amendment violations.
 - 20. The Commission does not have jurisdiction to hear these claims.



- 23. While the inmate makes several claims (all outside the Commissions jurisdiction)
- 24. Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), "no actions shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under Section 1983 of this title or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as ae available are exhausted." 42 U.S.C § 1997e. In 1997, the Arkansas legislature adopted the PLRA's exhaustion requirement by enacting Ark. Code Ann. §16-106-202. That statute follows the PLRA by adopting a grievance exhaustion requirement for state actions:
 - (a) A civil action or claim initiated against...Department of Correction...by an inmate in a penal institution or incarcerated person appearing pro se may be:
 - (1) Dismissed without prejudice by the court on its own motion or on a motion of the defendant, if all administrative remedies available to the inmate have not been exhausted.
- 25. The inmate did not grieve any of his claims besid **Inmates complaint**
 "A basic rule of administrative procedure requires that an agency be given the opportunity to

address a question before a complainant resorts to the courts. Where a party has failed to exhaust his or her administrative remedies, the trial court lacks jurisdiction over the suit" *Ark. HHS v Smith, 370 Ark. 490.* One must exhaust their administrative remedies before they may proceed in Court. *See Johnson v Johnson, 385 F.3d 503 (2004).*

- 26. The inmate has filed a complaint that he knows is in bad faith and not supported by the facts. The Commission should award the ADC fees and costs for having to respond to this baseless complaint.
- 27. This same claim, if presented to a court of general jurisdiction would, as a matter of law, be dismissed.
- 28. "The commission shall make no award for any claim which, as a matter of law. should be dismissed from a court of law or equity for reasons other than sovereign immunity." Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-204(3)(A) (West Supp. 2015). "Specifically, if the facts of a given claim would cause the claim to be dismissed as a matter of law from a court of general jurisdiction, then the commission shall make no award on the claim." Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-204(3)(B) (West Supp. 2015). The claimant has not been damaged and only makes mere assertions that he has been damages. Without damages a Court would dismiss the claim in its entirety.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent prays that the motion be granted and the complaint dismissed; for their attorney's fees and costs; and all other just and proper relief to which they may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

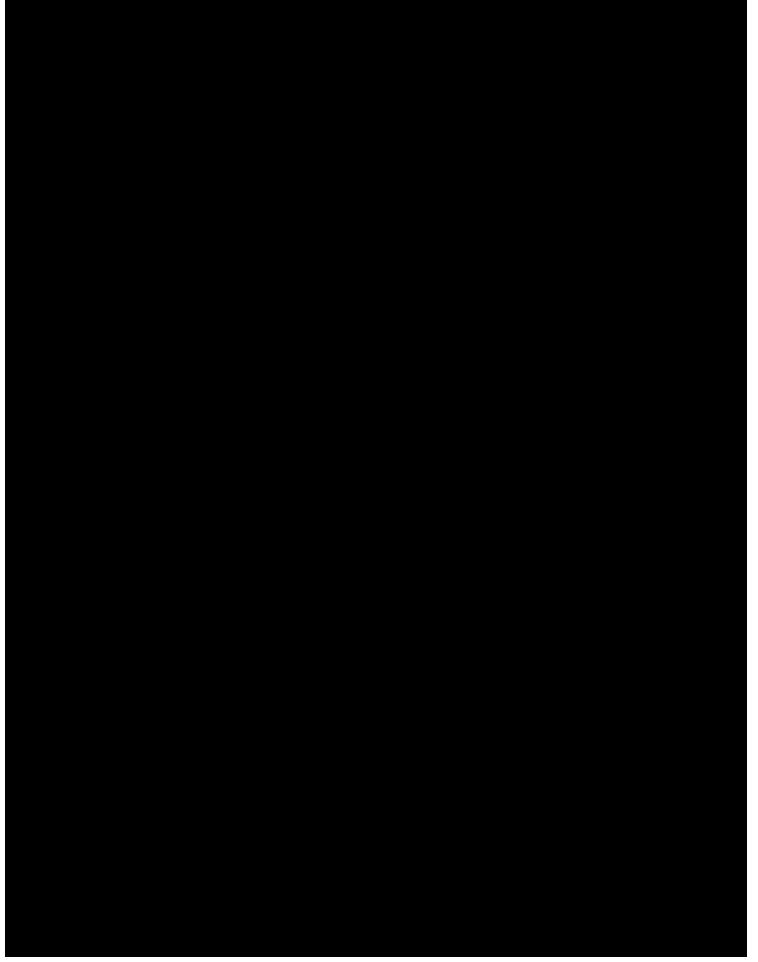
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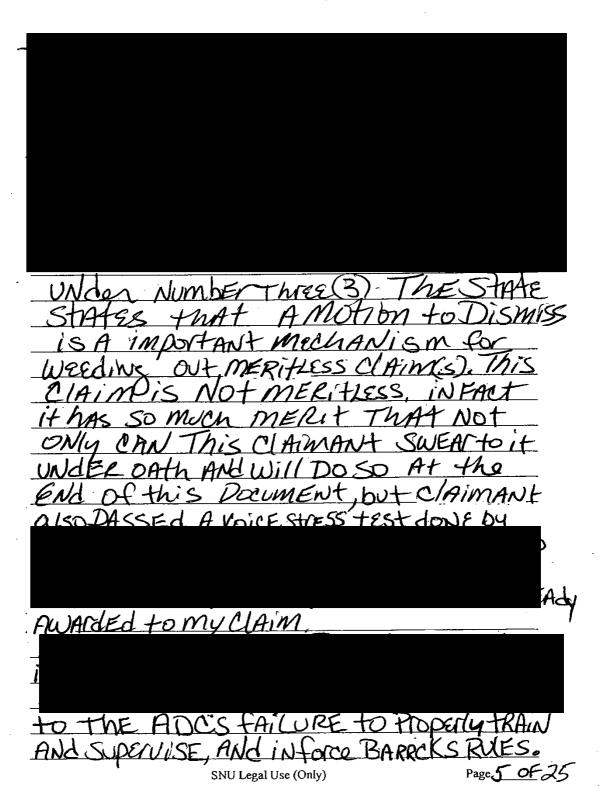
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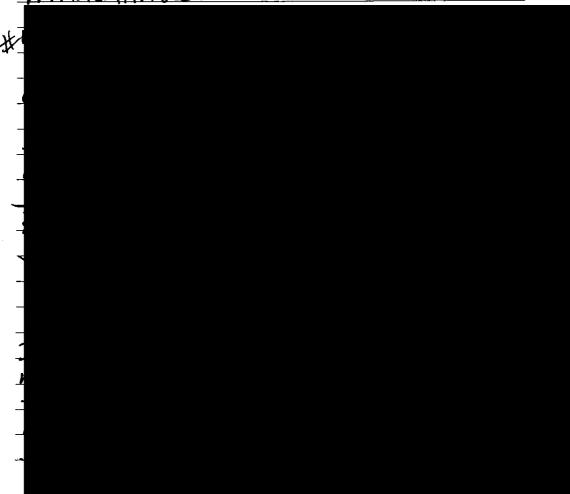
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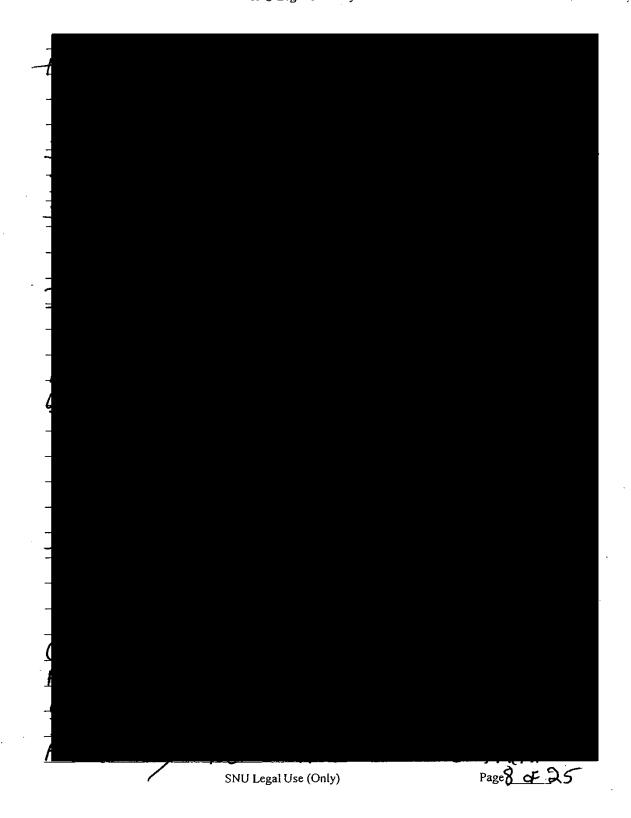
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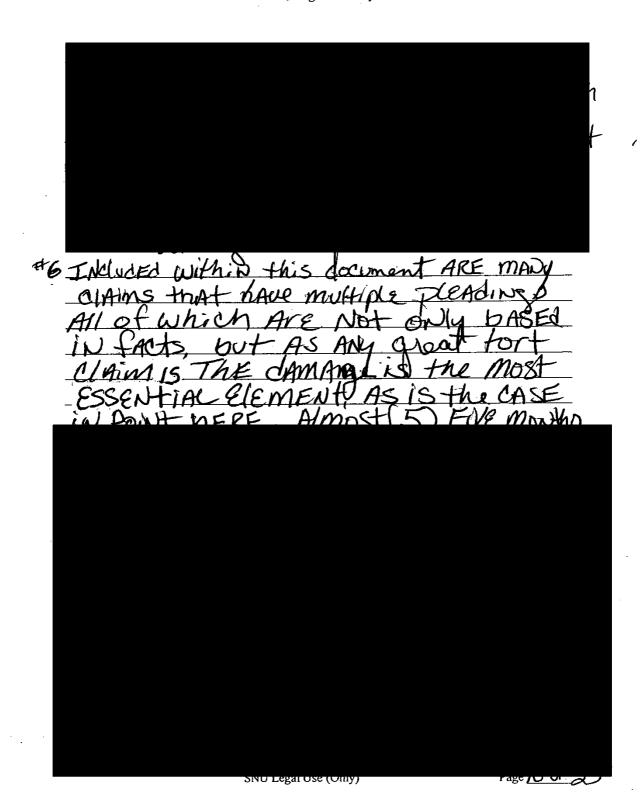
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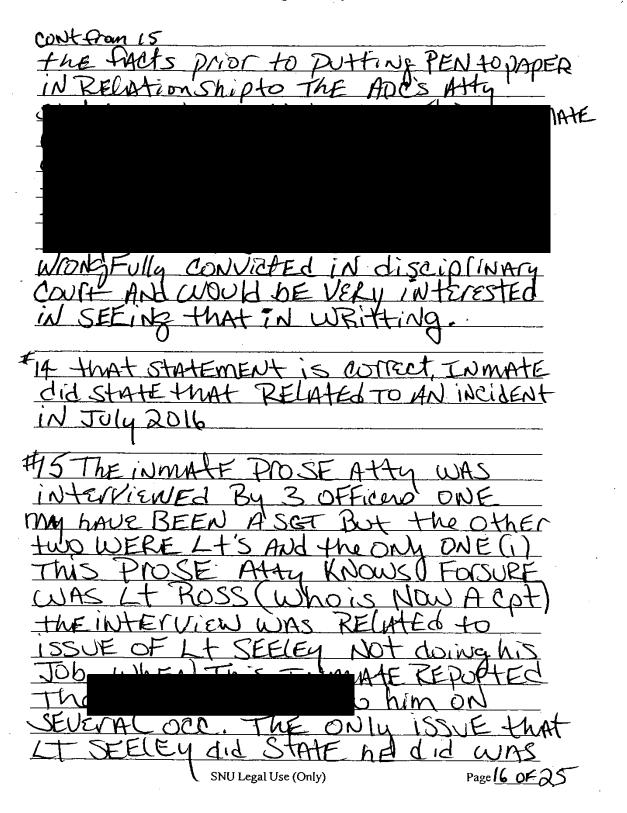


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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

v

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC), for its Motion to Dismiss, states:

- 1. The inmate's claim should be dismissed pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure (ARCP) 12(b)(6) as it fails to state facts upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. On a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure the courts treat the facts alleged in complaints as true and view them in the light most favorable to the plaintiff. *Dockery v Morgan, 2011 Ark. 94.* "However, [Arkansas's] rules require fact pleading, and a complaint must state facts, not mere conclusions, in order to entitle the pleader to relief." *Id.* The Court should "treat only the facts alleged in the complaint as true but not the plaintiff's theories, speculation, or statutory interpretation." *Id.*
- An "important mechanism for weeding out meritless claims [is a] motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim." Fifth Third Bancorp v. Dudenhoeffer, 573 U.S. 409, 425 (2014). Legal conclusions, unsupported conclusions, and unwarranted inferences must be ignored and fail to withstand a Rule 12(b)(6) motion. See Farm Credit Svcs. v American State bank, 339 F.3d 764 (8th Cir. 2003). A pleading must contain a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief. Ashcraft v Iqbal 556 U.S. 662 (2009). Although detailed factual allegations are not required, more that "unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me-

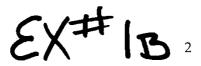


accusations" are required. *Id.* To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter that, when accepted as true, state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face. *Id.* A claim is facially plausible "when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." *Id.*

- 4. When a trial court is presented with extraneous materials outside of the pleadings and does not exclude those materials, a motion to dismiss for failure to state facts upon which relief can be granted shall be treated as one for summary judgment. Norris v Davis, 2014 Ark.

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- Although inmate seeks an award of damages (\$12500.00), he fails to plead any basis for an award of damages, and he fails to give the Arkansas Claims

 Commission any rational basis beyond mere speculation of the damages. Damages are an essential element of a tort claim and there must an allegation of sufficient facts to satisfy the damages element or the case is subject to a motion to dismiss. Wallis v. Ford Motor Company, 362 Ark. 317, 208 S.W. 3d 153 (2008). The inmate's claim, even if true, does not support a claim for monetary relief.
- 6. Even if the inmate were to plead with more specificity, he would still not be able to prevail. The party claiming damages has the burden of proving those damages beyond speculation. *Minerva Enterprises v. Howlett, 308 Ark. 291, 824 S.W. 2d 377 (1992).* Even taking the inmate's allegations true as pleading, and giving him the benefit of every possible inference, his mere inconvenience of alleged wrongdoing can never render a claim that is anything but speculation.
- 7. Pro Se parties are not given special treatment and are held to the same standard as a licensed attorney. Pressler v. Ark. Publ. Serv. Comm'n, 2011 Ark. App. 512, at 9, 385 S.W.3d



349, 355 (citing Elder v. Mark Ford & Assocs., 103 Ark. App. 302, 288 S.W.3d 702 (2008)). The Claims Commission notes that under Arkansas law, a claimant choosing to represent himself is held to the same standard as an attorney. Michael Pickens v ADC claim 190793 (ASCC 2019).

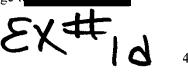
- 8. Whether a plaintiff is represented by counsel or is appearing <u>pro se</u>, his complaint must allege specific facts sufficient to state a claim. See Martin v Sargent, 780 F.2d 1334, 1337 (8th Cir. 1985).
- 9. A complaint must state facts, not mere conclusions, in order to satisfy the requirements of Rule 8 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure. Doe v Weiss. 2010 Ark. 150.
- In reviewing whether a complaint is subject to dismissal, the Court must accept as 10. true all factual allegations in the complaint, but is "not bound to accept as true a legal conclusion couched as a factual allegation." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007)). "Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice." Id. "Nor does a complaint suffice if it "tenders 'naked assertion[s]' devoid of 'further factual enhancement." Id. (quoting Twombly, 550 U.S. at 557). Rather, a complaint must plead "enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." Twombly, 550 U.S. at 570 "A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 678. "The plausibility standard is not akin to a 'probability requirement,' but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully." Id. (quoting Twombly, 550 U.S. at 556). A well pleaded complaint may proceed even if it appears that actual proof of those facts is improbable and that recovery is very remote and unlikely. Twombly, 550 U.S. at 556. A complaint cannot, however, simply leave open the possibility that a plaintiff might later establish some set of undisclosed facts to support recovery. Id. at 561. Rather, the facts set forth in the

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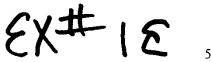
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Id. at 570. "[W]here the well-pleaded facts do not permit the court to infer more than the mere possibility of misconduct, the complaint has alleged -but it has not 'show[n]' - 'that the pleader is entitled to relief.'" Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 679 (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2)).

- 11. The Plausibility standard is not akin to a "probability requirement" but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully. Where a complaint pleads facts that are "merely consistent with" a defendant's liability, it" stops short of the line between possibility a plausibility of entitlement to relief" *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007)*
- 12. The inmate is currently housed at the Ouachita River Correctional Unit of the ADC. He is serving a 25-year sentence on a conviction of Aggravated Robbery and other crimes.
- 13. The inmate claims that the ADC wrongfully convicted him in the Disciplinary Court.
- 14. The inmate states in his complaint that the ADC did nothing and he another Inmate. See Inmate Complaint
- 15. The inmate never called the second second in the allegations. See inmate complaint.
- This was the second time the Inmate has been charged with this. See attached Ex A. Exhibit A is being provided "In Camera" as it contains documents that would endanger the safety and security of the Inmates and Unit.
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- 23. While the inmate makes several claims (all outside the Commissions jurisdiction) he only grieves the issue.
- 24. Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), "no actions shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under Section 1983 of this title or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as ae available are exhausted." 42 U.S.C § 1997e. In 1997, the Arkansas legislature adopted the PLRA's exhaustion requirement by enacting Ark. Code Ann. §16-106-202. That statute follows the PLRA by adopting a grievance exhaustion requirement for state actions:
 - (a) A civil action or claim initiated against...Department of Correction...by an inmate in a penal institution or incarcerated person appearing pro se may be:
 - (1) Dismissed without prejudice by the court on its own motion or on a motion of the defendant, if all administrative remedies available to the inmate have not been exhausted.
- 25. The inmate did not grieve any of his claims besides See Inmates complaint "A basic rule of administrative procedure requires that an agency be given the opportunity to



address a question before a complainant resorts to the courts. Where a party has failed to exhaust his or her administrative remedies, the trial court lacks jurisdiction over the suit" *Ark. HHS v Smith, 370 Ark. 490.* One must exhaust their administrative remedies before they may proceed in Court. *See Johnson v Johnson, 385 F.3d 503 (2004).*

- 26. The inmate has filed a complaint that he knows is in bad faith and not supported by the facts. The Commission should award the ADC fees and costs for having to respond to this baseless complaint.
- 27. This same claim, if presented to a court of general jurisdiction would, as a matter of law, be dismissed.
- 28. "The commission shall make no award for any claim which, as a matter of law, should be dismissed from a court of law or equity for reasons other than sovereign immunity." Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-204(3)(A) (West Supp. 2015). "Specifically, if the facts of a given claim would cause the claim to be dismissed as a matter of law from a court of general jurisdiction, then the commission shall make no award on the claim." Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-204(3)(B) (West Supp. 2015). The claimant has not been damaged and only makes mere assertions that he has been damages. Without damages a Court would dismiss the claim in its entirety.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent prays that the motion be granted and the complaint dismissed; for their attorney's fees and costs; and all other just and proper relief to which they may be entitled.



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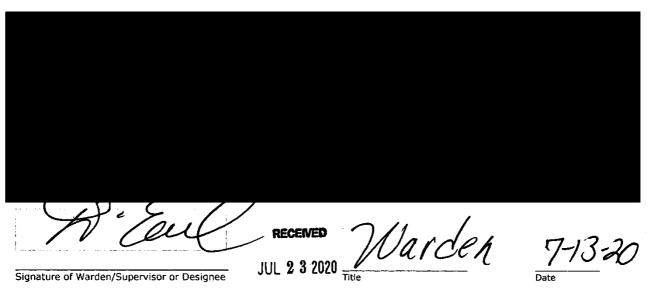
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INMATE'S APPEAL

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may appeal this decision within five working days by filling in the information requested below and mailing it to the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director along with the Unit Level Grievance Form. Keep in mind that you are appealing the decision to the original grievance. Do not list additional issues, which are not part of your original grievance as they will not be addressed. Your appeal statement is limited to what you write in the space provided below.

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To: <u>Thomas Burns (DOC)</u>

Cc: <u>Leslie Browning (DOC)</u>; <u>Mika Tucker</u>

Subject: CORRECTED: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 10:45:00 AM

Attachments: Woodard V. ADC 2211 ... nouning tr (motion).pdf

Thomas, please disregard the previous hearing letter. The attached letter correctly states the type of pending motion.

Thanks, Kathryn

From: Kathryn Irby

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 10:38 AM

To: Thomas Burns (DOC) < Thomas. Burns@arkansas.gov>

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC) <Leslie.Browning@arkansas.gov>; Mika Tucker

<Mika.Tucker@arkansas.gov>

Subject: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Thomas, please see attached.

Thanks, Kathryn

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 410 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

August 31, 2022

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

The Claims Commission has scheduled a hearing on ADC's pending motion to dismiss for **Thursday, November 17, 2022**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parties will attend via Zoom. The Zoom invitation is enclosed, and the Claims Commission asks that Mr. Burns provide the Zoom invitation to Mr. Woodard's unit.

As this is a motion hearing, no prehearing materials are requested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: kmirby

The Claims Commission invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Claims Commission -- hearings

Time: Nov 17, 2022 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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From: <u>Kathryn Irby</u>

To: Thomas Burns (DOC)
Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC)

Subject: HEARING RESCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:13:00 PM

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Thomas, please see attached.

Thanks, Kathryn

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

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November 2, 2022

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC)

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

The Claims Commission has rescheduled the hearing on ADC's pending motion to dismiss for **Friday, March 10, 2023**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parties will attend via Zoom. The new Zoom invitation is enclosed, and the Claims Commission asks that Mr. Burns provide the Zoom invitation to Mr. Woodard's unit.

As this is a motion hearing, no prehearing materials are requested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: kmirby

The Claims Commission invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Claims Commission -- hearings

Time: Mar 10, 2023 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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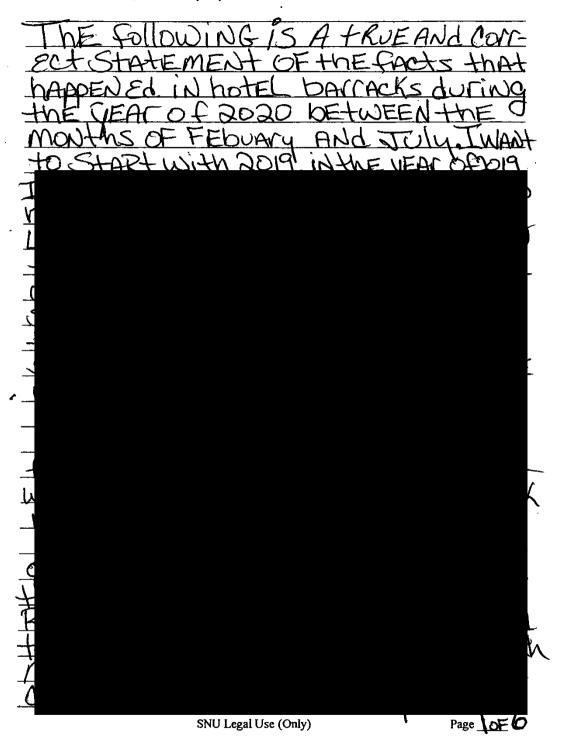
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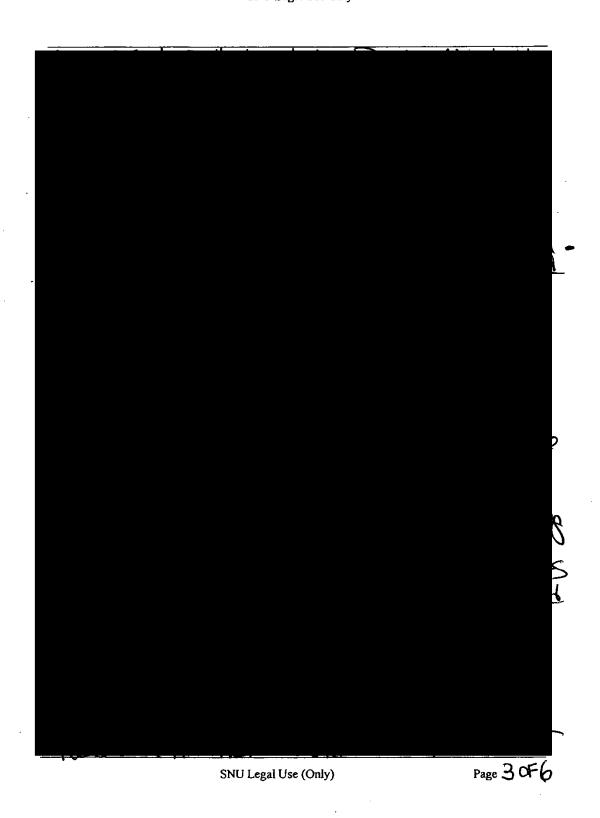
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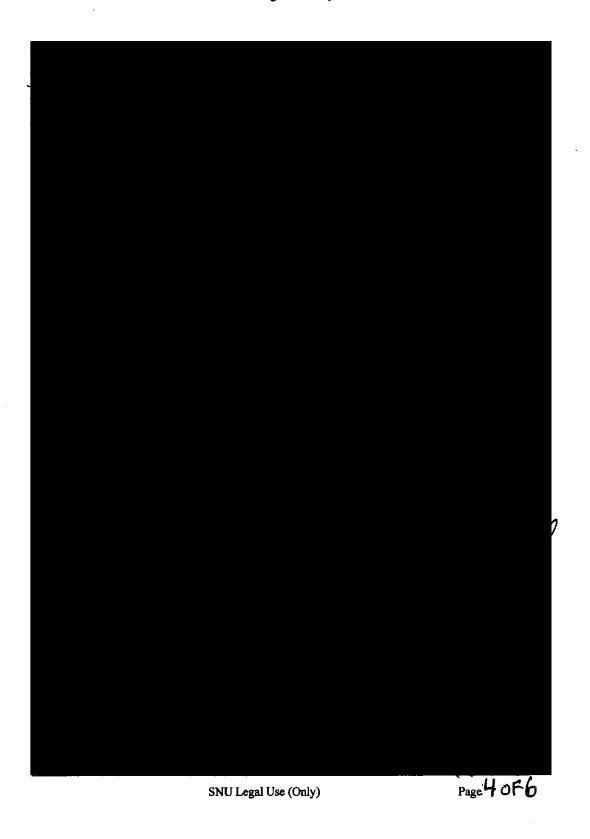




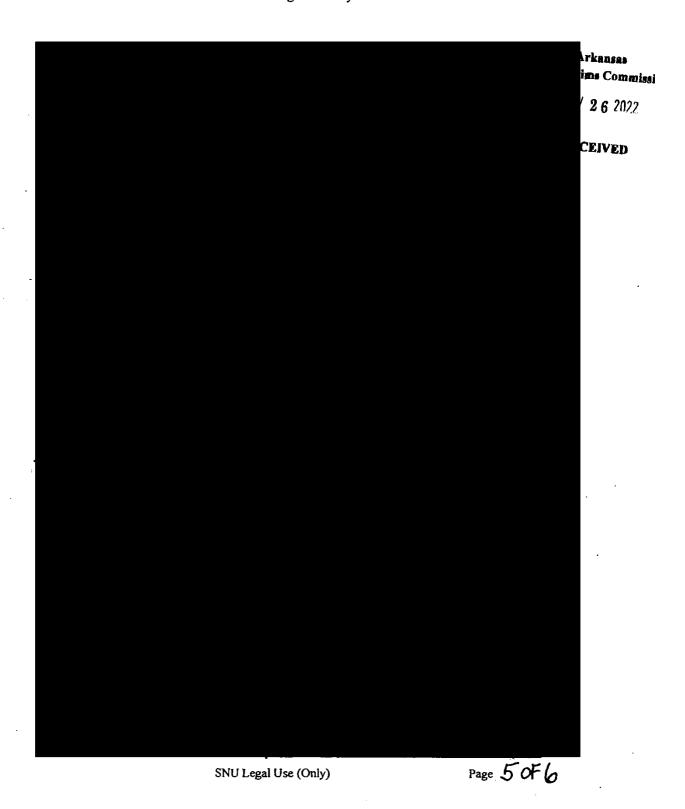
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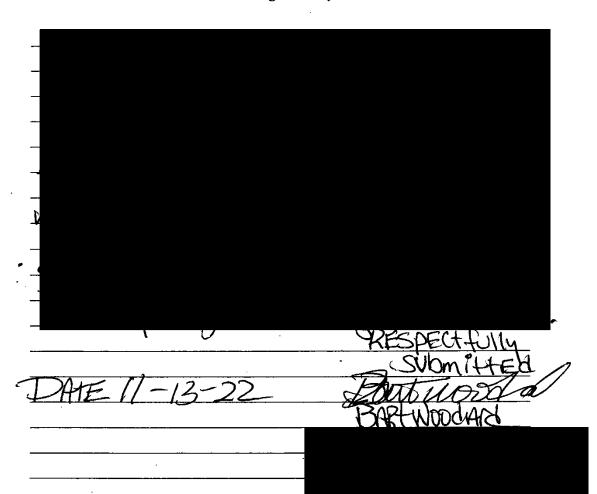


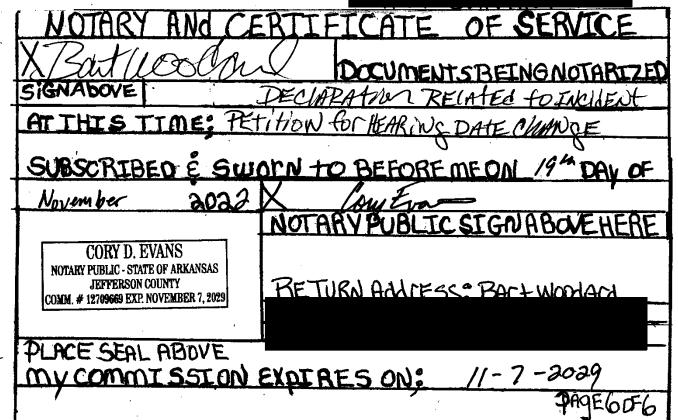
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To: Thomas Burns (DOC)

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC); ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169 Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 2:17:00 PM

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Thomas:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

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Misty Scott **Arkansas State Claims Commission** December 21, 2022

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns:

Enclosed please find an Order entered on December 15, 2022, by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: msscott

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Claims Commission") is a motion filed by the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent") to dismiss the claim of Bart Woodard (the "Claimant"). Based upon a review of the motion, the arguments made therein, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission hereby finds as follows:

- 1. Claimant filed his claim on April 8, 2022, seeking \$12,500.00 in damages related to Respondent's alleged omissions that resulted in another inmate from February 2020 to July 2020.
- 2. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss pursuant to Ark. R. Civ. Proc. 12(b)(6), arguing, *inter alia*, that Claimant's grievance related to a motion and that he makes prison conditions, Eighth Amendment and § 1983 claims outside the jurisdiction of the Claims Commission.
- 3. Claimant responded, disagreeing that dismissal was proper and arguing, *inter alia*, that he was due to Respondent's failure to properly train, supervise and enforce barracks rules.
- 4. In reviewing Respondent's motion to dismiss, the Claims Commission must treat the facts alleged in the complaint as true and view them in a light most favorable to the Claimant. *See Hodges v. Lamora*, 337 Ark. 470, 989 S.W.2d 530 (1999). All reasonable inferences must be resolved in favor of the Claimant, and the complaint must be liberally construed. *See id.* However,

the Claimant must allege facts, not mere conclusions. *Dockery v. Morgan*, 2011 Ark. 94 at *6, 380 S.W.3d 377, 382. The facts alleged in the complaint will be treated as true, but not "a plaintiff's theories, speculation, or statutory interpretation." *See id.* (citing *Hodges*, 337 Ark. 470, 989 S.W.2d 530 (1999)).

- 5. The Claims Commission elects to exclude the evidence attached to Respondent's motion for purposes of considering this motion to dismiss. *See* Ark. R. Civ. P. 12(b). This exclusion relates only to this motion to dismiss. Respondent is free to use these documents as permitted by all applicable rules of practice and procedure and to file a motion for summary judgment once discovery is completed.
 - 6. The Claims Commission finds that dismissal of Claimant's claim is premature.
- 7. Respondent's motion to dismiss is DENIED, and the parties are instructed to conduct discovery.
- 8. Respondent is free to file a separate motion briefing the jurisdictional issues referenced in its motion to dismiss and providing citations to applicable case law and statutes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
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DATE: <u>December 15, 2022</u>

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Notice(s) which may apply to your claim

- (1) A party has forty (40) days from the date of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the date of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Claims Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(3).
- (2) If a Claimant is awarded less than \$15,000.00 by the Claims Commission at hearing, that claim is held forty (40) days from the date of disposition before payment will be processed. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a). Note: This does not apply to agency admissions of liability and negotiated settlement agreements.
- (3) Awards or negotiated settlement agreements of \$15,000.00 or more are referred to the General Assembly for approval and authorization to pay. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

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August 31, 2022

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction Claim No. 221169

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Sincerely,

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ES: kmirby

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RESPONDENTS REPLY'S

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC 1

V. NO. 221170

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

COMES NOW, The Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their responses, state:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Claimant request the documents that are referred to in the Claims Commission Order issued on August 10, 2022 on page 2 of that Order and #6 bullet the evidence that was excluded by the Commission which was stated "attached" to Respondents Motion to Dismiss Claimant's Claim, the Claims Commission states that the Respondent may reintroduce this attached evidence after discovery this claimant has included all evidence ie exhibits to Respondent, the Respond is hereby requested to produce those document referred to in order was described within this #1 request.

RESPONSE: Claimant was previously provided a copy of the evidence attached to the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Request for electronically stored information from eOMIS related the Claimant from January 26 (the day before the legal mail arrived) thru February 26th that is 1 month only and Claimant is only requesting information from eOMIS related confiscation form entered and any destroyed form's for that same time frame.

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: Request for any further designated documents or electronically stored information including writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, video images, and/or other data or data compilations stored in any medium from which information can be obtained, and if necessary via subpoena.

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery.

DATED:

October 31, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006)
Legal Department
Division of Correction
6814 Princeton Pike
Pine Bluff, AR 71602
(870) 267-6845 Office
(870) 267-6373 Facsimile
thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 31st day of October, 2022, on the Claimant via email, to:

Bart Woodard

Thomas Burns

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMPEL AND PROVIDE MOTION TO DISMISS

Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its reply, states:

- 1. The ADC denies each and every allegation contained in the Inmate's motion unless specifically admitted herein.
- 2. The inmate has not complied with the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, Specifically Rule 10(b): *Paragraphs: Separate Statements*. All averments of claim or defense shall be made in numbered paragraphs, the contents of each of which shall be limited as far as practicable to a statement of a single set of circumstances; and a paragraph may be referred to by number in all succeeding pleadings.
- 3. Rule 11(b)(1)-(4) states in part: *Certificate*. The signature of an attorney or party constitutes a certificate by the signatory that to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances:(1) the pleading, motion, or other paper is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;(2) the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law;(3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support;(4) the denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or, if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on belief or a lack of information;

- 4. The inmate is making false and misleading statements that violate Rule 11..
- 5. The inmate claims that the ADC did not send him copies of the Motion to Dismiss with attachments in this case as well as case number 221170.
- 6. There seems to be some issue there. In the instant case the inmate filed a 35 page response to the ADC's motion to dismiss on or about June 6, 2022.
- 7. In that response the inmate attached as an exhibit the ADC motion to dismiss and attachments.
- 8. In claim 221170 the inmate filed a 65 page response to the ADC's motion to dismiss on or about June 11, 2022.
- 9. In that response the inmate attached as an exhibit the ADC motion to dismiss and attachments.
- 10. The Inmate is held to the same standard as an attorney if he elects to proceed Pro Se. Pro Se parties are not given special treatment and are held to the same standard as a licensed attorney. Pressler v. Ark. Publ. Serv. Comm'n, 2011 Ark. App. 512, at 9, 385 S.W.3d 349, 355 (citing Elder v. Mark Ford & Assocs., 103 Ark. App. 302, 288 S.W.3d 702 (2008)). The Claims Commission notes that under Arkansas law, a claimant choosing to represent himself is held to the same standard as an attorney. Michael Pickens v ADC claim 190793 (ASCC 2019).
- 11. The Inmate continues to abuse the process and his claim(s) should be dismissed with prejudice.
- 12. All of the inmate pleadings are nothing but designed to harass, intimidate, and frustrate the ADC and this Commission.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that this Motion to Compel be denied; that his claim be dismissed with prejudice; for their attorney's fees and costs; and all other just and proper relief to which they may be entitled.

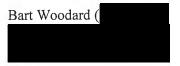
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From: <u>Misty Scott</u> on behalf of <u>ASCC Pleadings</u>

To: Thomas Burns (DOC)

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC); ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: CORR: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim Nos. 221169 and 221170

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:33:00 AM
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Thomas:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 410 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

February 22, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Department of Correction

Claim Nos. 221169 & 221170

Dear Mr. Woodard,

The Claims Commission received correspondence from you on December 9, 2022, in which you request a filing history for Claim No. 221170 and file-marked copies of your two most recent filings in that claim. The Claims Commission is in receipt of your correspondence dated January 1, 2023, in which you request a copy of ADC's motions to dismiss, along with the related exhibits, filed in Claim Nos. 221169 & 221170. The Claims Commission is also in receipt of your correspondence dated January 23, 2023, in which you request file-marked copies of your "reply to the ADC's response Claimant's to motion to compel and provided motion to dismiss[,]" interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission in Claim No. 221169.

Enclosed please find the file-marked copies of your "reply to the ADC's response Claimant's to motion to compel and provided motion to dismiss[,]" interrogatories, requests for production of documents and requests for admission filed in Claim No. 221169. Also enclosed are the ADC's motion to dismiss and your filings our office received on November 5, 2022, November 17, 2022, and November 18, 2022, in Claim No. 221170, along with the filing history for Claim No. 221170.

The Claims Commission notes that the exhibit to the ADC's motion to dismiss filed in Claim No. 21169 is marked "Submitted in camera[...]" As such, I am enclosing a copy of the motion to dismiss without the exhibit. The Claims Commission will set a hearing on your request for the exhibit to the motion. You will receive a letter with details about this hearing soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: mtucker

cc: Thomas Burns, counsel for Respondent (via email, without enclosures)

From: <u>Kathryn Irby</u>

To: <u>Thomas Burns (DOC)</u>; <u>Leslie Suggs</u>

Cc: <u>Mika Tucker</u>

Subject: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:42:00 PM

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Thomas, please see attached hearing letter.

Kathryn

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 410 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

February 27, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC 1

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

The Claims Commission has scheduled a hearing on **Thursday, May 18, 2023**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., regarding Mr. Woodard's request for documents submitted by ADC. All parties will attend via Zoom. The Zoom invitation is enclosed, and the Claims Commission asks that Mr. Burns provide the Zoom invitation to Mr. Woodard's unit.

No prehearing materials are requested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: kmirby

The Claims Commission invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Claims Commission -- hearings

Time: May 18, 2023 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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To: Thomas Burns (DOC)

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC); ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 4:15:00 PM

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Thomas:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott Arkansas State Claims Commission May 30, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns:

Enclosed please find an Order entered today by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC CLAIMANT

V. CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Claims Commission") is the claim of Bart Woodard (the "Claimant") against the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent"). At the hearing held on May 18, 2023, Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent and advised the Claims Commission that an incident had occurred in Claimant's unit such that Claimant was unable to attend the hearing. As such, the Claims Commission will reschedule the hearing on Claimant's request for documents marked by Respondent as submitted in camera.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DATE: May 30, 2023

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Notice(s) which may apply to your claim

- (1) A party has forty (40) days from the date of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the date of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Claims Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(3).
- (2) If a Claimant is awarded less than \$15,000.00 by the Claims Commission at hearing, that claim is held forty (40) days from the date of disposition before payment will be processed. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a). Note: This does not apply to agency admissions of liability and negotiated settlement agreements.
- (3) Awards or negotiated settlement agreements of \$15,000.00 or more are referred to the General Assembly for approval and authorization to pay. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).

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Response to default motion



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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

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NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its reply, states:

- 1. The ADC denies each and every allegation contained in the Inmate's motion unless specifically admitted herein.
- 2. The inmate has violated Arkansas Civil Procedure Rule 10(b): Paragraphs; Separate Statements. All averments of claim or defense shall be made in numbered paragraphs, the contents of each of which shall be limited as far as practicable to a statement of a single set of circumstances; and a paragraph may be referred to by number in Each claim founded upon a separate transaction or occurrence and all succeeding pleadings.
- 3. The ADC answered this complaint on or about April 28, 2022, making a default inappropriate.
- 4. The inmate continually abuses this process by filing baseless and incoherent motions that are intended to abuse and harass the ADC.
- 5. The ADC asks that this inmates complaint be dismissed for his continued abuse of the process.
- 6. The Inmate is held to the same standard as an attorney if he elects to proceed Pro Se. The Inmate continues to abuse the process and his claim should be dismissed with prejudice.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that this Motion for Default be denied; that his claim be dismissed with prejudice; for their attorney's fees and costs; and all other just and proper relief to which they may be entitled.

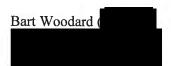
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006)
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thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

Thomas Burns

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 14th day of June 2023, on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:



From: Thomas Burns (DOC) To: **ASCC Pleadings** Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC) Subject: Bart Woodard v ADC 221169

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Response to motion to prevent delay



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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

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NO. 221169

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RESPONDENT

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- 3. The inmate continually abuses this process by filing baseless and incoherent motions that are intended to abuse and harass the ADC.
- 4. The inmates blatant lie that the ADC did not advise the Unit of the hearing is out and out abuse of the process. Notice was given to the Unit, specifically of this inmate, on May 3, 2023. See attached Ex A.
- 5. The ADC asks that this inmate's complaint be dismissed for his continued abuse of the process.
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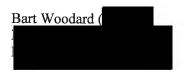
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 14th day of June 2023, on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:



Thomas Burns (DOC)

From: Leslie Browning (DOC)

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 10:48 AM

To: Thomas Burns (DOC)

Subject: FW: Arkansas State Claims Commission -- May 2023 hearing information

Attachments: 5-2023 Pre-Hearing Memo.pdf; May 2023 docket.pdf



LESLIE BROWNING LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION OF CORRECTION

Arkansas Department of Corrections 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602 Phone: (870) 267-6844 (Office) Leslie. Browning@arkansas.gov

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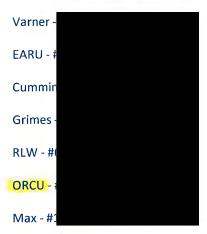
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Cc: Thomas Burns (DOC) < Thomas. Burns@arkansas.gov>

Subject: FW: Arkansas State Claims Commission -- May 2023 hearing information

Please find attached the May 2023 docket for the hearings scheduled on May 18, 2023. Please ensure the inmate appears at the hearing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Leslie Browning

Arkansas Division of CorrectionCentral Office/Legal Division
6814 Princeton Pike

Pine Bluff, AR 71602 Legal Support Specialist Phone: 870-267-6844

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From: Kathryn Irby < Kathryn. Irby@arkansas.gov>

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Cc: Mika Tucker < Mika. Tucker@arkansas.gov>

Subject: Arkansas State Claims Commission -- May 2023 hearing information

Attached please find information relating to the Claims Commission's May 2023 hearings. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Kathryn Irby

Kathryn Irby Arkansas State Claims Commission 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (501) 682-2822

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From: <u>Kathryn Irby</u>

To: <u>Thomas Burns (DOC)</u>

Cc: <u>Leslie Browning (DOC)</u>; <u>Mika Tucker</u>

Subject: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:01:00 PM

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Thomas, please see attached.

Thanks, Kathryn

Arkansas State Claims Commission

101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (501) 682-1619

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

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August 8, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

The Claims Commission has scheduled a hearing on Claimant's request for documents, as well as all pending motions, for **Friday, September 22, 2023**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parties will attend via Zoom. The Zoom invitation is enclosed.

As this is a motion hearing, no prehearing materials are requested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: kmirby

The Claims Commission is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Claims Commission -- hearings

Time: Sep 22, 2023 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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From: Mika Tucker

To: Thomas Burns (DOC); Kathryn Irby

Cc: <u>Leslie Browning (DOC)</u>

Subject: RE: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:08:00 PM

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Hi, Thomas.

The attached letter explains the request for documents referenced in Kathryn's hearing letter.

Thanks, Mika

Mika Tucker

Arkansas State Claims Commission

101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (501) 682-2818

From: Thomas Burns (DOC) < Thomas. Burns@arkansas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Kathryn Irby <Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov>

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC) <Leslie.Browning@arkansas.gov>; Mika Tucker

<Mika.Tucker@arkansas.gov>

Subject: RE: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

We do not have a request for documents from this inmate.

-TB

Legal Services Unit Arkansas Department of Corrections Division of Correction 870 267-6845-telephone

From: Kathryn Irby < <u>Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2:01 PM

To: Thomas Burns (DOC) < <u>Thomas.Burns@arkansas.gov</u>>

Cc: Leslie Browning (DOC) < <u>Leslie.Browning@arkansas.gov</u>>; Mika Tucker

<Mika.Tucker@arkansas.gov>

Subject: HEARING SCHEDULED: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Thomas, please see attached.

Thanks, Kathryn

Arkansas State Claims Commission

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KATHRYN IRBY DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 410 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

February 22, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Department of Correction

Claim Nos. 221169 & 221170

Dear Mr. Woodard,

The Claims Commission received correspondence from you on December 9, 2022, in which you request a filing history for Claim No. 221170 and file-marked copies of your two most recent filings in that claim. The Claims Commission is in receipt of your correspondence dated January 1, 2023, in which you request a copy of ADC's motions to dismiss, along with the related exhibits, filed in Claim Nos. 221169 & 221170. The Claims Commission is also in receipt of your correspondence dated January 23, 2023, in which you request file-marked copies of your "reply to the ADC's response Claimant's to motion to compel and provided motion to dismiss[,]" interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission in Claim No. 221169.

Enclosed please find the file-marked copies of your "reply to the ADC's response Claimant's to motion to compel and provided motion to dismiss[,]" interrogatories, requests for production of documents and requests for admission filed in Claim No. 221169. Also enclosed are the ADC's motion to dismiss and your filings our office received on November 5, 2022, November 17, 2022, and November 18, 2022, in Claim No. 221170, along with the filing history for Claim No. 221170.

The Claims Commission notes that the exhibit to the ADC's motion to dismiss filed in Claim No. 21169 is marked "Submitted in camera[...]" As such, I am enclosing a copy of the motion to dismiss without the exhibit. The Claims Commission will set a hearing on your request for the exhibit to the motion. You will receive a letter with details about this hearing soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: mtucker

cc: Thomas Burns, counsel for Respondent (via email, without enclosures)

From: Thomas Burns (DOC)

To: <u>Kathryn Taylor (DOC)</u>; <u>Everett Litzsey (DOC)</u>
Cc: <u>Mika Tucker</u>; Thomas Burns (DOC)

Subject: Bart Woodard (119498) v ADC Claim 221169

Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 9:36:38 AM

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Miss Kathryn and Maj. Litzsey:

This inmate has a hearing set for September 22, 2023 to begin at 0900. Attached please find the hearing notion and the Zoom instructions. Please have the inmate ready to go by 0900.

Thank you,

-TB



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From: Thomas Burns (DOC)
To: Moses Jackson (DOC)

Cc: <u>Geneva Jones (DOC)</u>; <u>Tyrone Allison (DOC)</u>; <u>ASCC Pleadings</u>; <u>Mika Tucker</u>

Subject: Claims Commission Hearing 9/22/2023

Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 8:18:12 AM

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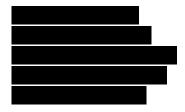
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The following inmates have hearing beginning at 9am on Friday. Please have online and ready by 9am. I have attached the notices and zoom instructions (all the zoom will be the same.)



Thank you,

-TB



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From: Thomas Burns (DOC) **ASCC Pleadings** To:

Subject: Bart Woodard v ADC 221169 Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:01:56 PM

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Motion to strike and sanction

Thank you,

-TB



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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

 \mathbf{v}

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

MOTION TO STRIKE PLEADING and SANCTIONS

Comes now the Respondent, ADC, by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their Motions, states:

- 1. The Inmate has allegedly filed a Motion for Default Judgment in this matter or one of the two others matters he has pending, there is not claim number associated.
- 2. The inmate mailed a letter to the ADC on or about September 26, 2023. That letter states he filed a motion, but no motion was attached. *See attached Ex A*
- 3. The letter is wholly unacceptable and violated the Rule of Civil Procedure on ex parte communications. This tactic of not sending the ADC a copy of a pleading is an attempt to get the ADC to default. Such tactics are unacceptable in civil and just system.
- 4. The inmate continues to engage in ex parte communication thereby prejudicing the ADC.
- 5. The inmate has been warned by the Claims Commission in an order of April 20, 2023 that he must include a certificate of service and serve the pleading as set forth in the certificate. *See attached Ex B*.
- 6. The inmate in this matter has not been forthcoming with the Commission or the ADC and is not acting in good faith with the parties involved.

- 7. The inmate has unjustly prejudiced the ADC by attempting to get the ADC to default and get the outcome the inmate perceives he deserves.
- 8. The ADC requests that the inmate's pleadings be stricken as void, ab initio, and that the Inmate's claim(s) be dismissed.
 - 9. The Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure state:

Upon motion made by a party before responding to a pleading . . . the court may order stricken from any pleading any insufficient defense or any redundant, immaterial, impertinent or scandalous matter.

Ark. R. Civ. P. 12(f).

As the Commission well knows, the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure require that:

A party shall state in ordinary and concise language his defenses to each claim asserted and shall admit or deny the averments upon which the adverse party relies. If he is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of an averment, he shall so state and this has the effect of a denial. Denials shall fairly meet the substance of the averments denied. When a pleader intends in good faith to deny only a part or a qualification of an averment, he shall specify so much of it as is true and material and shall deny only the remainder. Unless the pleader intends in good faith to controvert all the averments of the claim, he may make his denials as specific denials of designated averments or paragraphs, or he may generally deny all the averments, except such designated averments or paragraphs as he expressly admits, provided that he may admit any part thereof and deny the remainder. When the pleader intends in good faith to controvert all averments, including averments of the grounds upon which the court's jurisdiction depends, he may do so by general denial subject to the obligations set forth in Rule 11.

10. Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure 5(3)(e) states:

Proof of Service. Every pleading, paper or other document required by this rule to be served upon a party or his attorney, shall contain a statement by the party or attorney filing same that a copy thereof has been served in accordance with this rule, stating therein the date and method of service and, if by mail, the name and address of each person served.

11. The Commission should strike the inmate's pleadings in their entirety and dismissal should stand.

- 12. Should the pleading not be stricken then the ADC should have time to investigate and respond appropriately.
- 13. A continuance should be granted if the Commission does not strike and uphold the dismissal since the ADC has been unduly prejudiced by the inmate complete lack of candor toward this tribunal.
- 14. This Commission may impose sanctions upon the inmate for failure to follow the rules. The ADC asks that the inmates pleadings be stricken and the matter of the dismissal upheld.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the responses be stricken, and sanctions; for their attorney's fees and costs; and for all other just and proper relief to which they may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006)
Legal Services Unit
Division of Correction
6814 Princeton Pike
Pine Bluff, AR 71602
(870) 267-6845 Office
(870) 267-6373 Facsimile
thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the above pleading has been served this 3rd day of October 2023, on the below Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:

Thomas Burns

Bart Woodard (ADC

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221170

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

<u>ORDER</u>

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Claims Commission") is the motion filed by the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent") seeking to deem admitted its requests for admission propounded to Bart Woodard (the "Claimant"). Also pending are Respondent's motion for sanctions and motion to strike, as well as Claimant's motion for default judgment. Based upon a review of the motions, the arguments made therein, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission hereby finds as follows:

- 1. Claimant filed his original claim on April 7, 2022, seeking \$12,500.00 in damages related to the loss of a CD that contained discovery from his lawyer.
- 2. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss, and Claimant filed a motion for summary judgment. Both motions were denied by the Claims Commission on August 10, 2022. As part of that order, the parties were instructed to begin discovery.
 - 3. Respondent sent requests for admission to Claimant on August 26, 2022.
- Claimant filed responses to Respondent's requests for admission on September 19,
 2022.
- 5. Respondent then filed the instant motion for sanctions, arguing, *inter alia*, that Claimant never served Respondent with his motion for summary judgment and other correspondence. Respondent argued that, due to the failure of Claimant to follow the rules of civil

procedure, Respondent "was prejudiced by not being allowed to respond and refute [Claimant's] averments and documents."

- 6. Claimant responded to Respondent's motion for sanctions, arguing, *inter alia*, that Respondent was not prejudiced by not receiving the documents.
- 7. Claimant filed corrected responses to Respondent's requests for admission on October 21, 2022.
- 8. Respondent then filed the instant motion to strike and to deem admitted, arguing that both sets of Claimant's responses to its requests for admission failed to respond in the manner directed by Ark. R. Civ. Proc. 36(a) and failed to include a certificate of service.
- 9. Claimant responded to Respondent's motion to strike and to deem admitted, arguing, *inter alia*, that his responses reached Respondent.
- 10. With respect to the motion to deem admitted, Ark. R. Civ. Proc. 36(a) provides, in pertinent part, that:
 - . . . Each matter of which an admission is requested shall be separately set forth. The matter is admitted unless, within 30 days after service of the request, the party to whom the request is directed serves upon the party requesting the admission a written answer or objection addressed to the matter, signed by the party or by his attorney. . . . If objection is made, the reasons therefore shall be stated. The party answering requests for admissions shall repeat each request immediately before the answer or objection. The answer shall specifically admit or deny the matter or set forth in detail the reasons why the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter. A denial shall fairly meet the substance of the requested admission, and when good faith requires that a party qualify his answer or deny only a part of the matter of which an admission is requested, he shall specify so much of it as is true and qualify or deny the remainder. An answering party may not give lack of information or knowledge as a reason for failure to admit or deny unless he states that he has made reasonable inquiry and that the information known or readily obtainable by him is insufficient to enable him to admit or deny. A party who considers that a matter of which an admission has been requested presents a genuine issue for

trial may not, on that ground alone, object to the request; he may, subject to the provisions of Rule 37(c), deny the matter or set forth reasons why he cannot admit or deny it.

The party who has requested the admissions may move to determine the sufficiency of the answers or objections. Unless the court determines that an objection is justified, it shall order that an answer be served. If the court determines that an answer does not comply with the requirements of this rule, it may order either that the matter is admitted or that an amended answer be served.

(emphasis added).

- 11. The Claims Commission finds that by not admitting, denying, or objecting to the requests, Claimant did not adhere to the requirements set forth in Ark. R. Civ. Proc. 36(a). The Claims Commission will give Claimant twenty (20) days from the date this Order to file amended responses pursuant to Ark. R. Civ. Proc. 36(a). Failure to submit properly amended responses within twenty (20) days will result in the granting of Respondent's motion.
- 12. The Claims Commission DENIES the motion to strike as Respondent received both sets of responses to its requests for admission.
- 13. With respect to Respondent's motion for sanctions, the Claims Commission finds that Respondent has not been prejudiced by Claimant's failure to serve Respondent with correspondence and motion for summary judgment. Therefore, Respondent's motion for sanctions is DENIED.
- 14. The Claims Commission cautions Claimant that any subsequent pleading must contain a certificate of service and must be served as set forth in that certificate. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Claims Commission striking the pleading.
- 15. The Claims Commission notes that Claimant submitted a motion for default judgment on November 5, 2022, arguing that Respondent did not respond to Claimant's discovery requests. Claimant requested that the motion not be filed until November 25, 2022, in anticipation

of Respondent failing to respond to a November 2, 2022, letter from Claimant giving Respondent 21 days to respond to discovery. The Claims Commission will not accept conditional motions for future filing such as this and notes that this motion is mooted by Respondent filing responses to Claimant's discovery on November 1, 2022. As such, Claimant's motion for default judgment is DENIED.

16. Any other pending motions are denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Henry Kinslow

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Paul Morris, Chair

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Sylvester Smith

DATE: April 20, 2023

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Notice(s) which may apply to your claim

- (1) A party has forty (40) days from the date of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the date of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Claims Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(3).
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From: Misty Scott on behalf of ASCC Pleadings

To: Thomas Burns (DOC) Cc: ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 3:47:00 PM

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Thomas:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott **Arkansas State Claims Commission** October 23, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns:

Enclosed please find an Order entered on October 20, 2023, by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Commission") is the request of Bart Woodard (the "Claimant") for an exhibit filed by the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent") that was marked "Submitted in camera: DO NOT RELEASE TO INMATE[.]" At the hearing held on September 22, 2023, Claimant appeared *pro se*, and Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent.

At the beginning of the hearing, the chair commissioner noted that Respondent submitted a motion to dismiss with an exhibit marked to be reviewed *in camera*, that the motion had been denied and that the Commission had not viewed or considered the exhibit when ruling on the motion to dismiss. The chair commissioner noted that Claimant had requested a copy of the motion to dismiss and the exhibit from the Commission. Respondent argued that Claimant could not have a copy of the exhibit that was marked for *in camera* review but agreed that Claimant could view the exhibit during the hearing.

Claimant viewed the exhibit during the hearing. Claimant stated that the exhibit contained documents he already had and indicated that he had not previously understood what documents had not been disclosed to him. The chair commissioner instructed Respondent that, if Respondent used these documents in future filings, Respondent should make it clear that the materials were those viewed by Claimant during the hearing.

Upon a question from a commissioner, Claimant agreed that his pending "petition for default judgment requested" and "motion to prevent further delay..." were moot. Claimant stated that no further discovery is needed and that he believed his claim was ready to be set for hearing.

As such, Claimant's request for exhibits to the motion to dismiss, "petition for default judgment requested" and "motion to prevent further delay..." are DENIED as moot. The Commission will set this claim for hearing as soon as practicable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Courtney Baird

Paul Morris

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Paul Morris, Chair

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Sylvester Smith

DATE: October 20, 2023

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From: Misty Scott on behalf of ASCC Pleadings

To: Thomas Burns (DOC) Cc: ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169 Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 1:43:47 PM

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Thomas:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott Arkansas State Claims Commission November 8, 2023

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

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Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

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Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

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BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Commission") is the motion filed by the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent") to strike a filing by Bart Woodard (the "Claimant"). Based upon a review of the motions, the arguments made therein, and the law of Arkansas, the Commission hereby finds as follows:

- 1. Claimant filed his claim on April 8, 2022, seeking \$12,500.00 in damages related to Respondent's alleged omissions that resulted in another from February 2020 to July 2020.
- 2. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss pursuant to Ark. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), which was denied by the Commission on December 15, 2022.
- 3. Claimant filed a petition for a default judgment on May 27, 2023. Respondent filed a response to this filing on June 14, 2023.
- 4. A hearing on Claimant's request for an exhibit marked by Respondent as submitted *in camera* was held on September 22, 2023. During this hearing, Claimant agreed that his petition for default judgment was moot. The Commission denied the petition as moot in its October 20, 2023, order.
- 5. After the September 23, 2023, hearing, but prior to the entry of the October 20, 2023, order, Respondent filed the instant motion to strike related to correspondence Claimant sent the Commission dated September 26, 2023. Claimant's correspondence references the filing of a

motion for default judgment, but the correspondence does not identify a claim number. Respondent argues, *inter alia*, that Claimant failed to send a copy of a motion for default judgment and that Claimant has other pending claims.

- 6. Claimant did not respond to the motion to strike.
- 7. The Commission notes that Claimant's May 27, 2023, petition for default judgment in this claim was denied on October 20, 2023, and that there is no record of Claimant filing any other motion for default judgment in this claim. As such, Respondent's motion to strike is DENIED as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Courtney Baird

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Henry Kinslow

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Paul Morris, Chair

DATE: November 8, 2023

Paul Morris

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To: ASCC New Claims
Subject: Status of cases

Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 5:41:37 PM

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Hello,

I am attempting to determine the current status of two cases. These are by my brother, Bart Wayne Woodard. His ADC number is at Ouachita River unit. The case numbers are:

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Thank you very much for your help, Rebecca Woodard

From: ASCC Pleadings
To: Rebecca Woodard
Subject: RE: Status of cases

Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 1:37:00 PM

Hello, Ms. Woodard.

Claim No. 221169 will be set for hearing as soon as practicable. There are motions currently pending in Claim No. 221170. The Commission will make a ruling as soon as possible, and Mr. Woodard will receive a copy of an order by U.S. Mail.

Thank you,

Mika Tucker Arkansas State Claims Commission 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (501) 682-2818

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Thank you very much for your help, Rebecca Woodard From: <u>Mika Tucker</u>

To: <u>Thomas Burns (DOC)</u>

Subject:HEARING: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169Date:Monday, February 12, 2024 9:24:00 AM

Attachments: Woodard v. ADC 22110 Caring in (claim) 4-12-pdf

Hi, Thomas.

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thanks, Mika

Mika Tucker Arkansas State Claims Commission 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (501) 682-2818

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101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 410 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

February 12, 2024

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

The Claims Commission has scheduled this claim for hearing on **Friday**, **April 12**, **2024**, beginning at 8:45 a.m. All parties will attend via Zoom. The Zoom invitation is enclosed. The Claims Commission requests that Mr. Burns transmit the Zoom invitation and hearing details to Claimant's unit.

Each party's witness lists, exhibit lists, and exhibits are due by March 1, 2024. If the parties would like for the Claims Commission to review prehearing briefs, the briefs are due at the same time.

If Claimant would like to call other inmates or ADC employees as witnesses, Claimant will need to submit subpoena requests by March 1, 2024. The subpoena requests must include the witnesses' names and addresses. If ADC objects to issuance of any subpoena, ADC will have until March 8, 2024, to file a motion to quash or detailed objections to the witness's proposed testimony. If the Commission issues subpoenas to ADC's current employees or inmates currently housed with ADC, the Commission asks ADC to make these individuals available for the Zoom hearing.

If Claimant would like to call a witness outside of ADC, Claimant will need to arrange for that witness's virtual attendance at the hearing. Claimant can direct the witness to contact the Claims Commission for the Zoom invitation. If a subpoena will be necessary to compel a witness's

testimony, Claimant will need to submit a subpoena request by March 1, 2024. The subpoena request must include the witness's name and address. Once the Claims Commission issues the subpoena, Claimant will need to have the subpoena served upon the witness pursuant to Rule 45 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

If Respondent will require subpoenas in order to compel the testimony of any of its witnesses, those subpoena requests are also due on March 1, 2024.

Absent good cause shown, any subpoena requests received after March 1, 2024, will be denied.

To the extent that either party intends to file a motion of any kind, absent a showing of good cause, the motion must be submitted in sufficient time to allow the motion to be fully briefed by March 1, 2024.

Please note that a copy of any subpoena requests, witness lists, exhibit lists, and exhibits must be served upon the opposing party via U.S. Mail in accordance with the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: mtucker

Kathryn Irby -- Claims Commission is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Commission hearings

Time: Apr 12, 2024 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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From: Mika Tucker

Thomas Burns (DOC) To:

Subject: CORR: Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169 Monday, February 26, 2024 12:51:00 PM

Woodard v. ADS 221107 or prenearing deadlines.pdf Date:

Attachments:

Hi, Thomas.

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thanks,

Mika

February 26, 2024

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

Counsel for Respondent has notified the Commission of medical circumstances that could prevent Respondent from meeting the deadline set forth in the hearing letter for witness lists, exhibit lists, exhibits and prehearing briefs. As such the Commission extends the deadline for these materials until March 8, 2024, for both parties.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: mtucker

From: Thomas Burns (DOC)
To: ASCC Pleadings

Subject: Bart Woodard v ADC 221169

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Witness and Exhibit list

Thank you,

-TB



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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD CLAIMANT

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NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT WITNESS and EXHIBIT LIST

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its Motion, states:

Witness List

- 1. Claimant
- 2. Any Witnesses of the Claimant.
- 3. Amanda Pasley
- 4. Adam Seeley
- 5. Maurice Culclager
- 6. Jimmy Coleman
- 7. Derwin Metcalf

Exhibit List

- 8. Incident report summary
- 9. Memo from Jimmy Coleman to Maurice Culclager
- 10.
- 11. Major Disciplinary violation (Woodard)
- 12. Restrictive housing placement (Woodard)

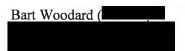
- 13. Condensed health service encounter (Woodard)¹
- 14. Form 005 in relation to the incident
- 15. ADC Interrogatory and request for production to Inmate
- 16.
- 17. AD 2019-34 Grievance policy
- 18. Four (4) videos to be shown of the incident

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006)
Legal Division
Division of Corrections
6814 Princeton Pike
Pine Bluff, AR 71602
(870) 267-6845 Telephone
thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the above pleading has been served this 1st day of March 2024, on the below Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:



Thomas Burns

¹ Pursuant to ADC policy 1164.00 and 1166.00 Inmates are not allowed to have medical records. If the inmate would like to review his medical records he may do so by filing an Inmate Request form with the Warden.

IRTS020C - Incident Report Summary

Name: Woodard, Bart W.

Begin Time: 06:00:00 PM

PID #:

IRTS020C

Incident Report Summary

Friday May 20, 2022 09:32:42 AM

Report Number: 2020-06-183

Unit: Facility:

Zone: Zone 4

Location of Incident: H - HOTEL

Incident Date: 06/23/2020

Summary Prepared by Staff: Edwards, Denise A

Housing Area/Bed:

Incident Category: Investigation (CSO)

Shift: Shift A

Incident Type:

Force Used: No

Send DOC Incident Notification: No Suspected Felony Committed: No Drug Related: No

Gang Related: No

Unit Report Number:

Injuries: None

IAD #:

Status: Closed

As of Date: 08/10/2020

Incident Summary*



Date: 07/2/20 --- Time: 03:51:46 PM --- User: M. Culclager (CMD1)

Evidence Retained

None

Employee(s) Involved (1 - 2 of 2)

Involvement	Staff Name	Work Assignment	Shift	Charging Staff
Witness	Edwards, Denise A	Lieutenant	Α	Yes
Witness	Seeley, Adam V	Lieutenant	Α	Yes

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08/07/2020	03:57:35 PM	Closed	Oliver, Lisa A	IA-20-1036R Closed 08/07/2020 Sustained
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07/07/2020	09:20:48 PM	Referred to Internal Affairs	Earl, Deangelo M	
07/06/2020	03:08:39 PM	Referred to Warden	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 07/6/20 Time: 03:08:57 PM User: M. Culclager (CMD1) Investigation completed and I concur with Lt. Seely and Major Coleman finding. The outcome of my decision was based on the information retrieved from the video footage.
07/02/2020	03:52:16 PM	Referred to CSO	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 07/2/20 Time: 03:52:36 PM User: M. Culclager (CMD1) Major I still have not received the packet with your cover letter. I know you have completed it already just have not received it.
07/01/2020	01:49:18 PM	Referred to Deputy/Assistant Warden	Coleman, Jimmy IV	incident reviewed and referred to you for your recommendation
06/30/2020	08:42:52 AM	Referred to CSO	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 06/30/20 Time: 08:43:12 AM User: M Culclager (CMD1) Major I have not seen this investigation. Please forward to my office for review.

5/20/22, 9:34 AM

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06/23/2020	08:11:14 PM	Referred to Warden	Edwards, Denise A	Date: 06/23/20 Time: 08:11:58 PM User: D. Edwards (WINDE01) Investigation was conducted and it was determined that the inmate provided a false witness statement. A major disciplinary was completed.

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Jimmy Coleman

Phone: 501-467-3400 Fax: 501-467-3430

To: Deputy Warden Culclager

From: Major Jimmy Coleman

RE: 2020-06-183 Date: 6-30-2020



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Therefore, I recommend that disciplinary action taken on both inmates and closed at the unit level. I will forward this to you for your recommendation.



Lieutenant Adam Seeley
Emergenev Preparedness Coordinator

To: Major Jimmy Coleman

From: LT Adam Seeley

Subject: Incident Report #2020-06-183

Date: 06/30/2020



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Any placement requires a finding that this inmate's continued presence in the general population poses a serious threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, or to the security of the Unit

To: Coleman, Jimmy IV From: Seeley, Adam V	
Date: 06/30/2020 Subject: Woodard, Bart A.D.C. for the following reason(s):	placed in restrictive housing on <u>06/30/2020</u> at <u>09:37:00 PM</u>
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Signature	Date

Note: If the inmate's placement in restrictive housing is approved, he/she shall appear before the Classification Committee for possible assignment within seven (7) days.

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To: Coleman, Jimmy IV From: Seeley, Adam V	
Date: 06/30/2020 Subject: Williams, Leroy A.D.C. Is/was placed	in restrictive housing on <u>06/30/2020</u> at <u>09:38:00 PM</u>
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SUBJECT: Reporting of Incidents 005; Use of Force -		10.02.07	-	
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OTHERS PRESENT/INVOLVED: (Specify)	(Names & Addresses)			
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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (

CLAIMANT

v

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION PROPOUNDED TO CLAIMANT

In accordance with Rules 33 and 34 of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant hereby requests the answers and responses to the following Interrogatories and Requests for Production. You are required to serve your answers and responses at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date upon which you receive a copy of these Interrogatories and Requests for Production.

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Please list all witness you may call in relation to this matter and a synopsis of their expected testimony.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Please attach a copy of any documents you plan to introduce in any hearing of this matter

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006) Division of Correction Legal Department

6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, AR 71602 (870) 267-6845 Office

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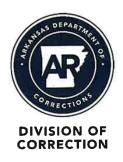
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 3rd day of February, 2023, on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:

Bart Woodard

Thomas Burns

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6814 Princeton Pike
Pine Bluff, AR 71611

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: Inmate Grievance Procedure

NUMBER: 19-34

SUPERSEDES: 19-20

APPLICABILITY: All employees and inmates

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REFERENCE: AR 835 - Grievance Procedure for Offenders

APPROVED: Original signed by Dexter Payne

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/2/2019

I. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Arkansas Division of Correction to provide inmates in its custody an administrative process for the resolution of complaints, problems and other issues.

II. EXPLANATION:

The grievance procedure is an administrative process for the submission and resolution of inmate problems and complaints. The process is designed to solve the problem at the lowest level, as promptly as feasible, and in a manner that is fair, reasonable, and consistent with the Division of Correction's mission.

The administrative process for the resolution of complaints and identification of problem areas is intended to supplement but not replace daily and routine communication between staff and inmates.

III. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>:

A. <u>Informal Resolution</u> – the first step consisting of a written complaint (Unit Level Grievance Form, Attachment I) by an inmate that is intended to allow staff the

- opportunity to resolve an issue on an informal basis, and to serve as a prerequisite to the second step, a formal grievance.
- B. <u>Grievance</u> the second (formal) step where a written complaint using the same form used for the Informal Resolution (Unit Level Grievance Form, Attachment I) is submitted by an inmate on the inmate's own behalf (an inmate cannot grieve on behalf of another inmate) regarding:
 - 1. A policy applicable within his or her unit/center of assignment that personally affects the inmate;
 - 2. A condition in the facility that personally affects the inmate;
 - 3. An action of another inmate, or inmates, that personally affects the inmate;
 - 4. An action of an employee(s), contractor(s), or volunteer(s) that personally affects the inmate; or
 - 5. An incident occurring within his or her facility that personally affects the inmate.
- C. <u>Warden</u> the Warden or Center Supervisor of the facility or designee.
- D. <u>Appeal</u> a written request directed to a Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director for further action to resolve the issue or complaint in the grievance based upon the inmate's assertion that the issue has not been resolved at the Unit level. (The appeal cannot raise new or additional issues or complaints.)
- E. <u>Working Days</u> Monday through Friday, excluding state observed holidays.
- F. Emergency a problem that, if not immediately addressed, subjects the inmate to a substantial risk of personal injury or other serious and irreparable harm such as, physical abuse. If a grievance, submitted as an emergency grievance by the inmate, is deemed an emergency by the problem solver, the grievance is immediately submitted to the Warden/highest ranking supervisor at the unit without the completion of Step One, the informal process; however, if the grievance is not an Emergency, it will be processed under Step One.
- G. PREA Grievance Grievance where inmate is alleging staff-on-inmate or inmateon-inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment as those terms are defined in the
 PREA Administrative Directive. A Problem Solver should immediately submit a
 suspected PREA grievance to the highest ranking supervisor at the unit, who will
 then contact the duty warden, without the completion of Step One, the informal
 process; however, if the duty warden finds that the grievance is not a PREA
 grievance, it will be returned to the Problem Solver and processed under Step
 One.

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- H. <u>Non-Grievable Issues</u> the following matters are not grievable:
 - 1. Parole:
 - 2. Release;
 - 3. Transfer;
 - 4. Job Assignments unless in conflict with medical restrictions;
 - 5. Disciplinaries;
 - 6. Anticipated events (i.e., events or activities which may or may not occur in the future);
 - 7. Matters beyond the control of the Division of Correction, including issues controlled by State or Federal law or regulation;
 - 8. Rejection of a Publication
 - 9. A grievance submitted by an inmate on behalf of another inmate.

Note: Claims of Retaliation, even if related to an issue referenced above, are Grievable.

- I. Available Remedies —if the facts asserted by the inmate would, if true, fall within the definition of Grievance, the matter shall be investigated, unless previously investigated. If the grievance is found to be with merit, the Division official designated to respond to the grievance shall have the authority, within the exercise of his or her discretion and consistent with the Division policies and the safety, security and good order of the facility, to offer actions by the Division designed to resolve the inmate's grievance. However, such available remedies do not include disciplinary action against an employee, contractor, or volunteer, nor monetary damages.
- J. <u>Problem Solver</u> staff designated at each facility to serve as a contact for resolution of a problem or complaint, and specifically, to resolve Step One issues raised in this process. A list of these individuals will be posted in each housing unit. If the Problem Solver(s) is not available, any staff member of the rank of sergeant or above can collect Step One grievances (also referred to as "informal") and shall then act as the Problem Solver for that Step One grievance.
- K. Medical Department Health Services Administrator (HSA) or designee.
- L. <u>Mental Health Supervisor</u> the Division of Correction employee supervising the mental health staff and programs at the unit level.

IV. PROCEDURES:

The inmate grievance procedure is an internal administrative process for the resolution of complaints and the identification of potentially problematic management areas; however, it does not replace daily and routine communication between inmates and staff. Prior to filing a formal grievance (Step Two), an

inmate must first seek a resolution of the complaint informally by taking Step One under this policy.

One form (Attachment I) will be used for both Step One (informal resolution) and Step Two (formal grievance). This same form will be used to submit all inmate grievance issues, including emergencies.

A. Proposed Changes to the Procedure

When the Division proposes to adopt changes to any policy which affects the inmate grievance process, the proposed changes shall be posted in prominent locations (to include employee and inmate bulletin boards and including electronic distribution) throughout the institution at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the changes. All comments shall be considered prior to adoption of the change and shall be kept as part of the appropriate policy file documentation. Inmates in Restrictive Housing will be provided a copy of the proposed change by the Grievance Officer at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the change.

B. Communication of Procedure

- 1. Written notification of the Inmate Grievance Procedure, and any changes there to, will be distributed to both inmates and employees. In addition, arriving inmates and new employees will have an opportunity to ask questions about the procedure and have them answered verbally.
- 2. If an inmate has a disability affecting communication or is not fluent in the English language, interpretive or explanatory services will be made available.
- 3. All employees at the facility level shall receive training by designated staff in the skills necessary to assist or participate in the inmate grievance procedure.
- 4. A summary of the Inmate Grievance Procedure will be included in the Inmate Handbook. However, the Inmate Grievance procedure is governed by this Administrative Directive and not any summary in the Inmate Handbook. All inmates shall be provided access to this Administrative Directive.

C. Accessibility

Each inmate shall be entitled to utilize the Inmate Grievance Procedure regardless of his or her security status, custody level, job classification, disciplinary status, or any administrative/judicial decisions affecting the inmate.

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- 1. Copies of this policy shall be available for examination in each Unit's Law Library.
- 2. The Attachment I grievance form shall be readily available to any inmate in any housing area at any time; however, no more than five (5) forms per week, except in the case of an emergency as defined in this policy, may be requested by an individual inmate. Additionally, an inmate may not have more than ten (10) blank Attachment I grievance forms in his or her possession at any one time, and no more than twenty (20) unsubmitted (not signed by a Problem Solver) Attachment I grievance forms in his or her possession at any one time.
- 3. An inmate may request one copy of his or her grievance from the facility grievance staff upon presenting a completed Section 1983 lawsuit or Claims Commission claim. The inmate must provide the grievance number for the particular grievance he/she is requesting.
- A Grievance must specifically name each individual involved in order that a proper investigation and response may be completed. An inmate must fully exhaust the grievance procedure as a prerequisite to pursuing any legal action related to the subject matter of the grievance. All inmates are hereby advised that the Division reserves the right to raise any and all defenses, including the failure to exhaust the grievance procedure, as to any claim which may have been subject to the grievance procedure and as to any person or entity.

An inmate who fails to name all parties during the grievance process may have his or her lawsuit or claim dismissed by the court or commission for failure to exhaust against all parties.

D. Completion of Forms

- 1. Inmates who have difficulty understanding how to complete the grievance forms or difficulty actually completing the forms should request and will be provided with assistance from staff. However, there is no prohibition against an inmate seeking assistance from another inmate if the grievant has language barriers or cannot read or write.
- 2. Only one Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) can be submitted per grievance and only one problem/issue should be stated in the grievance, not multiple problems/issues. An inmate must use a separate form for each issue. Only one issue will be addressed in the response to a grievance. Additional problems/issues contained in the grievance will not be addressed and will not be considered as exhausted. Inmates are reminded that exhaustion of an issue is a perquisite to filing a lawsuit related to that issue in accordance with the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

- 3. If the inmate is legally using a name other than the name under which he or she was committed to the Arkansas Division of Correction, both the legal and commitment names shall be used when completing the forms.
- 4. All forms, except those submitted electronically where and when electronic submission is available, must be legible and in ink, if available. Tape and other adhesive substances should not be used on any grievance forms.
- 5. If any Grievance Form is received in an unsanitary condition, that form(s) may be photographed and logged and held for evidence for appropriate disciplinary action against the inmate. Unsanitary grievance forms will not be accepted. The Problem Solver will return the grievance form to the inmate and then complete an Incident Report (Form 005).

E. Step One: Informal Resolution Procedure

Inmates are required to seek an informal resolution of a problem/complaint prior to filing a grievance.

- 1. The Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) shall be completed and submitted within 15 days after the occurrence of the incident, with the date indicated beside "Step 1: Informal Resolution". PREA grievances are not subject to the 15 day time limit.
- 2. On the Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I), and only in the space provided, the inmate should write a brief statement that is specific as to the substance of the issue or complaint to include the date, place, personnel involved or witnesses, and how the policy or incident affected the inmate submitting the form. Illegible or unintelligible grievances will not be accepted, but rather will be returned to the inmate by the Problem Solver with an explanation stating why the grievance will not be accepted. The Problem Solver will then complete an Incident report (Form 005).

Additional sheets, including additional pages of the grievance written on Unit Level Grievance Forms (Attachment I) should not be attached and will be returned to the inmate upon submission or as soon as practical. ONLY THE STATEMENT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE ATTACHMENT I FORM WILL BE MAINTAINED AND CONSIDERED THE GRIEVANCE SUBMISSION. However, additional sheets attached to PREA grievances will be maintained with the grievance.

3. The Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) should be presented to one of the individuals whose name is posted in the housing unit as a designated Problem Solver. If a Problem Solver is not available, any staff

member holding the rank of sergeant or above can collect a Step One grievance and shall then act as the Problem- Solver for that Step One grievance. If it is a PREA grievance, any staff member may act as the problem solver. At this time, the Problem Solver or staff member must sign and date the form, giving the inmate back the yellow and pink copies as receipts.

- 4. After receipt of the Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I), the Problem Solver will:
 - a. meet with the inmate within three working days to resolve the issue; or
 - b. meet with the inmate immediately to resolve the issue if it is an emergency; or
 - c. refer medical issues to the HSA (examples include, but are not limited to, missed medications, inability to access medical services, failure to be seen at Sick Call or clinic appointments, or failure to receive lab or test results) as soon as practical, but in any event within one working day; or
 - d. refer mental health issues to the Mental Health Supervisor as soon as practical, but in any event within one working day; or
 - e. If the grievance is a PREA grievance, immediately notify the highest ranking officer at the unit or Duty Warden who will immediately cause the initiation of an investigation.
- 5. If the inmate believes the matter to be an Emergency, as defined in this Administrative Directive, he/she will fill in the date beside "Emergency Grievance" on the Unit Level Grievance Form to designate the grievance as an Emergency, and present the form to any staff member, but preferably a designated Problem Solver. If that staff recipient determines that an Emergency does exist, corrective action shall be taken as soon as possible and within no more than twenty-four (24) hours. If the staff recipient determines that no Emergency exists, the informal resolution form shall be processed within the normal time limits stated within this policy.
- 6. Upon receipt of a Unit Level Grievance Form submitted under Step One, the HSA, or medical department representative appointed by the HSA, or the Mental Health Supervisor will take whatever action is deemed clinically appropriate to fully resolve the problem, document the action taken, or state why no action is necessary or appropriate. The HSA or Mental Health Supervisor or designee will sign the form in the space provided for the staff signature which is found on the same line as the inmate signature following the description of the action taken to resolve the complaint. Please note the staff signature should NOT be in the space provided for the signature of the designated Problem Solver.

- As soon as practical, the HSA, Mental Health Supervisor, or designee will return the Unit Level Grievance Form to the inmate and provide a copy to the Grievance Officer. NOTE: In no event should this period exceed three (3) working days from submission of the Unit Level Grievance Form for Step One by the inmate to the Problem Solver. The HSA, Mental Health Supervisor, or designee should not respond to a grievance that is alleging misconduct by that individual against the inmate; however, where the inmate still has another step in the grievance process to challenge the conduct or the inmate is alleging indirect misconduct (failure to act) as opposed to direct misconduct, such as physical abuse or retaliation, by the HSA or the Mental Health Supervisor, then the Regional Manager or Mental Health Administrator will respond after the medical or mental health department has appropriately logged the resolution.
- 8. The HSA or Mental Health Supervisor will retain a copy for his or her records and for quality improvement purposes.
- 9. If the problem (those not referred to medical or mental health departments) can be resolved at the informal level, the Problem Solver should document the action taken on the Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) and then both the inmate and the Problem Solver must sign and date the form.
- 10. If the problem cannot be resolved at Step One, the informal level, the Problem Solver must still document the resolution attempt on Attachment I, and then the inmate and the Problem Solver must sign and date the form. At this time, if the inmate chooses, he/she may now proceed to Step Two (the formal grievance) using this same form (Attachment I). See procedures for Step Two below.
- 11. If the designated Problem Solver (or substituted person to resolve the issue such as a medical or mental health staff member) has failed to contact the inmate and attempt resolution of the complaint or failed to return Step One (the grievance) within the designated three working days, the inmate may proceed to Step Two, the formal grievance, without the completion of Step One. In that instance, Step Two, the formal grievance, must be filed no later than six (6) working days from the original submission of the Unit Level Grievance Form pursuant to Step One: this allows three (3) working days to wait for a response to Step One, and three (3) working days to initiate Step Two. (These are not three (3) additional days, i.e., if the Problem Solver returns Step One on the day it was submitted, the inmate has only three (3) working days from receipt of that response to file Step Two.) The inmate will submit a copy of his/her Unit Level Grievance Form using the pink or yellow copy, whichever is most legible, that he/she retained following the instructions for Step Two.

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- 12. Whether or not the problem is resolved, the inmate should retain either the pink or yellow copy, whichever he did not submit for Step Two. A copy may be retained by the designated Problem Solver, and a copy is forwarded to the Grievance Officer for entry into the offender tracking system if necessary.
- 13. If an inmate has been transferred from the Unit where the incident or issue arose within the fifteen (15) days allowed to file Step One and the inmate submits Step One at a different Unit, and if the Problem Solver, HSA, or Mental Health Supervisor cannot address the issue because of the transfer, then the response to Step One should be "proceed to Step Two." Upon submission of Step Two, the Grievance Officer will complete the portion of the Unit Level Grievance Form indicating the date received and to whom it was sent and immediately forward the grievance to the Grievance Officer at the unit where the incident or issue arose to process with a grievance number from that Unit. The deadlines will remain the same under this procedure to submit the grievance steps, and to respond with the date of submission to the first Grievance Officer beginning the response time.

F. Step Two: the Formal Grievance Procedure

After attempting to resolve the issue through Step One, informal resolution, an inmate can proceed to Step Two by filing a formal grievance on the same Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) that was used for Step One.

- 1. The inmate should complete the date beside "Step Two: Formal Grievance" and the section regarding resubmission (of this form) including an explanation why the inmate considers the informal resolution unsuccessful, and deposit it into the designated grievance box, or submit it to a Staff Member if the inmate's assignment prevents access to the grievance box. The Grievance Officer shall collect grievance forms daily, excluding weekends and holidays.
- 2. Additional sheets cannot be attached to the Unit Level Grievance Form (unless it is a PREA grievance) and only information in the space provided will be considered part of the grievance submission. Any new issues added to the form will not be considered.
- 3. Upon receipt, the Grievance Officer shall complete the box "for office use only" on the Unit Level Grievance form by assigning a number to the grievance (using unit and subject codes as described in the Grievance Procedure Codes-Attachment VII), and logging the date the grievance was received, inmate's name, ADC number, type of grievance, and the text of the inmate's complaint contained within the appropriate space on Attachment I in eOMIS.

- a. All medical issues will be coded 600 by the Unit Grievance Officer. All mental health issues will be coded 630.
- b. The Medical and Mental Health Departments will assign more specific type codes as indicated on Attachment VII into eOMIS when completing the response to the grievance.
- 4. The Grievance Officer shall then transmit an Acknowledgement or Rejection of the Unit Level Grievance Form (see Attachment II) to the inmate within five (5) working days after receipt. No acknowledgment is required if a written response to the grievance, signed by the Warden, Health Services Administrator, or Mental Health Supervisor or designees, can be provided within five (5) working days.
- 5. The Grievance Officer will note whether the grievance is medical or mental health related. Such Step Two medical or mental health grievances will be forwarded as soon as possible, and in no event later than five (5) days, to the appropriate medical or mental health department for investigation and response to the inmate.
 - a. If the grievance is medical in nature, it is forwarded to the Health Services Administrator (HSA) at the Unit Medical Department for a response. The HSA, or designee, should not respond to a grievance that is alleging misconduct by that individual unless the inmate still has another step in the grievance process to challenge the conduct, or the inmate is alleging indirect misconduct (failure to act). Where the inmate is alleging direct misconduct (such as physical abuse or retaliation) by the HSA, then the appropriate Regional Manager will respond after the medical department has appropriately logged the resolution.
 - b. If the grievance relates to mental health services, the supervisor of mental health services for the facility, or designee, will answer the grievance. The Mental Health Supervisor, or designee, should not respond to a grievance that is alleging misconduct by that individual unless the inmate still has another step in the grievance process to challenge the conduct, or the inmate is alleging indirect misconduct (failure to act). Where the inmate is alleging direct misconduct (physical abuse or retaliation) by the Mental Health Supervisor, then the Mental Health Administrator at Central Office will respond after the mental health department has appropriately logged the resolution.
- 6. The Inmate Grievance Worksheet (see Attachment VIII) may be used by staff when investigating grievances.

7. Every inmate grievant shall receive a written or electronic response to his or her grievance within 20 working days of receipt (or more promptly in the case of an Emergency grievance). The response will be on the form entitled Warden/Center Supervisor Decision (Attachment III) and signed by the Warden or the Warden's designee. In the case of a medical or mental health grievance, the response will be on the form entitled Health Services Response to Unit Level Grievance (see Attachment IV) from the medical or mental health department.

The Unit Level Grievance Response/Decision shall include:

- a. the reason for the decision, in clear, well reasoned terms; and
- b. a statement that the Grievance:
 has merit and requires further action for resolution; or
 has merit, but is being resolved; or
 had merit but has been resolved; or
 has no merit.
- 8. The Grievance Officer will meet with the Warden for the appropriate response to the grievance. If the Warden refers a PREA investigation to IAD, the grievance response is sent after the Warden receives the Director's disposition of suspected PREA allegation.
- 9. If an inmate has not received a response to his/her Unit Level Grievance within the allotted time frame as stated on the Acknowledgement Form or the Extension Form, if applicable, the inmate may move to the next level of the process, an appeal to the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director Level. In this instance, the appeal must be filed no later than five (5) working days.

The Grievance Extension Form will be used in cases where a longer period is required for a response to or resolution of the problem. The inmate shall be notified by the responding authority, in writing, of the reason for the delay and its expected length on the Grievance Extension Form (see Attachment X). Time limits for responding will be extended automatically upon the completion of the Grievance Extension Form (Attachment X), unless the inmate disagrees in writing to the extension. If the inmate does not agree to the extension, the inmate understands and agrees that, with that decision, no further action will be taken on the issue, and the grievance will be returned to the inmate without a decision on its merit. By disagreeing with the extension, the inmate waives his or her right to have the grievance issue considered. If a second or additional extension is needed, the extension will be granted only upon approval of the Warden or Deputy Warden at the Step Two level.

G. Steps to Appeal the Unit Level Grievance Decision:

After receiving a response from the Warden, the Health Services Administrator (HSA), the Mental Health Supervisor, or applicable designee, if the inmate is not satisfied, he or she may appeal to the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director who will attempt to resolve the matter or assign an appropriate staff member to do so. In this instance, the appeal must be filed within the five (5) working days from the date of the response.

- 1. The appeal must be written in the space provided above the signature line on the original Warden/Center Supervisor's Decision Form (Attachment III), the Health Services Response to Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment IV) for medical or mental health grievances entitled Inmate's Appeal (see Attachment III and IV), or the Acknowledgement or Rejection of Unit Level Grievance (Attachment II). Only what is written in the space provided above the signature line for appeal will be considered part of the grievance appeal. Except for a PREA grievance, additional sheets should not be attached and will be returned to the inmate upon receipt of the appeal or as soon as practical. ONLY THE STATEMENT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ABOVE THE SIGNATURE LINE WILL BE MAINTAINED AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE APPEAL SUBMISSION.
- 2. To appeal the inmate must include the original (no photocopies) Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I), which describes the matter originally grieved, and either the Warden/Center Supervisor Decision Form (Attachment III), the Health Services Response to Unit Level Grievance (Attachment IV), or the Acknowledgement or Rejection of Unit Level Grievance (Attachment II) if the inmate is asserting the grievance was improperly rejected or if the inmate did not receive a response or extension within the applicable timeframe. The inmate should deposit the appeal into the designated grievance box; or submit it to a Staff Member if the inmate's assignment prevents access to the grievance box. If these two (2) pages are not submitted with the inmate's appeal portion completed, the appeal may be returned to the inmate as rejected.

To complete the appeal, the inmate must state a reason for the appeal, and must date, sign, and write the inmate's ADC number on the attachment being appealed.

Do not list additional issues, requests, or names which were not a part of the original grievance, as those will not be addressed.

3. The Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director may process a grievance appeal not meeting the criteria set forth above when necessary for the

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safety and security of the Department

4. Appeals relating to medical, mental health or treatment program issues are submitted to the Deputy Director for Health and Correctional Programs.

All other grievances will be forwarded to the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director for Institutions.

All Appeals will be answered by the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director regardless of whether those individuals are named in the grievance.

- 5. Receipt of the appeal shall be acknowledged or rejected within five (5) working days unless a response can be provided within five (5) working days to the grievance signed by the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director. The response shall be in written or electronic format.
- 6. The Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director will respond to the inmate concerning the decision within thirty (30) working days unless there is an extension or the appeal is rejected and the inmate is notified of the reason for rejection on the Acknowledgment of Grievance Appeal/Rejection of Appeal form (see Attachment V). A decision or rejection of an appeal at this level is the end of the grievance process. The response shall be in written format.
- 7. If a grievance appealed is a duplicate of one previously appealed by the inmate with regard to the staff member named, the date of the incident, and the subject of the grievance, the inmate will be sent an Acknowledgment of Grievance Appeal/Rejection on Attachment V, and it will be noted as "Duplicate of ______" and the earlier grievance number will be filled in the blank; the duplicate will be returned to the inmate with the Attachment V.
- 8. The Grievance Extension Form will be used in cases where a longer period is required for a response or resolution of the problem. The inmate shall be notified by the responding authority, in writing, of the reason for the delay and its expected length on the Grievance Extension Form (see Attachment X). Time limits for responding will be extended automatically upon completion of the Grievance Extension Form (Attachment X), unless the inmate disagrees in writing to the extension. If the inmate does not agree to the extension, the inmate understands and agrees that, with that decision, no further action will be taken on the issue, and the grievance appeal will be returned to the inmate without a decision on its merit. By disagreeing with the extension, the inmate waives his or her right to have the grievance issue considered or exhausted. A second or subsequent

- extension can be granted only with the approval of the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director.
- 9. The entire grievance procedure should be completed within seventy-six (76) working days unless a valid extension has been executed, or it can be documented that unforeseen circumstances have occurred.
- 10. Release of the inmate from custody will normally terminate his or her grievance, unless the parties are under court order to exhaust remedies or the grievance highlights a problem that needs to be addressed at the discretion of the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director, or designee.

H. Remedies

A grievance with merit will be afforded a reasonable range of meaningful remedies.

- 1. The responsible authority will review the conditions, policies or practices grieved and take appropriate action.
- 2. When a higher authority than the responding authority must authorize appropriate action, the lower authority shall note its agreement or disagreement with the inmate and transmit the completed grievance form to the higher authority with notice to the inmate.
- 3. The Division is to encourage the resolution of grievances found to have merit involving property losses, confiscations or forfeitures through the return of the property or replacement.
- 4. Errors in record keeping may be corrected and action by the staff or Classification Committees may be modified as appropriate.
- 5. No grievance should be discussed between or among employees and inmates except as necessary to obtain statements or to resolve the issues.
- 6. No employee should respond to a grievance that is alleging misconduct by that employee against the inmate unless (a) the inmate still has another step in the grievance process to challenge the conduct, or (b) the inmate's allegation was of indirect misconduct (conduct by omission). Where the inmate is alleging direct misconduct (such as physical abuse) by the employee, the employee shall not respond to the grievance. No employee may respond to a grievance that is alleging sexual harassment or sexual abuse by that employee against the inmate.

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I. Allegations of Abuse

Any credible allegation of excessive force, sexual harassment or abuse, assault, or similar physical abuse of an inmate will be forwarded to the Internal Affairs Division for an investigation consistent with Arkansas Division of Correction policies.

J. Abuse of the Grievance Procedure

Abuse of the grievance procedure by inmates will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Excessive Use of the Procedure

- a. Step One, Informal Resolutions, are limited to five (5) per sevenday period because excessive submissions may cause a delay in processing inmate grievances. The Warden or designee must maintain a record of five (5) submissions each seven-day period before rejecting one from that inmate. Only the first five (5) informal grievances, Step One, will require a response. The sevenday period will begin each Saturday and end on Friday. The submissions that exceed the limit will be marked as "No action necessary-exceeds weekly limit," followed by the staff person's name, signature and date verifying that person verified (1) that five (5) submissions under Step One had already been received from the inmate that seven-day period, and (2) it was not an emergency. A submission rejected under this section shall be returned to the inmate.
- Inmates are only allowed to submit three formal grievances, Step b. Two, each seven-day period which begins each Saturday and ends on Friday. Only the first three formal grievances, Step Two, submitted each seven-day period by an inmate require an investigation and response. This limit includes both institutional and medical or mental health grievances. All other formal grievances will be logged and reviewed to determine if an emergency exists. If it is determined to be an emergency, action will be taken promptly to resolve the issue; however, a written response to the inmate is not required. If no emergency exists, the grievance will be logged out on the same day received, and it shall be written on the Unit Level Grievance Form "No action necessary-exceeds weekly limit," dated and signed. The original grievance will then be placed in the grievance file and no written response will be given to the inmate.

- c. If the formal grievance is regarding a health issue, but exceeds the inmate's limit for weekly submission, the grievance officer will note at the top of the grievance form "EXCEEDS WEEKLY LIMIT." The formal grievance will then be forwarded to the medical or mental health department to determine if an emergency exists. If the medical or mental health departments determine the grievance to be an emergency, the Health Services Administrator or Mental Health Supervisor will ensure that prompt action is taken to resolve the issue; however, a written response to the inmate is not required. If neither the medical nor mental health departments determine the grievance to be an emergency, it will be noted at the top of the grievance form, "not an emergency" beside the "EXCEEDS WEEKLY LIMIT" statement, dated and signed by the Health Services Administrator or Mental Health Supervisor and returned to the Grievance Officer for filing.
- d. If a formal grievance is a duplicate of one previously submitted by the inmate with regard to the staff member named, the date of the incident, and the subject of the grievance, the duplicate grievance will be logged into eOMIS, the inmate will be sent a Rejection of Grievance on Attachment II, and note at the top of the grievance form as "Duplicate of _____" and the earlier grievance number will be filled in the blank; the duplicate will be returned to the inmate with the Attachment II and counted as one of the inmate's weekly submissions.
- e. If the duplicate grievance is regarding a health issue, the grievance officer will forward the logged grievance and Rejection of Grievance Attachment II to medical or mental health to determine if a response is necessary or an emergency exists. If necessary, the Health Services Administrator or Mental Health Supervisor will ensure that prompt action is taken to resolve the issue, and if not, the medial or mental health staff will note at the top, "no response necessary on duplicate," date and sign it, and return both the grievance and Rejection of Grievance Attachment II to the inmate.
- 2. Frivolous and Vexatious (Provoking or Harassing) Use of the Procedure
 - a. A frivolous or vexatious submission at any step will be logged and returned to the inmate with a Rejection form (Attachment II or Attachment V) and counted as one of the inmate's weekly submissions.
 - b. A submission is frivolous when it is clearly insufficient on its face to allege an issue or concern and is readily recognizable as devoid of merit and insufficient for resolution or appeal.

c. A submission is vexatious when it merely agitates, provokes, harasses or irritates by petty provocation and is not designed to lead to any practical result, resolution, or appeal.

3. Use of Threats

An inmate who use the grievance procedure to direct threats at another will have the grievance rejected and copies will be referred to Internal Affairs to consider for referral for prosecution.

4. Malicious Use of the Procedure

Any inmate who knowingly makes false statements in a submission for the purpose of harming another person will have the grievance rejected.

K. Reprisals or Retaliation

- 1. No inmate shall suffer any threat or action based on his or her appropriate use of, or participation in, the grievance procedure. If an inmate believes he/she has been retaliated against for the use of the grievance procedure, he/she must contact the Warden/Center Supervisor or in a case of alleged retaliation by the Warden/Center Supervisor, the inmate shall contact the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director. Regardless, the inmate must exhaust their remedies through the grievance process.
- 2. Any reprisal or retaliation by staff is absolutely prohibited and will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate policy regarding employee conduct and discipline. All personnel shall receive written and oral notice that formal and/or informal reprisals will not be tolerated.

The Training Academy has implemented a training program regarding inmate problem resolutions and complaints. The training is mandatory for all staff involved in the inmate grievance process.

- 3. Once an inmate initiates the grievance process, the process shall be followed through all stages without interference by administrators or employees of the division. Anytime an inmate voluntarily decides to withdraw a grievance, he or she must submit a Grievance Waiver Form (see Attachment IX). The appropriate staff will verify receipt of the waiver in writing.
- 4. If reprisal or retaliation is suspected or determined after the unit/center investigation, the grievance shall be forwarded to Internal Affairs for further review with all relevant documentation.

L. Records

- 1. Each designated administrator at each level of response shall collect and systematically maintain records regarding the filing and disposition of grievances. These records will be maintained pursuant to the Division's record retention policy in either hard copy or in a retrievable form, as well as in the inmate's electronic record, and shall be available for inspection as required by law.
- 2. At a minimum, such records shall include aggregate information regarding the numbers, types and disposition of grievances, as well as individual records of the dates and reasons for each disposition at the formal grievance (Step Two) and appeal stages of the procedure and shall be logged in the electronic offender records system. Such records shall be preserved in accordance with the policy regarding records retention.
- 3. Records regarding the participation of an individual in grievance proceedings shall not be available for review by any inmate other than the grievant.
- 4. Grievance records, including statements and testimony provided during the process, are confidential and are not available to inmates. Division personnel other than those directly involved in the grievance process may not have access to the information, unless the person's job requires access to such records.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided by Arkansas law, grievance records will not be available to non-departmental personnel other than those representing the Division of Correction or providing services such as imaging or destruction of records under an agreement with the Division of Correction.
- 6. No entries concerning grievances, or an inmate's participation in a grievance proceeding through testimony or submission of evidence, shall be recorded in the inmate's paper institutional file.
- 7. Only those positions authorized by the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director will have access to the Grievance Tracking Program.

M. Evaluation

- 1. Monthly, quarterly and annual reports may be generated from the tracking system.
- 2. Records of staff efforts at problem solving may be considered by supervisors evaluating the performance of staff.

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N. Prison Litigation Reform Act Notice

Inmates are hereby advised that they must exhaust their administrative remedies as to all defendants at all levels of the grievance procedure before filing a Section 1983 lawsuit or Claims Commission claim. If this is not done, the lawsuit or claim may be summarily dismissed.

Inmates must attach a copy of the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director's response to any petition or complaint; otherwise, the court or commission may dismiss the case.

Inmates are also advised that they shall be subject to paying filing fees in Federal Court pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

V. <u>REFERENCES</u>:

Prison Litigation Reform Act Prison Rape Elimination Act

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I – Unit Level Grievance (Informal Resolution/Formal Grievance/Emergency Grievance)

Attachment II – Acknowledgment of Unit Level Grievance

Attachment III – Warden/Center Supervisor's Decision/Inmate Appeal

Attachment IV – Health Services Response to Unit Level Grievance

Attachment V - Acknowledgment of Grievance Appeal/Rejection of Appeal

Attachment VI – Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director's Decision

Attachment VII - Grievance Codes

Attachment VIII - Inmate Grievance Investigation Worksheet

Attachment IX – Grievance Waiver

Attachment X – Grievance Extension

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RESPONDENT ADDITION TO EXHIBIT LIST

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its Motion,

states:

Exhibit List

1. Internal Affairs review finding¹

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From: Mika Tucker < Mika. Tucker@arkansas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 10:44 AM

To: Thomas Burns (DOC) < Thomas. Burns@arkansas.gov>

Cc: Kathryn Irby <Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov> **Subject:** Re: Bart Woodard v ADC 221169

Hi, Thomas. The Commission is unable to issue subpoenas without these individuals' addresses.

Thanks, Mika

From: Thomas Burns (DOC) < <u>Thomas.Burns@arkansas.gov</u>>

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 9:50:35 AM

To: Mika Tucker < <u>Mika.Tucker@arkansas.gov</u>> **Cc:** Kathryn Irby < <u>Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov</u>>

Subject: Bart Woodard v ADC 221169

Please issue subpoenas for the following individuals

Amanda Pasley Adam Seeley Maurice Culclager Jimmy Coleman Derwin Metcalf

A copy of this email will be mailed to Bart Woodard ADC#

Thank you,

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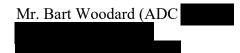
Hi, Thomas. Please see the attached correspondence.

Thanks, Mika

Mika Tucker
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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March 12, 2024



Mr. Thomas Burns Arkansas Division of Correction 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602-9411 (via email)

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Mr. Burns,

Enclosed please find subpoenas issued by the Claims Commission for Amanda Pasley, Adam Seeley, Maurice Culclager, Jimmy Coleman and Derwin Metcalf per the ADC's request.

Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

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Enclosures

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RESPONDANTS
CLAIMANTS DECLARATION RELATED TO STATEMENT AND RESTATMENT OF FACTS FOR CLAIM # 221169
This Claimant Bart woodard ADC# STATES for the record that I Judying from the Respondants Witness List and Exhibit List and Also what is Not Provided by the ADC LAWYER Thomas Burns AS Related to documents produced and What is NEVER MENTIONED by the ADC. Shows that the Atty for the ADC. IS Attempting to draw the ASCC. Attal to ONE lincident that is 6-23-20
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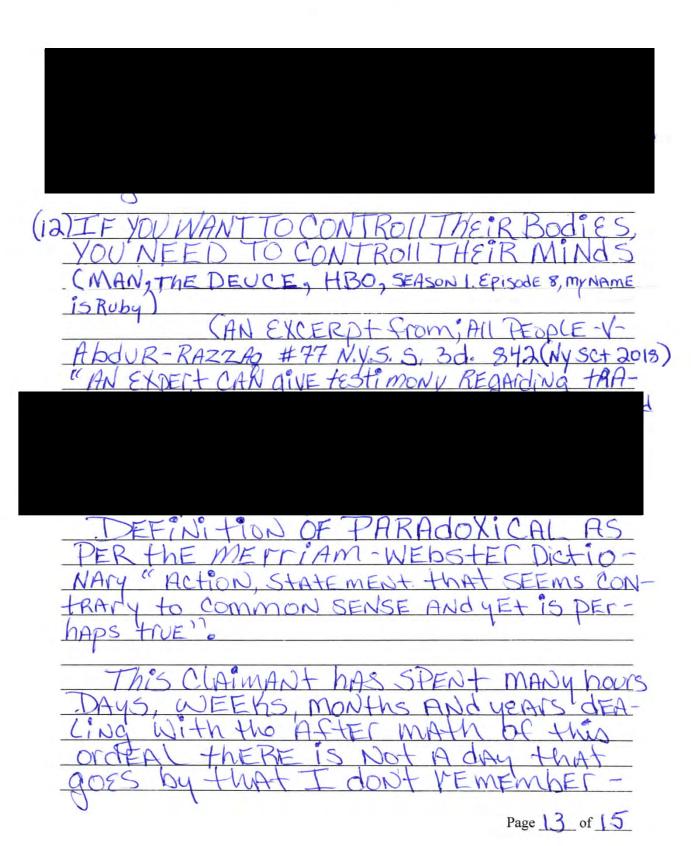
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(13) THE ADC (RESPONDENTS) CONTROL

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(14) This Claimant Prays the Commission to Under Rule 4.7 title Evidence & EXhibits Allow this Declaration of Statement of And RESTATION OF FACTS RELATED TO Claim Number # 22169 to be ENTER-ED INTO THE CASE FILE to be used at Any and All Future hearing and or Appeals

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Arkansas Department of Corrections

MAJOR DISCIPLINARY

If the C.S.O. determines that the violation(s) described on this document are felonious; he/she must hand carry this document to the Unit Warden who must immediately notify the Director.

Inmate: Woodard, Bart Wayne

ADC#:

Assignment: AM: Unassigned PM:DCR No Duty

Class: III

is being charged by

Seeley, Adam V.

Title: Lieutenant

with code violation(s):

02-12 Failure to keep one's person OR quarters IN accordance with regulations, OR failure to wear Department-issued ID OR clothing according to center/unit policy.

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Presentation by Counsel - Substitute is required when it is determined that the inmate is i extraordinarily complex.	lliterate or incompetent or that the issues are
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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD

CLAIMANT

V

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT WITNESS and EXHIBIT LIST

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its Motion, states:

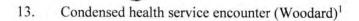
Witness List

- 1. Claimant
- 2. Any Witnesses of the Claimant.
- 3. Amanda Pasley
- 4. Adam Seeley
- 5. Maurice Culclager
- 6. Jimmy Coleman
- 7. Derwin Metcalf

Exhibit List

- 8. Incident report summary /
- 9. Memo from Jimmy Coleman to Maurice Culclager /
- 10.
- 11. Major Disciplinary violation (Woodard) 🗸
- 12. Restrictive housing placement (Woodard) ✓

EXhibit ARAI



- 14. Form 005 in relation to the incident
- 15. ADC Interrogatory and request for production to Inmate
- 16. A
- 17. AD 2019-34 Grievance policy
- 18. Four (4) videos to be shown of the incident \(\nothing

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006)
Legal Division
Division of Corrections
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Pine Bluff, AR 71602
(870) 267-6845 Telephone
thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the above pleading has been served this 1st day of March 2024, on the below Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to

Bart Woodard

Thomas Burns

¹ Pursuant to ADC policy 1164.00 and 1166.00 Inmates are not allowed to have medical records. If the i-mate would like to review his medical records he may do so by filing an Inmate Request form with the Warde 1.

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Attachment VI

INMATE NAME: Woodard, Bart W.

ADC #

GRIEVANCE#:SNN20-00189



Director Director

Date

EXhibit #3

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To: Inmate B. Woodard ADC # 119498

From: Amanda Pasley, Division of C

Date: September 4, 2020

Re:

SNN20-00189

In reference to the above-listed grievance, this allegation was investigated and found to be substantiated on 8/7/2020.

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSES TO CLAIMANTS LIST OF INTERROGATORIES FOR RESPONDENT

COMES NOW, The Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their responses, state:

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Is there a ADC wide (all units) policy related to inmates being in another inmates cell/cubicle at any time?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Is there not a policy at for there to be a set of post orders at every hub in housing (4) four (hub is the description for where the officers sit between the (2) barrack where the phone is and where the monitors are (2 monitors in most cases) so the corrections officers can view the camera fees from within the 2 barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Is there not a section within the post orders (the post orders that should be at every hub) that relates to the amount of time that must be allowed between all callout and last calls if there is to be 5 minutes between first call chow and last call chow.?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Is there not in the officers post orders a section v ithin those post order that covers the enforcement of the barracks rules?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: How often should a correctional officer ma e security rounds in a barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery and violates ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upon the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 6:</u> If during a security round the correctional officer finds three inmates in a cubicle what should that correctional officer do the very first time the ir fraction of barrack rules are noted?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upor the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the or ler of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Why are there security camera's located is so many places in each barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upor the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the or ler of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

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<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 8:</u> How are new correctional officers trained to monitor camera fee's and spot issues that are ongoing related to

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upon the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 9:</u> Why does the ADC not offer/allow proper medication for the true treatment of PTSD?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague and beyond the scope of discovery. ADC does not provide medications and medical personal are not employed by the ADC as they are contractors. The Claimant would be in the better position to get this information for his health services

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Please provide and attach a copy of the post orders that are placed at every hub, and if providing a copy of such post orders will pose a security risk if a "inmate" has such a top secret document then the legal division, Mr. Thomas Surns, will forward a copy of the post orders to the claims commission as a neutral fact finding b dy as it is designed to be and this claimant can pose questions to the claims commission, and the commission can decide what is and what is not a security issue.

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery and violates ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upor the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the or ler of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

DATED: February 2, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 2nd day of February, 2023, on the Claimant via email, to:

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC 1

CLAIMANT

V.

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSE TO CLAIMANTS REQUEST FOR RESPONDENTS ADMISSIONS

Comes now, the Plaintiff, Arkansas Department of Correction, (ADC), by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their Response to Requests for Admissions of Bart Woodward, in accordance with the Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure, states:

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney admit that this Claimant wrote a grievance on 07-02-20 with the no. SNN20-00189?

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: Does the Respondent through and by their attorney admit that the grievance with the no. SNN20-00189 was responded to on 07-13-2020, at which time the Warden stated he himself has forwarded the grievance with the no. SNN20-00189 to the

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: Does the Respondent through and by their attorney admit that upon the completion of the internal affairs investigation that was started by grievance no. SNN20-00189 and included the and ended with the internal affairs written statement proving Claimants claim and removing doubt that this

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4: Does the Respondent through their attorney admit that there are multiple dates of film footage (note that any time the phrase film or film footage is

used it means or can mean video footage, video or digital data or any other term that can or does

mean any type of data recorded and stored from any security camera) (with that state I and said

disclaimer included within this test) that are stored either on CD or DVD disc or by so ne type of

storage device for electronic data that has been recorded by any camera in place in hot I barracks

(the data can also be stored in the data storage type known as the cloud and or other sim a storage

types) and of those cameras that took that said same film footage at least (1) one of these camera

that collected that film footage takes/views films the #1 and #2 cube where the Cla mant was

from February 2020 until June 2020.

RESPONSE: Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5: Does the respondent through and by the r attorney

regardless of the answer to the admission request #4 admit that there is at least (1) one camera with

a direct view into cubicle #1 and 2 without any obstruction and that camera shows a lirect and

continuous footage on a monitor that sits in the officers hub. (the correctional officer sits at the

hub and all the officer has to do is log in their log book and monitor the camera fees and make

security round every 30 minutes.)

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6: Does the Respondents through and by the rattorney

admit that there existed film/video footage stored/collected or preserved on some type of digital

data collection apparatus that showed cubicle #1 and 2 between the dates of February 2020 and

through the month of June 2020 and also between the hours of 11pm of Friday nite tl rough the

hours of Monday morning each week @3:30 am of the months noted above.

RESPONSE: Deny

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney

admit that per barracks rules at no time should any inmate be sitting on another inmates rack and

even more so should these rules be enforced after lites out.

RESPONSE: Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8: Does the respondent through and by their attorney

admit that there are post order at each barrack hub and contained within those post orders are the

rules and policies which the correctional officers are to enforce and key among those rules and

policies are no inmates are to be in another's cubicle nor on another's rack.

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney

admit that more training and better enforcement of the current policies along with more supervision

of correctional officers by ranking officers would have either prevented this

RESPONSE: This is not a proper request as it call for a legal conclusion, as such deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: Does the Respondents through and by their

attorney admit that the ADC provides the Psychology Department and the members of that

department are direct employees of the ADC.

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: Does the Respondents through and by their

attorney admit that the internal affairs investigations that were performed and concluded in the

year 2020 were found with merit and determined that this

RESPONSE: Deny

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12: Does the Respondents through at 1 by their attorney admit that Claimant reported the

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13: Does the Respondent through an I by their attorney admit that upon at least 2 occ the Claimant was leven if all other camera footage is lost misplaced or destroyed that would show and demonstrate that from Feb 2020 through June 2020 Claimant was repeatedly

RESPONSE: This is not a proper request as it call for a legal conclusion, as such deny Filed 2nd February 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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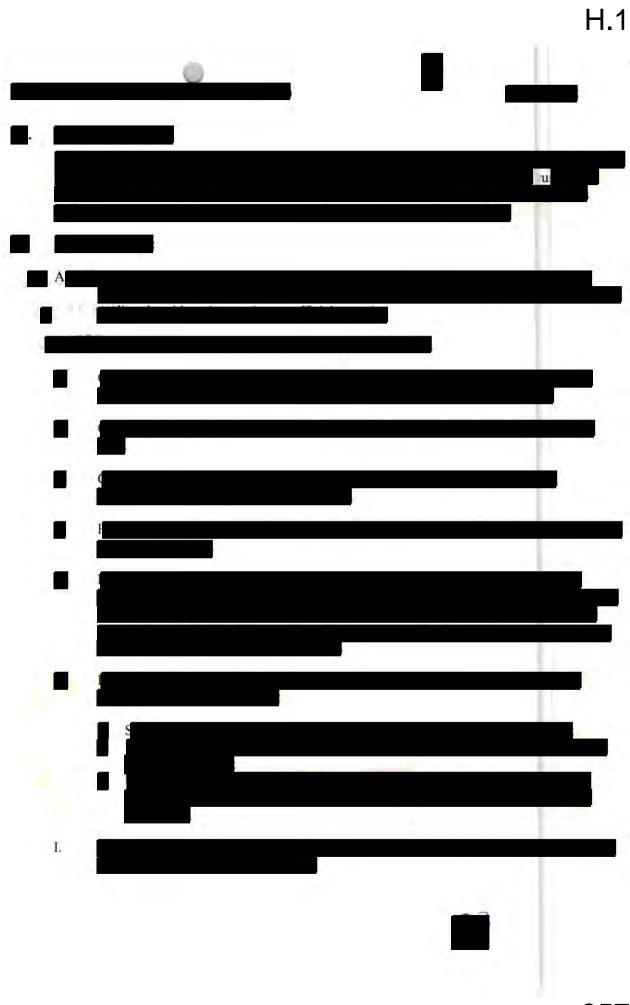
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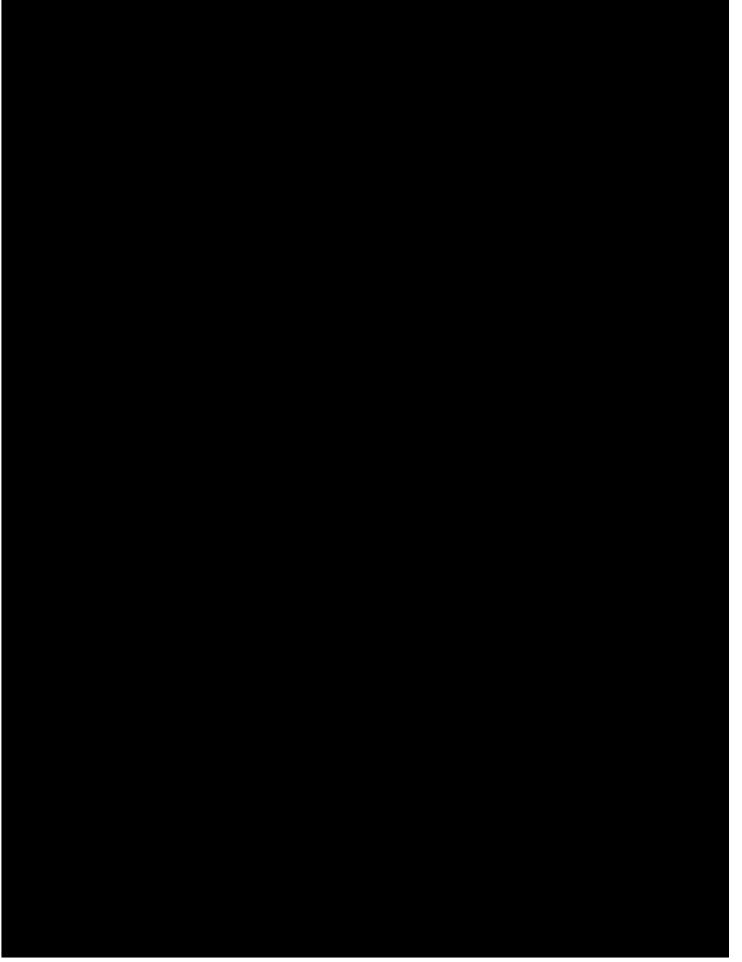
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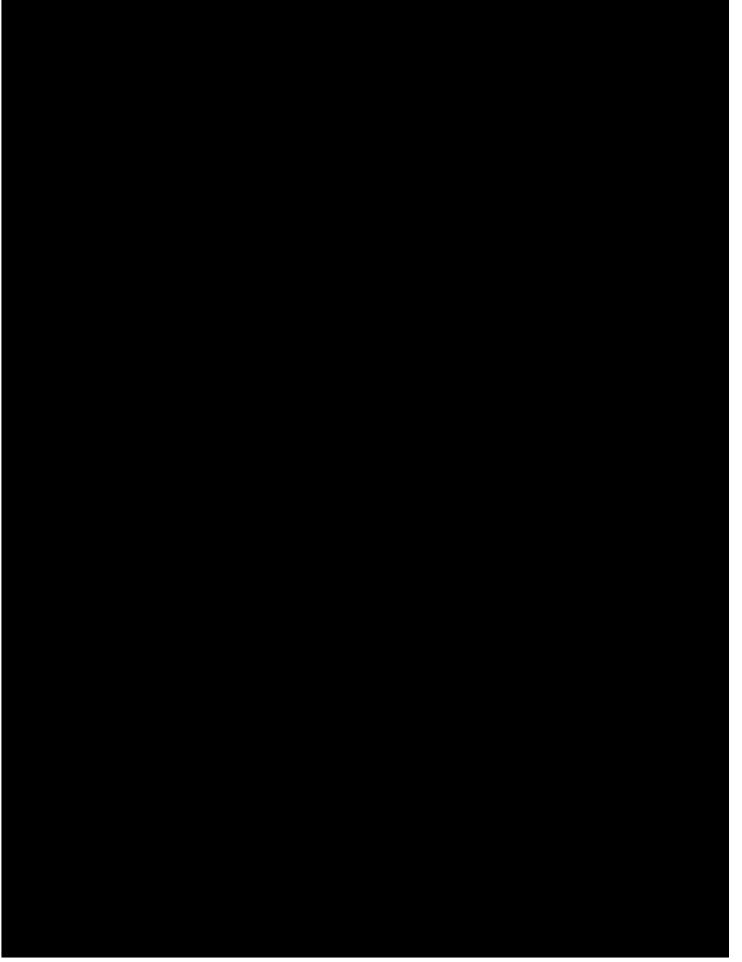
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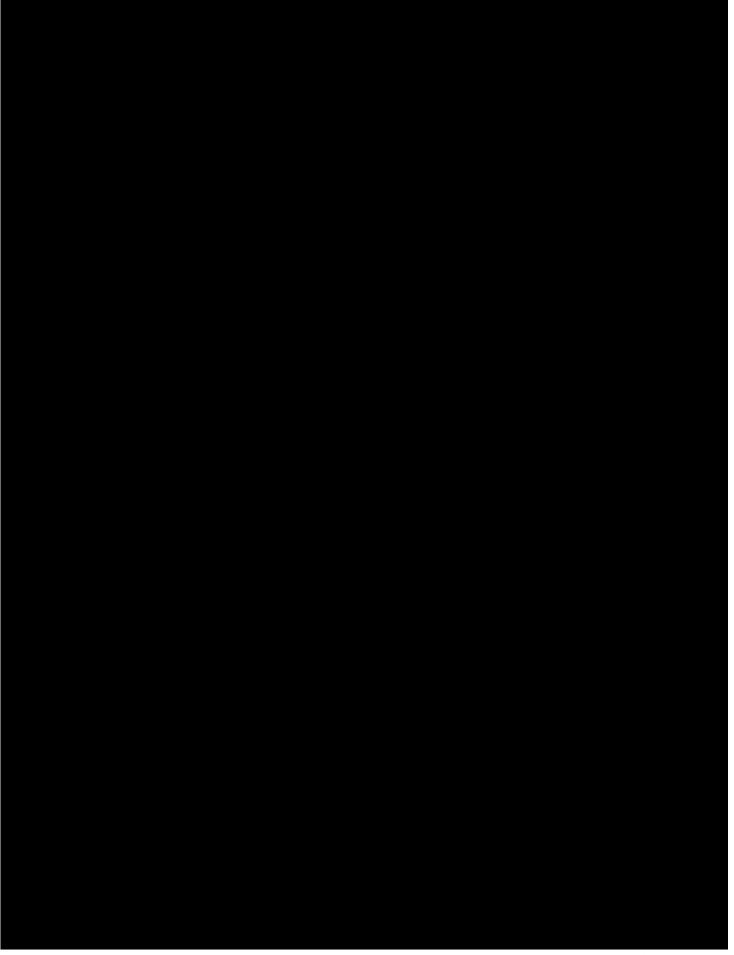


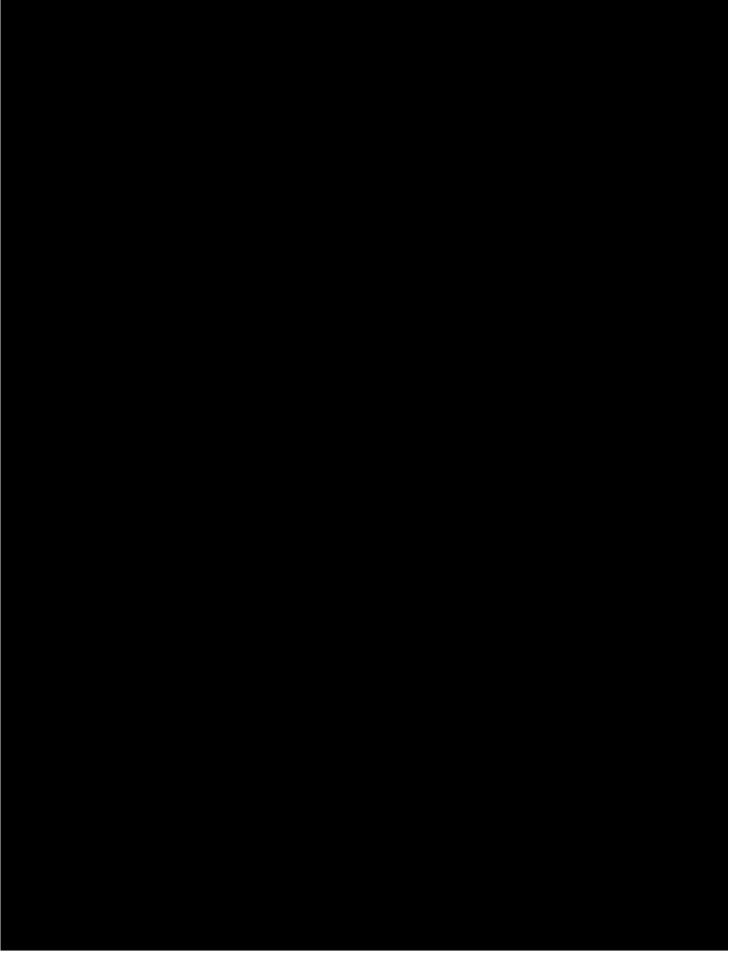














Lieutenant Adam Seeley Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Phone: 501-467-3450 Cell: 850-619-0547 Fax: 501-467-3430

To: Major Jimmy Coleman

From: LT Adam Seeley

Subject: Incident Report #2020-06-183

Date: 06/30/2020



EXhibit 10 A





To: Deputy Warden Culclager

From: Major Jimmy Coleman

RE: 2020-06-183 Date: 6-30-2020 1 myor g cal

Exhibit 10B

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENT

Any placement requires a finding that this inmate's continued presence in the general population poses a serious threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, or to the security of the Unit

To: Coleman, Jimmy IV From: Seeley, Adam V	
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pending disciplinary court review	
pending transfer to another unit	
pending investigation (Note: PREA	victims cannot be placed in restrictive housing for more than three
(3) days)	
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Review required v	vithin twenty-four (24) Hours of placement
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placement appropriate.	
I find the inmate should be moved to	rather than remain in
restrictive housing.	
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Signature	Date

Note: If the inmate's placement in restrictive housing is approved, he/she shall appear before the Classification Committee for possible assignment within seven (7) days.

EXhibit 11A

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENT

Any placement requires a finding that this inmate's continued presence in the general population poses a serious threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, or to the security of the Unit

To: Coleman, Jimmy IV From: Seeley, Adam V Date: 06/30/2020 Subject: Williams, Leroy A.D.C. for the following reason(s): Administrative Status (Temporary): pending trial for a criminal act pending disciplinary court review pending transfer to another unit	is/was placed in restrictive housing on 06/30/2020 at 05:38:00 PM
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Note: If the inmate's placement in restrictive housing is approved, he/she shall appear | efore the Classification Committee for possible assignment within seven (7) days.

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IR1S020C - Incident Report Summary

Name: Woodard, Bart W.

ADC #:

IRTS020C

Incident Report Summary

Friday May 20, 2022 09:32:42 AM

Report Number: 2020-06-183

Unit Facility:

Zone: Zone 4 Location of Incident: H - HOTEL

Incident Date: 06/23/2020

Summary Prepared by Staff: Edwards, Denise A

Shift: Shift A Housing Area/Bed:

Incident Category: Investigation (CSO)

Incident Type:

Force Used: No

Send DOC Incident Notification: No Suspected Felony Committed: No Drug Related: No

Gang Related: No

Status: Closed

Unit Report Number:

Begin Time: 06:00:00 PM

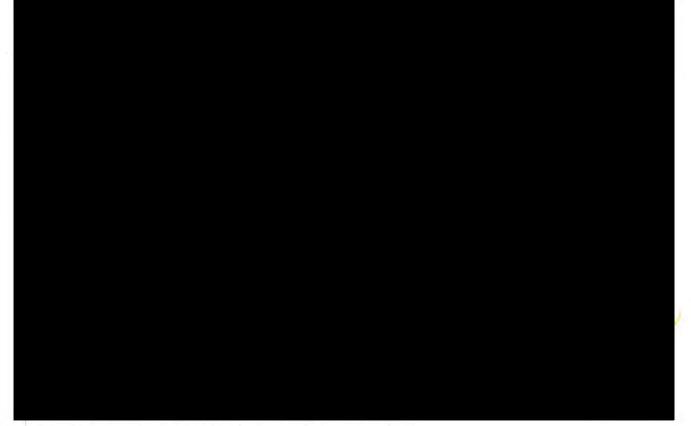
Injuries: None

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As of Date: 08/10/2020

Incident Summary*



Date: 07/2/20 --- Time: 03:51:46 PM --- User: M. Culclager (CMD1)

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07/06/2020	03:08:39 PM	Referred to Warden	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 07/6/20 Time: 03:08:57 PM User: M. Culclager (CMD1) Investigation completed and I concur with Lt. Seely and Major Coleman finding. The outcome of my decision was based on the information retrieved from the video footage.
07/02/2020	03:52:16 PM	Referred to CSO	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 07/2/20 Time: 03:52:36 PM User: M. Culclager (CMD1) Major I still have not received the packet with your cover letter. I know you have completed it already just have not received it.
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06/30/2020	08:42:52 AM	Referred to CSO	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 06/30/20 Time: 08:43:12 AM User: M Culclager (CMD1) Major I have not seen this investigation. Please forward to my office for review.

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Assessment/Retaliation Status Checklist Attachment 3

Initial face-to-face status checks will be conducted on all victims, reporters, and witnesses following an inmate sexual abuse allegation.

Follow up face-to-face status checks will be conducted on victims and reporters at a minimum of once a month for 90-days unless retaliation is suspected.

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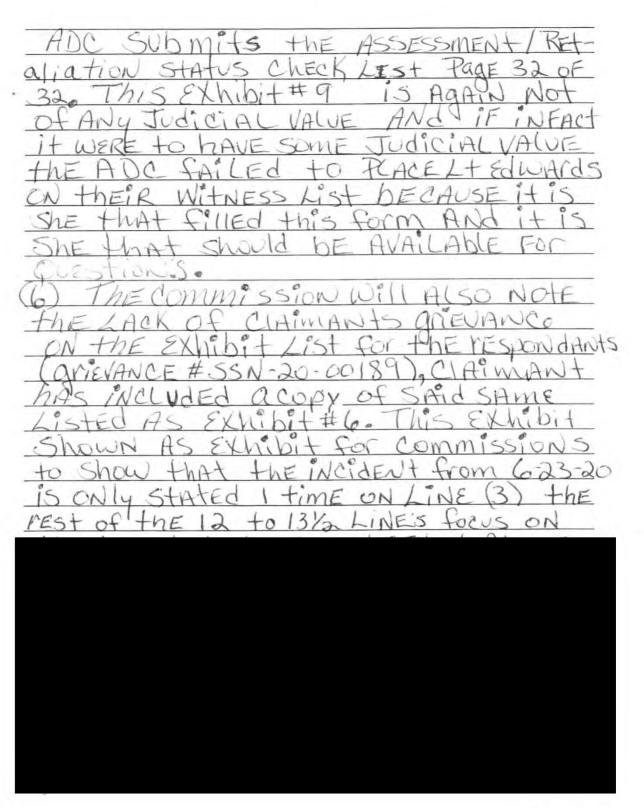


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(14) This Claimant Prays the Commission to Under Rule 4.7 title Evidence & EXhibits Allow this Declaration of Statement of And RESTATEMENT OF FACTS RELATED TO DE ENTER-ED INTO THE CASE FILE to DE USED at ANY AND ALL FUTURE MEARING AND OR APPEALS

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MAJOR DISCIPLINARY

If the C.S.O. determines that the violation(s) described on this document are felonious; he/she must hand carry this document to the Unit Warden who must immediately notify the Director.

Inmate: Woodard, Bart Wayne

ADC#:

Assignment: AM:Unassigned PM:DCR No Duty

is being charged by Class: 111

with code violation(s):

Seeley, Adam V

Title: Lieutemant

02-12 Failure to keep one's person OR quarters IN accordance with regulations.OR failure to wear Department-issued ID OR clothing according to

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (1

CLAIMANT

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NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT WITNESS and EXHIBIT LIST

Comes Now the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), for its Motion, states:

Witness List

- 1. Claimant
- 2. Any Witnesses of the Claimant.
- 3. Amanda Pasley
- 4. Adam Seeley
- 5. Maurice Culclager
- 6. Jimmy Coleman
- 7. Derwin Metcalf

Exhibit List

- 8. Incident report summary
- 9. Memo from Jimmy Coleman to Maurice Culclager
- 10. I
- 11. Major Disciplinary violation (Woodard) /
- 12. Restrictive housing placement (Woodard) √

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- 13. Condensed health service encounter (Woodard)¹
- 14. Form 005 in relation to the incident $\sqrt{}$
- 15. ADC Interrogatory and request for production to Inmate
- 16. A
- 17. AD 2019-34 Grievance policy
- 18. Four (4) videos to be shown of the incident \(\nothing

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Burns (02006) Legal Division

Division of Corrections 6814 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, AR 71602 (870) 267-6845 Telephone thomas.burns@arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the above pleading has been served this 1st day of Mai ch 2024, on the below Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage

Bart Woodard (

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 $^{^1}$ Pursuant to ADC policy 1164.00 and 1166.00 Inmates are not allowed to have medical records. If tl \approx nmate would like to review his medical records he may do so by filing an Inmate Request form with the W \approx den.

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Attachment VI

INMATE NAME: Woodard, Bart W.

ADC #:

GRIEVANCE#:SNN20-00189

CHIEF DEPUTY/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION



Director

Date

Exhibit #3





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To: Inmate B. Woodard ADC # 119498

From: Amanda Pasley, Division of Correction

Date: September 4, 2020

Re: Grievance # SNN20-00189

In reference to the above-listed grievance, this allegation was investigated and found to be substantiated on 8/7/2020.

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Exhibit #7

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSES TO CLAIMANTS LIST OF INTERROGATORIES FOR RESPONDENT

COMES NOW, The Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their responses, state:

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Is there a ADC wide (all units) policy related to inmates being in another inmates cell/cubicle at any time?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Is there not a policy at there to be a set of post orders at every hub in housing (4) four (hub is the description for where the officers sit between the (2) barrack where the phone is and where the monitors are (2 monitors in most cases) so the corrections officers can view the camera fees from within the 2 barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Is there not a section within the post orders (the post orders that should be at every hub) that relates to the amount of time that must be allowed between all callout and last calls if there is to be 5 minutes between first call chow and last call chow.?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed.

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<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 4:</u> Is there not in the officers post orders a section within those post order that covers the enforcement of the barracks rules?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is not a proper interrogatory, this is formed as a request for admission which pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is incorrectly formed.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 5:</u> How often should a correctional officer n ake security rounds in a barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond he scope of discovery and violates ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based up on the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 6:</u> If during a security round the correctional officer finds three inmates in a cubicle what should that correctional officer do the very first time the infraction of barrack rules are noted?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond he scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based up on the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 7:</u> Why are there security camera's located is so many places in each barracks?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond he scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based up on the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

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myself.

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of

discovery and violates ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upon the safety

and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the

Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Please provide and attach a copy of the post

orders that are placed at every hub, and if providing a copy of such post orders will pose a security

risk if a "inmate" has such a top secret document then the legal division, Mr. Thomas Burns, will

forward a copy of the post orders to the claims commission as a neutral fact finding body as it is

designed to be and this claimant can pose questions to the claims commission, and the commission

can decide what is and what is not a security issue.

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of

discovery and violates ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based upon the safety

and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the

Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

DATED:

February 2, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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INTERROGATORY NO. 8: How are new correctional officers trained to monitor camera fee's and spot issues that are ongoing related to

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond he scope of discovery and violets ADC policy about information to be given to inmates based up in the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates. The ADC will comply with the order of the Commission regarding materials to be presented at the final hearing of this matter.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: Why does the ADC not offer/allow proper m dication for the true treatment

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague and beyond the scope of discovery. A DC does not provide medications and medical personal are not employed by the ADC as they are contractors. The Claimant would be in the better position to get this information for his health services

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: The ADC Controls the psychology department, there is no way a inmate can truly be treated by a psy department for a psy issue when the ADC employee's the personal treating the inmate and the inmates

was due to the fact that the security officers were not enforcing the ADC's policies due to poor training improper supervision by ranking staff members, why is the training of enforcement of ADC policy that covers security checks rule enforcement, and identification of not a priority with this unit?

RESPONSE: Objection, this is vague, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of discovery. Medical personal are not employed by the ADC as they are contractors. The Claimant would be in the better position to get this information for his health services.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Please attach a copy of the report that was generated as related to the investigation in which the now Cpt. Ross the then Lt. Ross was involved

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 2nd day of February $\,2023$, on the Claimant via email, to:

Bart Woodard

Thomas Burns

Exhibit #8

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ADC RESPONSE TO CLAIMANTS REQUEST FOR RESPONDENTS ADMISSIONS

Comes now, the Plaintiff, Arkansas Department of Correction, (ADC), by and through their attorney, Thomas Burns, and for their Response to Requests for Admissions of Bart Woodward, in accordance with the Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure, states:

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney admit that this Claimant wrote a grievance on 07-02-20 with the no. SNN20-00189?

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: Does the Respondent through and by their attorney admit that the grievance with the no. SNN20-00189 was responded to on 07-13-2020, at which time the Warden stated he himself has forwarded the grievance with the no. SNN20-00189 to the unit manager?

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: Does the Respondent through and by their attorney admit that upon the completion of the internal affairs investigation that was started by grievance no. SNN20-00189 and included the defendence of the internal affairs written statement proving Claimants claim and removing doubt that this Claimant was

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4: Does the Respondent through their attorney admit that there are multiple dates of film footage (note that any time the phrase film or film footage is % %

used it means or can mean video footage, video or digital data or any other term that can or does

mean any type of data recorded and stored from any security camera) (with that sta ed and said

disclaimer included within this test) that are stored either on CD or DVD disc or by some type of

storage device for electronic data that has been recorded by any camera in place in he el barracks

(the data can also be stored in the data storage type known as the cloud and or other sir ilar storage

types) and of those cameras that took that said same film footage at least (1) one of those camera

that collected that film footage takes/views films the #1 and #2 cube where the C aimant was

from February 2020 until June 2020.

RESPONSE: Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5: Does the respondent through and by their attorney

regardless of the answer to the admission request #4 admit that there is at least (1) one amera with

a direct view into cubicle #1 and 2 without any obstruction and that camera shows direct and

continuous footage on a monitor that sits in the officers hub. (the correctional office r sits at the

hub and all the officer has to do is log in their log book and monitor the camera fees and make

security round every 30 minutes.)

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney

admit that there existed film/video footage stored/collected or preserved on some tyle of digital

data collection apparatus that showed cubicle #1 and 2 between the dates of February 2020 and

through the month of June 2020 and also between the hours of 11pm of Friday nite hrough the

hours of Monday morning each week @3:30 am of the months noted above.

RESPONSE: Deny

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney

admit that per barracks rules at no time should any inmate be sitting on another inmates rack and

even more so should these rules be enforced after lites out.

RESPONSE: Deny.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8: Does the respondent through and by their attorney

admit that there are post order at each barrack hub and contained within those post orders are the

rules and policies which the correctional officers are to enforce and key among those rules and

policies are no inmates are to be in another's cubicle nor on another's rack.

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney

admit that more training and better enforcement of the current policies along with more supervision

of correctional officers by ranking officers would have either prevented this

the very least prevented the 4 months duration of the enduring prevented the

resulting

RESPONSE: This is not a proper request as it call for a legal conclusion, as such deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: Does the Respondents through and by their

attorney admit that the ADC provides the Psychology Department and the members of that

department are direct employees of the ADC.

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: Does the Respondents through and by their

attorney admit that the internal affairs investigations that were performed and concluded in the

year 2020 were found with merit and determined that this Claimant was a

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12: Does the Respondents through and by their attorney admit that Claimant reported the long term

RESPONSE: Deny

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13: Does the Respondent through a d by their attorney admit that upon at least 2 occ the Claimant was deven if all o her camera footage is lost misplaced or destroyed that would show and demonstrate that from Feb 2020 through June 2020 Claimant was repeatedly

RESPONSE: This is not a proper request as it call for a legal conclusion, as such deny Filed 2nd February 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this pleading has been served this 2nd day of February 2023, on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, regular postage to:

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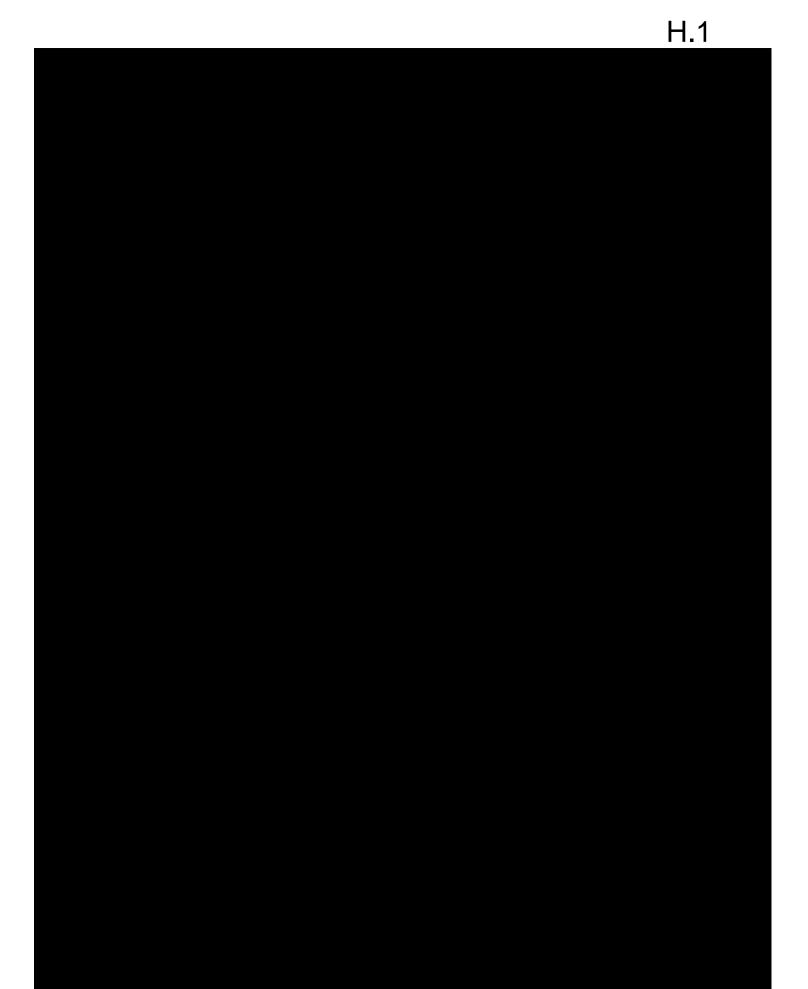
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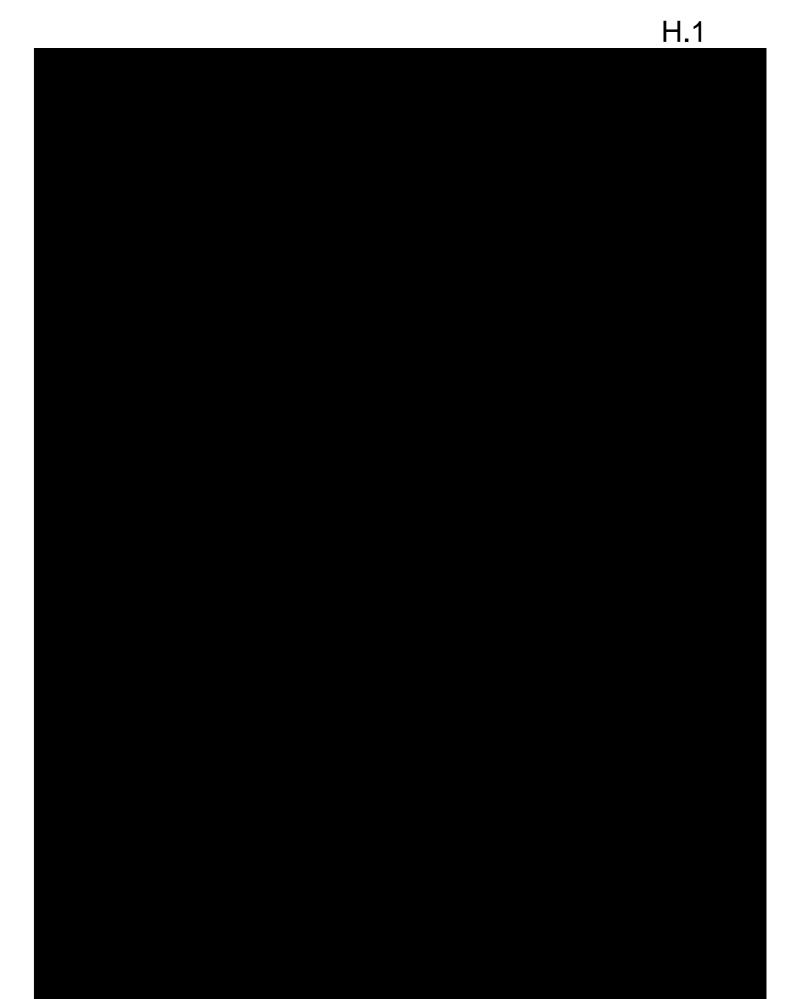


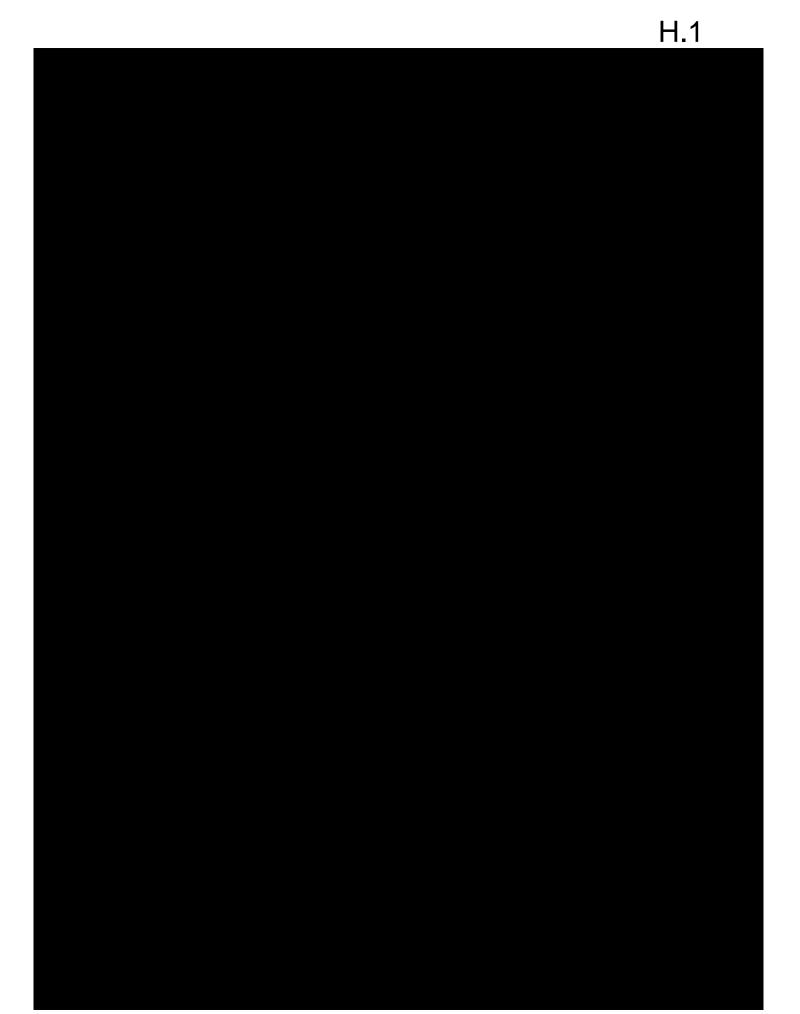














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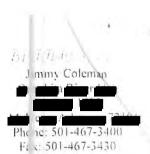
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EXhibit 10 A





To: Deputy Warden Culclager

From: Major Jimmy Coleman

RE: 2020-06-183 Date: 6-30-2020

Exhibit 10B

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENT

Any placement requires a finding that this inmate's continued presence in the general population poses a serious threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, or to the security of the Unit

To: Coleman, Jimmy IV From: Seeley, Adam V	
Date: 06/30/2020	
Subject: Woodard, Bart A.D.C.	is/was placed in restrictive housing on 06/30/2020 at 09:37:00 PM
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pending disciplinary court review	
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Note: If the inmate's placement in restrictive housing is approved, he/she shall appear before the Classification Committee for possible assignment within seven (7) days.

EXhibit 11A

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING PLACEMENT

Any placement requires a finding that this inmate's continued presence in the general population poses a serious threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, or to the security of the Unit

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Incident Report Summary

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Unit: (

Zone: Zone 4

Location of Incident: H - HOTEL

Incident Date: 06/23/2020

Summary Prepared by Staff: Edwards, Denise A

Shift: Shift A

Begin Time: 06:00:00 PM

Housing Area/Bed:

Incident Category: Investigation (CSO)

Incident Type:

Force Used: No

Send DOC Incident Notification: No Suspected Felony Committed: No

Status: Closed

Drug Related: No

Gang Related: No

Unit Report Number:

Injuries: None

IAD #:

EXhibit 13A

As of Date: 08/10/2020

Incident Summary*



Date: 07/2/20 --- Time: 03:51:46 PM --- User: M. Culclager (CMD1)

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Suspect	Woodard, Bart W.		Caucasian	Male		
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07/06/2020	03:08:39 PM	Referred to Warden	Culclager, Maurice D	Date: 07/6/20 Time: 03:08:57 PM User: M. Culclager (CMD1) Investigation completed and I concur with Lt. Seely and Major Coleman finding. The outcome of my decision was based on the information retrieved from the video footage.
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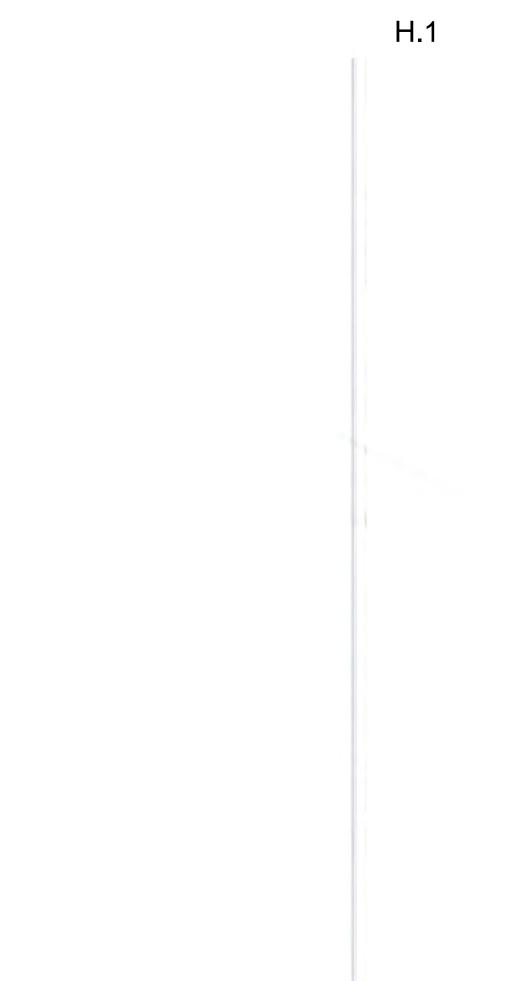
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April 3, 2024

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

RE: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard,

Enclosed please find a file-marked copy of your declaration related to statement and restatement of facts filed in the above-referenced claim. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: msscott

From: Misty Scott on behalf of ASCC Pleadings

To: Tawnie Rowell (DOC) Cc: ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:12:30 AM

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Ms. Rowell:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott **Arkansas State Claims Commission** May 29, 2024

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Ms. Tawnie Rowell Arkansas Division of Correction 1302 Pike Avenue, Suite C North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Ms. Rowell:

Enclosed please find an Order entered on May 17, 2024, by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: msscott

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Commission") is the claim filed by Bart Woodard (the "Claimant") against the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent"). At the hearing on April 12, 2024, Claimant proceeded *pro se*, and Thomas Burns appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based upon a review of the testimony and evidence presented, as well as the arguments of the parties and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Commission hereby finds as follows:

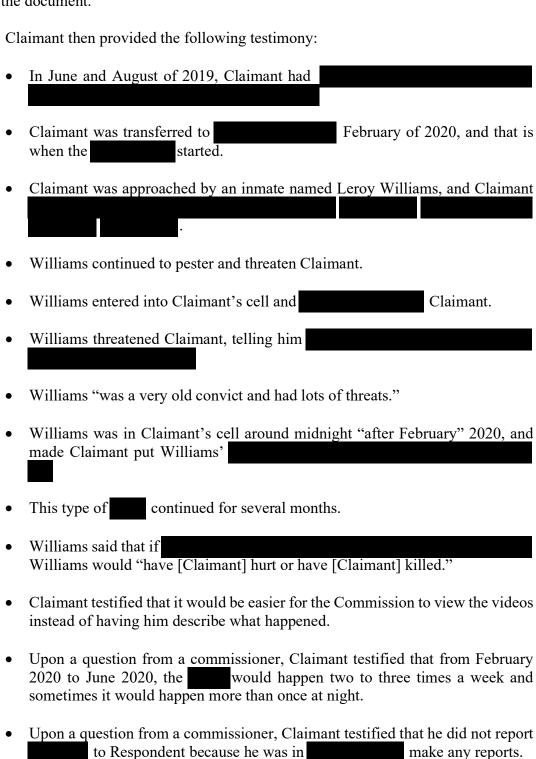
- 1. Claimant filed his claim on April 8, 2022, seeking \$12,500.00 in damages related to Respondent's alleged omissions that resulted in another inmate from February 2020 to July 2020.
 - 2. Respondent denied liability.
- 3. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss, which the Commission denied on December 15, 2022.¹
- 4. At the hearing, after being sworn in, Claimant stated he would read from his most recent filing.² Respondent objected, arguing that the untimely filing appeared to be an amended complaint and asked that the document be stricken. Claimant argued that it was not an amended

¹ The Commission entered an order on October 20, 2023, related to the submission of a document marked for in camera review. This order denied as most Claimant's request for exhibits, petition for default judgment and motion to prevent further delay. The Commission also entered an order denying Respondent's motion to strike on November 8, 2023.

² The Commission notes that Claimant may have been referring to a document titled "Claimant's Declaration Related to Statement and Restatement of Facts" filed on March 30, 2024.

complaint, that the rules say that he can present filings seven days before the hearing, and that the filing was made eight or nine days before the hearing. Claimant then stated that he would testify without using the document.

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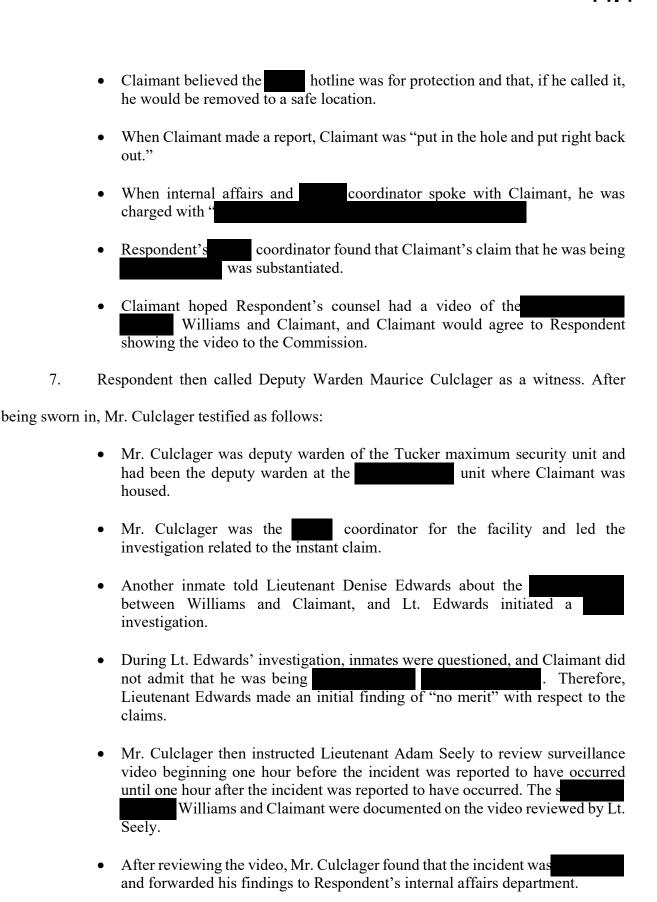
because he was

• Upon a question from a commissioner, Claimant testified that the stopped because his now deceased cellmate reported it.
• Upon a question from a commissioner, Claimant testified that, once his roommate made the report, Respondent "put a stop to" the Claimant and Williams were then separated, and Claimant "went to intake for a couple of days."
• Claimant was then moved to "gray," where he has been ever since that time, and that Williams has been in "
• Claimant is able to stay "right under a light" and away from people because he made this request to the
• The was a "never-ending nightmare."
• Claimant now stays at his rack 95% of the time and does not like to be around
people.
• Claimant only goes to shower and does not want to be bothered.
• Since Claimant was moved from Williams, there has been no more
On cross-examination, Claimant testified as follows:
• Claimant did not report any of the
• Claimant testified that, if he does not it because he is under cameras, and Respondent should be viewing the cameras.
 Respondent can catch people on the camera smoking cigarettes and doing drugs.
• signs with the hotline number were "all over" the prison.
• Claimant did not call the because he had attempted to call the hotline in 2016 when he was having problems "and nothing ever []came of it."
• When the happened, Claimant was and was told not to say anything "by people who had been in prison for so long that they take control."

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Claimant was hoping someone else would report the

under cameras and that "everybody who came by had to have seen it."



- Mr. Culclager also separated Claimant from Williams immediately.
- Mr. Culclager did not review video footage from before the reported incident because it was not reported to Respondent that it was an on-going issue.
- 8. On cross-examination, Mr. Culclager offered the following testimony:
 - The shown in the video did not seem to be f but there was no audio with the video.
 - On June 30, 2020, Mr. Culclager watched the video from time mark 12:23 to time mark 12:39.
 - Claimant "went to the hole" on June 30, 2020, and was separated from Williams at that time.
 - If Claimant had reported other incidents at the time, video from other days would have been reviewed.
 - If Respondent does not know about it cannot help an inmate.
 - When Claimant made a report of previous by Williams after he and Williams were separated, there was nothing more for Respondent to do because it had already helped him.
- 9. Upon a question from a commissioner, Mr. Culclager offered the following additional testimony:
 - The cameras in the unit allowed Respondent to record video throughout the barracks but there were no cameras in individual cells.
 - The camera system only holds footage for a certain period of time, and it does not hold footage going two years back.
 - If an incident is brought to Respondent's attention within around 30 to 60 days of its occurrence, then Respondent can view the video.
 - Respondent does not have an employee monitoring the cameras.
 - Respondent has procedures in place to deter the unit as safe as possible for inmates.
 - There were 54 inmates with one camera in the barracks in which the incident occurred.

, but he never told Respondent

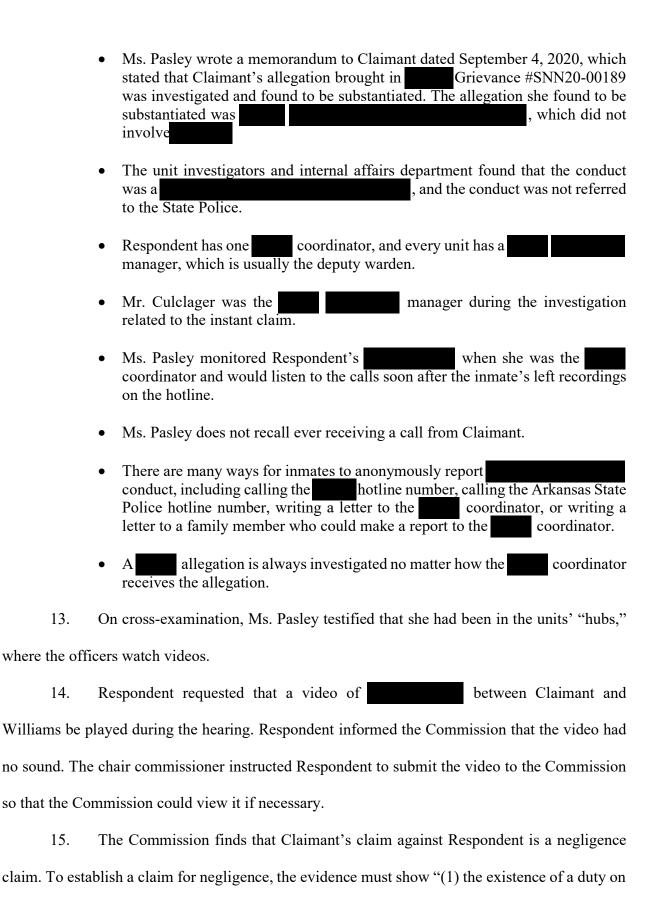
	• Whether or not the able to stop it after it was reported.
	• Mr. Culclager was sorry that Claimant did not report the issue sooner so that Respondent could stop the assault sooner.
10.	Respondent then called Durwin Metcalf as a witness. After being sworn in, Mr.
Metcalf offer	ed the following testimony:
	• Mr. Metcalf was an investigator with Respondent's internal affairs department.
	• Margaret Rogers was the internal affairs employee that was assigned to investigate Claimant's case, and Mr. Metcalf reviewed her entire case file.
	• Ms. Rogers found that the between Claimant and Williams was
	• Mr. Metcalf agreed with Mr. Rogers' assessment after reviewing the case file.
	• The case was not referred to the State Police because it was not found to be a incident.
11.	On cross-examination, Mr. Metcalf testified that his office receives referrals from
wardens so th	at the internal affairs department can review the unit's investigation and determine
if the unit's in	nvestigation and conclusion were correct.
12.	Respondent then called Amanda Pasley as a witness. After being sworn in, Ms.
Pasley offered	d the following testimony:
	• Ms. Pasley was Respondent's coordinator at the time of the investigation relating to Claimant.
	• As coordinator, Ms. Pasley reviewed investigations.

Mr. Culclager testified that Claimant had a choice when the assault started and

had plenty of opportunities to report the ; for example, he could have reported during "chow" or when the officer made rounds twice per hour.

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the part of the [respondent] to conform to a specific standard of conduct to protect the [claimant]; (2) breach of that duty by the [respondent]; (3) injury to the [claimant] actually and proximately caused by the [respondent]'s breach; and (4) resulting damages to [claimant]..." *Peregrine Trading, LLC v. Rowe*, 2018 Ark. App. 176, 17, 546 S.W.3d 518, 529 (2018).

- 16. The Commission finds that the testimony of Deputy Warden Culclager was credible, including the testimony that (1) until the time another inmate made a report, Respondent was unaware that Claimant and Williams (2) after confirming Claimant and Williams, Respondent took swift action to stop any further (1) Claimant and Williams and (3) video from the unit's cameras is only reviewed by Respondent if an incident is reported. Significantly, the Commission notes that Claimant also testified that (1) he did not report the (2) the stopped after another inmate reported it to Respondent, and (3) he was separated from Williams after the other inmate made the report to Respondent.
- 17. For these reasons, the Commission finds that Claimant did not present sufficient evidence of negligence. As such, Claimant's claim is DENIED and DISMISSED.
- Respondent's video documenting the Claimant and Williams. The Commission further notes that it is doubtful that Respondent could determine whether an inmate by viewing a video that does not have audio. As such, the Commission encourages Respondent to review its policy of using video without audio to make findings in investigations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DATE: May 17, 2024

Notice(s) which may apply to your claim

- (1) A party has forty (40) days from transmission of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the transmission of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Claims Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(3).
- (2) If a Claimant is awarded less than \$15,000.00 by the Claims Commission at hearing, that claim is held forty (40) days from the date of disposition before payment will be processed. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a). Note: This does not apply to agency admissions of liability and negotiated settlement agreements.
- (3) Awards or negotiated settlement agreements of \$15,000.00 or more are referred to the General Assembly for approval and authorization to pay. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
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I Bart Woodwad, A.D.C. # do hereby declare, swear, and affirm that on the day of the month day, in the year of our Lord 2024 with the proper postage attached, place the below described documents, in the ADC Mail Box (Provided by the ADC in order for inmates to mail their mail via the U.S.P.S.) these documents addressed to ASCQ. **IDIE CARITOL AVE STETIOL.R. AR 7220 3023 This I do declare understanding that false statements will subject me to penalties for perjury. **DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED; Motion for the Extension of Appeals and Part of the Extension of Appeals. **DATE OF. 05, 2024** **DATE OF. 05, 2024**

Certificate of Service

From: <u>Misty Scott</u> on behalf of <u>ASCC Pleadings</u>

To: Tawnie Rowell (DOC)
Cc: ASCC Pleadings; Mika Tucker

Subject: ORDER: Bart Woodard v. ADC, Claim No. 221169

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 8:28:36 AM

Attachments: Bart Woods 1. DCE pdf
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Ms. Rowell:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott Arkansas State Claims Commission

August 26, 2024

Mr. Bart Woodard (ADC

Ms. Tawnie Rowell Arkansas Division of Correction 1302 Pike Avenue, Suite C North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 (via email)

Re: Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Claim No. 221169

Dear Mr. Woodard and Ms. Rowell:

Enclosed please find the Order entered on August 22, 2024, by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

BART WOODARD (ADC

CLAIMANT

V.

CLAIM NO. 221169

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Commission") is a motion filed by Bart Woodard (the "Claimant") for an extension of time to file a notice of appeal of the Commission's May 17, 2024, order denying and dismissing Claimant's claim against the Arkansas Division of Correction (the "Respondent"). Based upon a review of the filing, the arguments made therein, and the law of Arkansas, the Commission hereby unanimously finds as follows:

- 1. Claimant filed his claim on April 8, 2022, seeking \$12,500.00 in damages related to Respondent's alleged omissions that resulted in another inmate from February 2020 to July 2020.
- 2. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss, which the Commission denied on December 15, 2022.
- 3. Following a hearing on Claimant's claim, the Commission entered an order on May 17, 2024, denying and dismissing Claimant's claim. This order was transmitted to the parties on May 29, 2024.
- 4. On July 8, 2024, ¹ Claimant filed the instant "Motion for Time Extension to File a Notice of Appeal and on Appeal," asking for an extension until August 6, 2024, to file a motion for reconsideration or notice of appeal.

¹ July 8, 2024, was 40 days from the date of the transmittal of the May 17, 2024, order.

- 5. Respondent did not file a response to the motion for extension.
- 6. The Commission notes that it has no authority to grant an extension of the number of days a party may file a notice of appeal or motion for reconsideration under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). To the extent that Claimant's motion could be construed to be a motion for reconsideration, the Commission finds that it does not set forth new or additional evidence not previously available and must be denied pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Commission Rules and Regulations. As such, Claimant motion is DENIED and the May 17, 2024, Commission order remains in effect. However, the Commission will accept Claimant's motion as a timely notice of appeal and will transmit this claim file to the Arkansas General Assembly pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION Paul Morris, Chair

DATE: August 22, 2024

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