From:	ASCC New Claims
To:	Tasha Tidwell; Miles Morgan
Cc:	Mika Tucker; Kathryn Irby; Yolanda Charles
Subject:	CLAIM: Ralph D. Douthitt v. ADC, Claim No. 260966
Date:	Tuesday, February 10, 2026 9:11:00 AM
Attachments:	Ralph D. Douthitt v. ADC agency ltr (260966).pdf Ralph D. Douthitt Claim - 260966.pdf

Dear Ms. Tidwell and Mr. Morgan,

Please confirm receipt of the attached claim file. The agency may file its response to this claim electronically by sending it to asccpleadings@arkansas.gov, with a copy to the claimant pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Please contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,
Caitlin

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February 10, 2026

Ms. Tasha Tidwell (*via email*)
Mr. Miles Morgan
Arkansas Division of Correction
1302 Pike Avenue, Suite C
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114

RE: ***Ralph D. Douthitt v. Arkansas Division of Correction***
Claim No. 260966

Dear Ms. Tidwell and Mr. Morgan,

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, cost center, 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,

Mika Tucker

ES: cmcdaniel

cc: Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC [redacted]), *Claimant* (w/ encl.)

Note to Claimant or Claimant's counsel: The Claims Commission copied you on this correspondence to provide you with confirmation that your claim has been processed and served upon the respondent agency.

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BEFORE THE STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Of the State of Arkansas

☒ Mr.
☐ Mrs.
☐ Ms.
☐ Miss

Ralph D. Douthitt, [redacted], **Claimant**

vs.

State of Arkansas, Respondent

Do Not Write in These Spaces

Claim No. _____

Date Filed _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)

Amount of Claim $ _____

Fund _____

COMPLAINT

Ralph D. Douthitt, [redacted] (Name), **the above named Claimant, of** [redacted] (Street or R.F.D. & No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Daytime Phone No.) **County** [redacted] **represented by** N/A, Pro-se (Legal Counsel, if any, for Claim) of _____ (Street and No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone No.) (Fax No.), says:

State agency involved: Arkansas Division of Correction **Amount sought:** $300 and 10,440.- days of Earned Meritorious Good Time Credit

Month, day, year and place of incident or service: 6-29-1999 up until judgement date rendered.

~~**Explanation:**~~

Explanation:

As parts of this complaint, the claimant makes the statements, and answers the following questions, as indicated: (1) Has claim been presented to any state department or officer thereof? N/A (Yes or No); when? _____ (Month) (Day) (Year); to whom? _____ (Department): and that the following action was taken thereon: _____

and that $ _____ was paid thereon: (2) Has any third person or corporation an interest in this claim? _____; if so, state name and address _____ (Name) (Street or R.F.D. & No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) and that the nature thereof is as follows: _____: and was acquired on _____, in the following manner: _____

THE UNDERSIGNED states on oath that he or she is familiar with the matters and things set forth in the above complaint, and that he or she verily believes that they are true.

Ralph D. Douthitt
(Print Claimant/Representative Name)

Ralph D. Douthitt
(Signature of Claimant/Representative)

SWORN TO and subscribed before me at Lincoln (City) AR (State)

(SEAL) OLIVER STEVENS JR. NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF ARKANSAS DESHA COUNTY My Commission Expires 02-26-2024 Commission # 12694004

on this 7 (Date) day of December (Month), 2025 (Year)

Oliver Stevens Jr.
(Notary Public)

SF1-R7/99

My Commission Expires: 02-26-2024
(Month) (Day) (Year)

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

MR. RALPH D. DOUTHITT (ADC #[redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

VS. **CLAIM NO. _____**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

MOTION TO EXCEED SIX (6) PAGE LIMIT

Comes now, Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt, (ADC[redacted] referenced herein as the Claimant when applicable and states:

The Claimant moves this Honorable Arkansas State Claims Commission for an Order granting the Claimant's Motion to Exceed the six (6) page, page limit before this Honorable Court, so the Claimant may bring his Claim before the Honorable Claims Commission against the State of Arkansas/Arkansas Division of Correction.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Claimant prays that this Honorable Court will Grant the six (6) page, page limit to exceed and move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph D. Douthitt

Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC #[redacted])

[redacted]

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

MR. RALPH D. DOUTHITT (ADC #[redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

VS. **CLAIM NO. _____**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

I. STATEMENT OF CASE :

1.) On10-25-1995, the Claimant was convicted of:

(1.) **Ark. Code Ann. §5-14-103, Rape.** OFFENSE DATE 1989-1991., 2 Counts SENTENCE IMPOSED 120 Months.

(2.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-14-103, Rape.** OFFENSE DATE 1989-1991. 1 Count. SENTENCE IMPOSED 480 Months.

(3.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-14-120. Violation of Minor 1st. Degree.** OFFENSE DATE October 1993-March 1994. 29 Counts. SENTENCE IMPOSED 36 Months.

(4.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-26-206, Incest** OFFENSE DATE October 1993-March 1994. 29 Counts SENTENCE IMPOSED 36 Months.

The Conviction, Judgment, and Commitment Order was passed down from the Circuit Court of Independence County, Arkansas, Sixteenth District Criminal Division by, Judge John Dan Kemp. See: Exhibit # 1.

2.) On 04-26-1996 the Claimant was assigned to the: ADC Cummins Unit Industry Garment Factory. See: Exhibit # 2.

3.) On 07-03-1996, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. **TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029.**
2. **DISCHARGE DATE: 11/05/2139.**

See: EXHIBIT # 3.

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4.) On 01-10-2020, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029

2. DISCAHRGE DATE: 11/05/2139

See: EXHIBIT # 4.

5.) On 09-05-2024, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD Listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/04/2029

2. DISCHARGE DATE: 07/13/2139

See: EXHIBIT # 5

6.) On 09-23-2025, the Claimant filed a ADC UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE stating:

TO: Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young, Treatment/Programs. On 09-19-2025 Ms. Gleenover Knight sent me a ADC Records Office Inter-Office Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, you have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029.

I was convicted during the Parole eligible laws not the T.E. Law. My Good Time should continue to run for me. See: **Ark. Admin. Rules § 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time;** and **Ark. Admin. Rules, §004-00-20-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time.**

I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 (29-Years), no disciplinary, Class 1-C. I have completed several Self Help Programs. So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time? See: EXHIBIT # 6

7.) On 09-29-2025, the ADC Grievance Coordinator, Shakita Cannon REJECTED the Claimant's grievance stating it was a duplicate of CU-25-00618.

Grievance # CU-25-00618 was not in compliance with the ADC Grievance Policy, nor was it ever fully addressed, or exhausted. Therefore, the Claimant filed a New grievance # CU-25-00840, in compliance with the ADC Grievance Procedure and the New Prison Litigation Act which is NOT a duplicate copy. See: EXHIBIT # 7.

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8.) On 09-29-2025 the Claimant appealed the rejection of grievance # CU-25-00840 to the ADC Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director, stating: This is an amended [original] action/Grievance that has [not] been addressed in accordance with AD 14-16 Inmate Grievance Procedure. This Grievance follows the New Prison Litigation Act and ADC Rules and Procedures. ADC is the one out of compliance now. See: EXHIBIT # 8.

9.) On 10-07-2025, the ADC Director denied the Claimant's appeal stating:

Your appeal and supporting documentation, I find according to Ms. Knight (records Supervisor), you've earned all the good time that is allowed. So your T.E. is going to remain the same. Therefore, I find your appeal is without merit. Appeal Denied. See: EXHIBIT # 9.

II. POINTS TO RELY UPON

1.) The Claimant clearly falls under ADC's Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

DEFINITIONS:

A. Inmates--- persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Community Punishment

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. Transfer Provisions

1. Persons who committed felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and who are convicted and incarcerated for those felonies shall be eligible fro release on parole in accordance with the parole eligibility Law in effect at the time the crime was committed. See: EXHIBIT # 9-10. Also See: Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-826 Formally cited as AR ADC 004.00.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time.

V. DEFINITIONS :

A. Meritorious Good Time-- a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence. See: EXHIBIT # 10-11.

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G. Effective Date.

2. Inmates whose offense date is on or after January 1, 1994, shall earn good time in accordance with Act 549 and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session. See: EXHIBIT # 13. Also See: Ark. Admin. Rules § 004.00-91 **Meritorious Good Time (Arkansas Meritorious Good Time 2025)**

C. Awards of Meritorious Good TIME

2. Acts 273 of 1987

Under the provisions of Arkansas Codes, of Acts 273 of 1987 Regular Session, as amended, an inmate may be awarded up to ninety days of additional meritorious good time per incarceration (not accumulative) based on the following schedule:

- Maintain I-C status on specialized job for twelve months (specialized jobs such as head cook, bookkeeper, etc.) **UP TO 60 DAYS MGT.**
- Inmates who do not quality for other programs, but who receives Meritorious Good Time and has a good work record, attitude and appearance record, if the recipient of Meritorious Good Time would aid him/her in early release to participate in family assistant and/or further education. **UP TO 60 DAYS MGT.**

Also See: **ADC's 004.00.3-826 Meritorious Good Time**

IV. <u>POLICY</u>: It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to award inmates meritorious good time as a result of good behavior as a result of good discipline, behavior, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities while in the custody or supervision.

V. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>: of the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

A. Meritorious Good Time--a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days fro each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence.

VI. <u>PROCEDURE</u>:

A. Release Eligibility

2. Meritorious good time shall apply to an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date

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a. Meritorious good time shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's time served by more than one-half of the percentage required by law for transfer eligibility. See: EXHIBIT # 13-14.

III. ARGUMENT

1.) The Claimant's Meritorious Good Time calculation clearly falls under the T.E. (Transfer Eligibility Law), Per AR ADC 004.00.2-826 Meritorious Good Time , ADC is obligated by law to award the Claimant a reduction in his parole and or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month for the past twenty-nine (29) years and ADC has failed to do so. ADC is obligated by law to award the Claimant a reduction in his parole and or transfer eligibility date up to 60-120 days in accordance with:

(1.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

(2.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

(3.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.00-91 Meritorious Good Time See: *Johnson v. Clinton, 763 F.2d. 362 (8th CIr. 1985),* Meritorious Good Time shall be awarded under rules and regulation promulgated by the Board, approved by the Governor, and administrated by the Commission, subject to the provisions of this Act [secs. 26-120-46.120.5] for good discipline, good behavior, work practices and job responsibilities within the institution.

2.) The Claimant has complied with the ADC Rules of Meritorious Good Time Requirements. The Claimant has worked at the Arkansas Department of Correction, ACI Garment Program from 04/26/1996 up until date of this action. (2025) in a [specialized Job]. See: EXHIBIT # 14, Arkansas Department of Correction ACI GARMENT PROGRAM Certification for: SERGER, SINGLE NEEDLE Machinery dated, December 12, 2021

The Claimant has also completed the following Self Help Programs:

(1.) 9/5/24 Substance Abuse Education

(2.) 9/5/24 Thinking Errors

(3.) 9/5/24 Domestic Violence

(4.) 9/5/24 Parenting

(5.) 9/5/24 Stress Management P.5.

(6.) 9/5/24 Anger Management

(7.) 9/5/24 Communication Skills

See: EXHIBIT # 15

3.) The Claimant has complied with the ADC's Ark. Admin. Rule 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

IV. POLICY : by keeping and maintaining his Class I-C for twenty-nine (29) years without any disciplinary actions against him. See: EXHIBIT # 11

4.) ADC has [not] complied with ADC's

(1.) 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

(2.) 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

(3.) 004.00.90-016 Meritorious Good Time/826 Meritorious Good Time

ADC has [only] applied [1]one day to the front, (reduction) of the Claimant's time and [45] forty-five days off the end date. An [absolute] disregard and denial of the Claimant's earned Meritorious Good Time Credits which ADC owes to the Claimant which he has clearly earned.

IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Claimant prays for the following relief and any other just and proper relief this Honorable Arkansas State Claims Commission may deem just and proper.

30 Days of Good Time Credit per month for 29 years = 10,440 days

60 Days of Good Time Credit for Specialized Job = 60 days

60 Days of Good Timer Credit For Good Work and Class I-C = 60 days

EARNED GOOD TIME CREDITS TOTAL = 10,560 days

300^{00} in damages, the denial of the Claimant's earned Good Time Credits

The Claimant, hereby swears to that all facts stated herein this Complaint are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge on this 30 day of November 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Ralph D Douthitt

Ralph D. Douthitt, [redacted]

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JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT ORDER

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Independence COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Sixteenth DISTRICT Criminal DIVISION

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CLERK

On 10-25, 1995 the defendant personally appeared before the Court and, having been informed by the Court of the nature of the charge(s), of his/her constitutional and legal rights, of the effect of a guilty plea upon those rights, and of his/her right to make a statement before sentencing, the Court made the following findings:

☐ Defendant voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly entered: ☐ negotiated plea or ☐ plea directly to the court of ☐ guilty or ☐ nolo contendere to the charge(s) herein enumerated and acknowledged factual bases for charge(s);
☐ Defendant is found guilty of said charge(s) by the Court, sitting as trier of fact:
☒ Defendant was found guilty at jury trial.
☐ Defendant entered a plea as shown above and was sentenced by a jury.

DEFENDANT'S FULL NAME: Ralph Dean Douthitt [redacted] FROM: [redacted]

DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY: Lohnes T. Tiner | Criminal History Sc[redacted] | T.J. Hively [redacted]

☒ Defendant was represented by ☒ private counsel ☐ court appointed legal counsel ☐ public defender ☐ himself/herself.
☐ Defendant made a voluntary, knowing and intelligent waiver of his/her right to counsel.

There being no legal cause shown by the defendant, as requested, why judgment should not be pronounced against him/her, a judgment of conviction is hereby entered against the defendant on each charge enumerated, fines levied, and court costs assessed. The defendant is sentenced to the Arkansas Department of Correction for the term specified on each charge shown below:

CODE NO.	OFFENSE	A/S/C	OFFENSE DATE	DOCKET #	COUNTS	F/M	CLASS	Sent. Imposed	S.I.S.
5-14-103	#1 Rape		1989-1991	95-58	2	F	Y	120 months each Count	-0-
5-14-103	#2 Rape		1989-1991	95-58	1	F	Y	480 months	-0-
5-14-120	#3 Viol. Minor 1st Deg		Oct. 93-March 94	95-58	29	F	C	36 months each count	-0-
5-26-206	#4 Incest		Oct 93-March 94	95-58	29	F	C	36 months each count	-0-

Indicate which sentences are to run consecutively. 3 Counts of Rape, 29 Counts of Incest & 9 Counts of Violation of a Minor to run consecutive 20 Counts Violation of a minor to run concurrent

☐ DEATH PENALTY; EXECUTION DATE _____

TIME TO SERVE AT ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 2088 months

☒ Jail time credit: 199 days or ☐ None

☐ The Defendant was convicted of a target offense under the Community Punishment Act. The Court hereby orders that the Defendant be judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment.

FINE $ -0-

COURT COSTS $ 117.50 plus $1,220.00 V.R.F.

A judgment of restitution is hereby entered against the Defendant in the amount and terms as shown below:

Amount $ -0- ☐ Due immediately or ☐ Installments(specify) _____

Payment to be made to ☐ Dept. of Community Punishment or ☐ _____

If multiple beneficiaries, give names and show payment priority. _____

☐ Defendant is a Child Sex Offender as defined in A.C.A. 12-12-902.
☒ Other Count 3. Rape - Defendant is recommended Mental Health: Sexual Offender treatment and Counseling
☐ Commitment is a result of the revocation of Defendant's probation or suspended imposition of sentence.
☒ Defendant was informed of the right to appeal.

APPEAL BOND: $ One Million Dollars-Cash

	Offense #1	Offense #2	Offense #3	Offense #4
Presumptive Sentence	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sentenced as Habitual Offender under A.C.A. 5-4-501.				
Victim of the offense was under the age of 18 years.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The County Sheriff is hereby ordered and directed to transport the defendant to ☒ The Arkansas Department of Correction or ☐ _____ County Jail, or ☐ _____ Regional Punishment Facility.

The short report of circumstances attached hereto is approved.

Date 10-26-95 Circuit Judge(Print or type) John Dan Kemp Circuit Judge (Signature) John Dan Kemp

I certify this is a true and correct record of this Court.

Date 10/27/95 Circuit Clerk/Deputy Betty Crutcher by [signature] (Seal)

Date _____ I acknowledge receipt of judgment. Defendant (Signature) _____

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Date Rel. On Appeal Bond	Date Ret. To Custody	I certify the Def. named within was delivered to: ☐ The A.D.C. or ☐ Regional Punishment Facility	Date	Sheriff/Deputy(Sig.)
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White: Court File, Blue: A.D.C., Green: A.O.C., Goldenrod: Prosecutor, Pink: Defense Attorney, Yellow: Sheriff, Pink: Defendant
Form AOC 15 Revised 5/94

EXHIBIT #1

P/N 2 108032 X 06/29/99 08.38.36
IIS0002 INMATE RECORD (CONTINUED) PAGE 3
ADC NO: [redacted] NAME: DOUTHITT, RALPH D. ("C") STATUS: ACTIVE ADC
DD: 11/05/2139 TE: 11/05/2029 CL: I-C MED.: M3

SENSITIVE

MOVEMENT DATE & TYPE	DESTINATION	REASON FOR	ORIGIN
11/13/95 NEW COMMITMENT	INDEPENDENCE CY	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE COUNT
04/04/96 TRANSFERRED TO	DIAGNOSTIC NEW	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE CY JA
04/04/96 RECEIVED AT	DIAGNOSTIC NEW	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE CY JA
04/25/96 TRANSFERRED TO	CUMMINS UNIT		DIAGNOSTIC NEW COM
04/25/96 RECEIVED AT	CUMMINS UNIT		DIAGNOSTIC NEW COM
05/23/98 OUT ON FURLOUGH	INDEPENDENCE CO	EMERGENCY	CUMMINS UNIT
05/23/98 RET.FM.FURLOUGH	CUMMINS UNIT	EMERGENCY	INDEPENDENCE COUNT

HOUSING DATE, LOCATION, & TYPE		AM WORK ASSIGNMENT	PM WORK ASSIGNMENT
04/04/96	D04-BK040012 VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED	
04/25/96	A01-BK13224U VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED	UNASSIGNED
04/26/96	A01-BK19CA15 VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
02/19/97	A01-BK19BA14 VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
05/21/97	A01-BK19CA01 VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
06/25/97	A01-INFME004 VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED - MEDICAL	UNASSIGNED - MEDICAL

EXHIBIT #2

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

IIS0008 ***** TIME COMPUTATION CARD ***** DATE: 07/03/96

NAME: DOUTHITT, RALPH D. ADC NO.: [redacted]
LOCATION: CUMMINS UNIT HOUSING: BK19CA15 CLASS: I-C AS OF 07/02/96

YOU HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THE ADC TO SERVE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. THE RELEASE DATES LISTED BELOW ARE ONLY A PROJECTION AND INCLUDE ALL GOOD TIME WHICH CAN BE EARNED BASED ON YOUR CURRENT CLASS. IF ALL PROJECTED GOOD TIME IS NOT EARNED, THESE RELEASE DATES WILL CHANGE.

CMT	OFFENSE	DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTY NAME	TOTAL SENT. YR/MO/DA	PE	JAIL TIME
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	120/ 0	1/2	199
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	120/ 0	CS 1/2	0
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	480/ 0	CS 1/2	0
B.	VIOL. OF MINOR-1ST DEX 9	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CS 1/3*	0
B.	VIOL. OF MINOR-1ST DE(20)	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CC 1/3*	199
C.	INCEST X 29	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CS 1/3*	0
	TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH			174 0 0		

RELEASE DATES: TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029
DISCHARGE DATE: 11/05/2139

EXHIBIT #3

AR DOC
REPORT NO. OTCR118

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
TIME COMPUTATION CARD

PROCESSED: 01/10/2020 08:22 AM
REQUESTOR: Kim Elaine Collins

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph Dean **ADC #:** [redacted]

LOCATION: [redacted] **OF:** 07/02/1996

You have been committed to the ADC to serve the following sentences. The release dates listed below are only a projection and include all good time which can be earned based on your current class. If all projected good time is not earned, these release dates will change.

CMT.	OFFENSE	FEL CLS	DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTY NAME	TOTAL SENTENCE YY/MM/DD		PE/TE	JAIL TIME
AA-001	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	IN	1/2	199
AA-002	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AA-003	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 480m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AB-001	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree x 9	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0
AB-002	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree (20)	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CC	1/3*	199
AC-001	Incest x 29	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0

TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH 174y 0m 0d

RELEASE DATES:
TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DATE: 11/04/2029
DISCHARGE DATE: 09/21/2139

Good time - 1 DAY off front of Sentence
45 DAYS off Back of Sentence

EXHIBIT #4

AR DOC
REPORT NO. OTCR118

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
TIME COMPUTATION CARD

PROCESSED: 09/05/2024 10:38 AM
REQUESTOR: Ola M Tillman

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph Dean **ADC #** [redacted]

LOCATION: [redacted]

You have been committed to the ADC to serve the following sentences. The release dates listed below are only a projection and include all good time which can be earned based on your current class. If all projected good time is not earned, these release dates will change.

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AA-002	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AA-003	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 480m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AB-001	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree x 9	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0
AB-002	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree (20)	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CC	1/3*	199
AC-001	Incest x 29	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0

TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH 174y 0m 0d

RELEASE DATES:

TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DATE: 11/04/2029

DISCHARGE DATE: 07/13/2139

EXHIBIT #5

RECEIVED
CUMMINS UNIT
SEP 30 2025
GRIEVANCE OFFICE

UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE FORM (Attachment I)
Unit/Center Cummins

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
GRV. [redacted]25-00840
Date Received: 9-30-25
GRV. Code #: 901

Name Ralph D. Douthitt
ADC# [redacted] rks # 20 Job Assignment Garment Industry/Program

9-23-25 (Date) STEP ONE: Informal Resolution

9-25-25 (Date) STEP TWO: Formal Grievance (All complaints/concerns should first be handled informally.)
If the issue was not resolved during Step One, state why: Ms. Best put me up multiple times to no avail. Ms. Nash only puts up people who have lost good time—

_____, (Date) EMERGENCY GRIEVANCE (An emergency situation is one in which you may be subject to a substantial risk of physical harm: emergency grievances are not for ordinary problems that are not of serious nature). If you marked yes, give this completed form to the designated problem-solving staff, who will sign the attached emergency receipt. In an Emergency, state why: _____

Is this Grievance concerning Medical or Mental Health Services? NO *If yes, circle one: medical or mental*

BRIEFLY state your one complaint/concern and be specific as to the complaint, **date**, place, name of personnel involved and how **you** were affected. (Please Print): TO: Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young, Treatment/Programs. On 9-19-2025 Ms. Greenoyer Knight sent me an ADC Records Office Inter-Office Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, You have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029.

I was convicted during the Parole eligable laws not the T.E. Law. My Good time should continue to run for me. See: Ark. Admin. Rules 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time; and Ark. Admin. Rules 004-00-20-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time.

I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 [29-Years] no disciplinary, Class I.C. I've completed several Safe Help Programs.

So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time?

Ralph D. Douthitt
Inmate Signature

9-23-2025
Date

If you are harmed, threatened because of your use of the grievance process, report it immediately to the Warden or designee.

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY STAFF ONLY

This form was received on 9-23-25 (date), and determined to be **Step One** and/or an Emergency Grievance _____ (Yes or No). This form was forwarded to medical or mental health? _____ (Yes or No). If yes, name of the person in that department receiving this form: _____ Date _____

Jessica Mickel [redacted] J Mickel 9-23-25
PRINT STAFF NAME (PROBLEM SOLVER) Staff Signature Date Received

Describe action taken to resolve complaint, including **dates**: You must advise your supervisor to be put up for good time.

J Mickel 9-23-25 — Ralph Douthitt Sept. 23, 2025
Staff Signature & Date Returned — Inmate Signature & Date Received

This form was received on _____ (Date), pursuant to **Step Two**. Is it an Emergency? _____ (Yes or No).
Staff Who Received Step Two Grievance: _____ Date: _____
Action Taken: _____ (Forwarded to Grievance Officer/Warden/Other) Date: _____
If forwarded, provide name of person receiving this form: _____ Date: _____

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OCT 02 2025
INMATE GRIEVANCES SUPERVISOR
ADMINSTRATION BUILDING
EXHIBIT #6

DISTRIBUTION: YELLOW & PINK - Inmate Receipts; **BLUE** - Grievance Officer; **ORIGINAL** - Given back to Inmate after [illegible]

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Attachment II
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR REJECTION OF UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE

TO: Inmate Douthitt, Ralph D. **ADC#:** [redacted]
FROM: Cannon, Shakita S **TITLE:** ADC Inmate Grievance Coord
DATE: 09/30/2025 **GRIEVANCE #:** [redacted]25-00840

Please be advised, I have received your Grievance dated 09/23/2025 on 09/30/2025.
Your grievance was rejected as either non-grievable, untimely, duplicative, frivolous, or vexatious.

SIGNATURE OF ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORD

Shakita Cannon ☑

SHAKITA CANNON, ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORD
SEP 30, 2025 09:01:13 CDT

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- ○ This Grievance will be addressed by the Warden/Center Supervisor or designee.
- ○ This Grievance is of a medical nature and has been forwarded to the Health Services Administrator who will respond.
- ○ This Grievance involves a mental health issue and has been forwarded to the Mental Health Supervisor who will respond.
- ☐ This Grievance has been determined to be an emergency situation, as you so indicated.

- ○ This Grievance has been determined to not be an emergency situation because you would not be subject to a substantial risk of personal injury or other serious irreparable harm. Your Grievance will be processed as a Non-Emergency.
- ◉ This Grievance was REJECTED because it was either non-grievable ( ), untimely, was a duplicate of CU-25-00618 , or was frivolous or vexatious.

INMATE'S APPEAL

If you disagree with a rejection, 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. If you do not receive communication regarding your grievance by the date listed above, you may move to the next level of the process. To do so, indicate in the Inmate's Appeal Section below that you did not receive a response and mail it to the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director within five working days. Keep in mind that you are appealing the decision to reject the original complaint. Address only the rejection; do not list additional issues, which were not a 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. This is an amended [original] action/ Grievance that has [n]ot been address in accordance with AR 1416 Inmate Grievance Procedure,

INMATE SIGNATURE

Ralph Douthitt 108032
9-29-2025

This grievance follows the New Prison litigation Act and ADC Rules and Procedures. ADC is the one out of compliance now.

If appealing a rejection, please include both the Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) and the Rejection (Attachment II)

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INMATE GRIEVANCES SUPERVISOR

EXHIBIT #7

Attachment VI
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DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph D. **ADC #:** [redacted] **GRIEVANCE#:** [redacted]-00840

CHIEF DEPUTY/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION:
In your grievance dated 9/23/25, you stated, "Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young Treatment/Programs. On 9-19-2025 Ms. Gleenover Knight sent me an ADC Records Office Iter-Officer Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, You have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029. I was convicted during the Parole eligible Laws not the T.E. Law. My Good time should continue to run for me see: Arl. Admin Rules 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time; and Ark. Admin, Rules 004-00-20-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time. I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 (29-Years), no disciplinaries, class I-c, I've completed several self Help Programs. So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time?"

On 9/30/25, the unit rejected your grievance due to it being a duplicate of grievance CU-25-00618."

Your appeal was received on 10/2/25. After a review of your appeal and supporting documentation, I find according to Ms. Knight (records Supervisor), you've earned all good time that is allowed. So, your TE is going to remain the same. Therefore, I find your appeal is without merit.

Appeal Denied.

DIRECTOR

10-7-25

Please be advised that if you appeal this decision to the U.S. District Court, a copy of this Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director's Decision must be attached to any petition or complaint or the Court may dismiss your case without notice. You may also be subject to paying filing fees pursuant to the Prison Litigation Act of 1995.

EXHIBIT #8

WESTLAW

004.03.1-1301. Transfer Eligibility To Community Punishment
AR ADC 004.03.1-1301Arkansas Administrative Code *(Approx. 5 pages)*

West's Arkansas Administrative Code
Title 004. Department of Corrections
Division 03. Office of the Secretary
Rule 1. Administrative Rules
Work/Study Release

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-1301
Formerly cited as AR ADC 004.00.2-1301

004.03.1-1301. Transfer Eligibility To Community Punishment

Currentness

I. AUTHORITY:

The authority to promulgate this rule is vested in Act 549 of 1993, Regular Session, and Act 534/555 of 1993, Regular Session; and A.C.A. 16-93-1301 -- 1304.

II. PURPOSE:

To establish criteria for inmate transfer eligibility from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment in accordance with conditions established by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

III. APPLICABILITY:

To employees of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment, especially those involved in the transfer of inmates from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment and may include but not be limited to wardens/center supervisors, records staff, and institutional parole officers; and inmates.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

A. Inmates -- persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Correction but judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment.

V. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to transfer inmates upon their parole or transfer eligibility date from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment subject to approval and conditions set by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. Transfer Provisions

1. Persons who commit felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and who were convicted and incarcerated for those felonies, shall be eligible for release on parole in accordance with the parole eligibility law in effect at the time the crime was committed.

2. Persons who commit felonies on or after January 1, 1994, and who are convicted and incarcerated for those felonies, shall be eligible for transfer to Community Punishment as follows:

a. Inmates under sentence of death or life imprisonment without parole shall not be eligible for transfer but may be pardoned or have their sentence commuted to a term of years.

b. Inmates convicted of a target offense under the Community Punishment Act may be committed to the Department of Correction and judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment as stated on the court commitment.

(1) A copy of the commitment shall be forwarded to the Department of Correction. EXHIBIT #9

(2) The Department of Community Punishment shall take over supervision of the inmate in accordance with the court order.

3. All other inmates who are incarcerated shall be eligible for transfer to Community Punishment after having served one-third or one-half, with credit for good time, of their sentence depending on the seriousness determination made by the Arkansas Sentencing Commission; or one-half with credit for meritorious good time, of the time to which their sentence is commuted by executive clemency.

4. Specific guidelines used in computing an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date shall be included in the appropriate administrative directive(s) and or records manual.

B. Transfer Procedures

1. The Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment shall provide designated representatives of the Post Prison Transfer Board information regarding an inmate's transfer eligibility date and disciplinary record; and when appropriate, notice from the victim or next-of-kin requesting input on transfer conditions.

2. Every inmate while on transfer status shall remain in the legal custody of the Department of Correction, under the supervision of the Department of Community Punishment, and subject to the orders of the Post Prison Transfer Board.

3. The appropriate administrative directive(s) and/or operating manuals shall include specific eligibility criteria for transfer review.

C. Revocation of Transfer

In the event an inmate violates terms or conditions of the transfer, revocation procedures shall follow all legal requirements applicable to parole and shall be subject to any additional policies, rules, and rules set by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

VII. A.C.A. REFERENCES:

Credits

Eff. Dec. 1, 2002.

West's Arkansas Administrative Code (WAAC) is current with amendments received through July 15, 2025. Some sections may be more current, see credit for details.

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-1301, AR ADC 004.03.1-1301

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WESTLAW

004.03.1-826. Meritorious Good Time
AR ADC 004.03.1-826Arkansas Administrative Code *(Approx. 6 pages)*

West's Arkansas Administrative Code
Title 004. Department of Corrections
Division 03. Office of the Secretary
Rule 1. Administrative Rules
Inmate and Program Management

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-826
Formerly cited as AR ADC 004.00.2-826

004.03.1-826. Meritorious Good Time

Currentness

I. AUTHORITY:

The authority to promulgate this administrative rule is vested in Act 549 of 1993, Regular Session, and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session; A.C.A. 12-29-201--205.

II. PURPOSE:

To ensure a uniform method of awarding **meritorious good time** in accordance with Arkansas codes.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Directors of the Department of Correction and Department of Community Punishment; respective staff of the Department of Correction and Department of Community Punishment responsible for administering **meritorious good time**; and inmates.

IV. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to award inmates **meritorious good time** as a result of good discipline, behavior, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities while in the custody or supervision of the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

V. DEFINITIONS:

A. **Meritorious Good Time** -- a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence.

B. Inmate -- persons sentenced by court order to the Department of Correction, to the Department of Correction but judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment, or to a Department of Community Punishment facility.

VI. PROCEDURES:

An inmate may be entitled to **meritorious good time** reducing their parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence in one of the units,

EXHIBIT #11

facilities, or centers maintained by the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment.

A. Release Eligibility

1. **Meritorious good time** will not be applied to reduce an inmate's length of sentence.

2. **Meritorious good time** shall apply to an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date from the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment.

a. **Meritorious good time** shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's time served by more than one-half of the percentage required by law for transfer eligibility.

b. **Meritorious good time** shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's confinement in a community punishment facility by more than one-half.

3. The Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment shall determine a date at which the inmate who has acquired the maximum amount of **meritorious good time** necessary is to be administratively transferred to a less restrictive placement or supervision level within the Department of Community Punishment.

B. Class Status

1. Inmates may be reclassified as often as necessary in accordance with applicable rules and/or policies in order to carry out the purposes of the law and to maintain good discipline, order, and efficiency at the units, facilities, and centers.

2. Inmates who are reduced to the lowest class as a result of disciplinary action shall not be entitled to earn **meritorious good time**.

3. Inmates serving a punitive disciplinary sentence shall not earn **meritorious good time**.

C. Reduction in Class Status

Reduction in class status may occur:

1. as a result of disciplinary action; or

2. as an administrative reassignment or demotion after a hearing conducted by a designated committee.

D. Forfeiture and Restoration of **Meritorious Good Time**

1. Earned **meritorious good time** may be forfeited in accordance with the appropriate departmental policies upon conviction of a violation of departmental rules and rules.

2. The Director of either the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment may restore lost good time in accordance with applicable procedures.

E. Good Time Earned Pending Transfer to Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

Any person who is sentenced by a circuit court to the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment and is awaiting transfer may earn **meritorious good time**.

F. Statutory Good Time

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Inmates sentenced to the Department of Correction prior to April 2, 1971, shall be entitled to "statutory good time" as provided in Act 50 of 1968, provided no inmate shall ever receive a reduction of more than 30 days for each month served.

G. Effective Date

1. Inmates whose offense date is prior to January 1, 1994, shall earn good time (including good time applied to the length of sentence) in accordance with the good time law in effect on the date of the offense.

2. Inmates whose offense date is on or after January 1, 1994, shall earn good time in accordance with Act 549 and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session.

VII. A.C.A. REFERENCE:

Credits

Eff. Jan. 1, 1994.

West's Arkansas Administrative Code (WAAC) is current with amendments received through July 15, 2025. Some sections may be more current, see credit for details.

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-826, AR ADC 004.03.1-826

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Arkansas
Department of Correction

ACI Garment Program

This is to certify that

DOUTHITT RALPH ADC# [redacted]

has successfully completed On-the-Job-Training and Instruction in

SERGER ,SINGLE NEEDLE "Thank You For The Extra Effort You Do"

and is hereby awarded this Certificate

of Completion on this 12 day of December, 20 21

Program Manager

Supervisor

EXHIBIT #4

Cummins Unit
Mental Health
P.O. Box 500
Grady, AR 71644
Phone: 870-850-8899

Inmate Douthitt, Ralph D. [redacted] has completed the following self help classes while at the Cummins Unit:

9/5/24 Substance Abuse Education

9/5/24 Thinking Errors

9/5/24 Domestic Violence

9/5/24 Parenting

9/5/24 Stress Management

9/5/24 Anger Management

9/5/24 Communication Skills

Thank you

EXHIBIT #15

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

(501) 682-1619
FAX (501) 682-2823

KATHRYN IRBY
DIRECTOR

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

December 31, 2025

Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC [redacted]

RE: **Claim No. 260966 – deficient filing**

Dear Mr. Douthitt,

Your claim has been filed but has not been transmitted to the Arkansas Department of Correction because the claim exceeds the page limitations set out in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-208(f). The text of this subsection is set out on the following page for your review. I am also enclosing your filing for your convenience.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-208(f)(3)(A)(ii), you have forty-five days from the date of this letter to resubmit your complaint in compliance with the statute or to file a motion for leave to exceed the page limitations. Failure to do so will result in the dismissal of your claim without prejudice. Ark Code Ann. § 25-44-208(f)(3)(C).

Sincerely,

Mika Tucker

ES: cmcdaniel

Enclosures (claim form and supporting documents file-marked 12/10/2025)

Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-208(f)

(1) A claimant who is an inmate in the Division of Correction or the Division of Community Correction at the time the claim or action is filed is limited to no more than:
- (A) Five (5) pages of written factual allegations and legal argument in his or her complaint; and
- (B) Five (5) additional pages of exhibits to accompany his or her complaint.

(2) (A) An inmate filing a claim or action may file a motion to allow him or her to file additional pages of factual allegations, argument, or exhibits in excess of the limitations under subdivision (f)(1) of this section.

(B) A motion filed under this subdivision (f)(2) may be granted only if the commissioners of the Arkansas State Claims Commission find that the inmate needs the additional pages to fully explain his or her claim or action or if the claim or action is sufficiently complex to warrant additional pages.

(3) (A) If an inmate files a claim or action that exceeds the page limitations under this subsection, the commission shall:
- (i) Assign the inmate's claim a docket number; and
- (ii) Consider the inmate's claim filed, but mail the inmate's complaint and any attached exhibits back to him or her and give the inmate forty-five (45) days to:
  - (a) Resubmit his or her complaint and any attached exhibits in compliance with this subsection; or
  - (b) File a motion requesting permission to file a complaint and accompanying exhibits that exceed the page limitations under this subsection.

(B) The forty-five-day time period under this subsection is excludable time in calculating the statute of limitations for the inmate's claim or action.

(C) The commission may dismiss an inmate's complaint without prejudice if the inmate fails to:
- (i) Resubmit a complaint and attached exhibits that meet the page limitation requirements of this subsection; or
- (ii) File a motion requesting permission to file a complaint and attached exhibits that exceed the page limitation requirements of this subsection.

(D) (i) If the commission grants a motion for a complaint and accompanying exhibits that exceed the page limitation requirements of this subsection, the commission shall set out in the order granting the motion the revised timeline for the inmate to file his or her complaint and accompanying exhibits.

(ii) The commission may set a revised limit on the number of pages an inmate's complaint and accompanying exhibits may be.

Acts of 1949, Act 462, § 3; Acts of 1983, Act 470, § 3; Acts of 2019, Act 785, § 2; Acts of 2025, Act 419, § 305, eff. August 4, 2025.

Dear Clerk, 8 Jan. 2026

"Thank you" for filing my petition.

If there is anything else I need to do - please let me know.

again Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ralph Douthitt

[redacted]

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BEFORE THE STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Of the State of Arkansas

☐ Mr.
☐ Mrs.
☐ Ms.
☐ Miss **Ralph D. Douthitt,** [redacted], **Claimant**

vs.

State of Arkansas, Respondent

Arkansas State Claims Commission
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Claim No. JAN 13 2026
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COMPLAINT

Ralph D. Douthitt, [redacted] (Name), the above named Claimant, of [redacted] (Street or R.F.D. & No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Daytime Phone No.) Co[redacted] represented by N/A Pro-Se (Legal Counsel, if any, for Claim)

of (Street and No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone No.) (Fax No.), says:

State agency involved: Arkansas Division of Correction Amount sought: $300 and 10.4.40.-

Month, day, year and place of incident or service:

~~Explanation~~ 6-29-1999 up until judgement date rendered, days of Earned Meritorius Good Time Credit

Explanation:

As parts of this complaint, the claimant makes the statements, and answers the following questions, as indicated: (1) Has claim been presented to any state department or officer thereof? N/A (Yes or No); when? (Month) (Day) (Year); to whom? (Department): and that the following action was taken thereon:

and that $ was paid thereon: (2) Has any third person or corporation an interest in this claim? ; if so, state name and address (Name) (Street or R.F.D. & No.) (City) (State) (Zip Code) and that the nature thereof is as follows: : and was acquired on , in the following manner:

THE UNDERSIGNED states on oath that he or she is familiar with the matters and things set forth in the above complaint, and that he or she verily believes that they are true.

Ralph D. Douthitt
(Print Claimant/Representative Name)

Ralph D Douthitt
(Signature of Claimant/Representative)

SWORN TO and subscribed before me at Lincoln (City) AR (State)

(SEAL) OLIVER STEVERS JR. NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF ARKA DESHA COUNTY My Commission Expires 02-26-2024 Commission # 12380014

on this 7 (Date) day of December (Month), 2025 (Year)

Oliver Stevers Jr
(Notary Public)

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My Commission Expires: 02-26-2024
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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

MR. RALPH D. DOUTHITT (ADC #[redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

VS. **CLAIM NO.** 260966

STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

MOTION TO EXCEED(FIVE) PAGE LIMIT

Comes now, Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt, (ADC#[redacted] referenced herein as the Claimant when applicable and states:

The Claimant moves this Honorable Arkansas State Claims Commission for an Order granting the Claimant's Motion to Exceed the five (5) , page limit before this Honorable Court, so the Claimant may bring his Claim before the Honorable Claims Commission against the State of Arkansas/Arkansas Division of Correction.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Claimant prays that this Honorable Court will Grant the five page, page limit to exceed and move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph D. Douthitt 1-7-2026

Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC #[redacted]

[redacted]

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

MR. RALPH D. DOUTHITT (ADC #[redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

VS. **CLAIM NO.** 260966

STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

I. STATEMENT OF CASE :

1.) On10-25-1995, the Claimant was convicted of:

(1.) **Ark. Code Ann. §5-14-103, Rape.** OFFENSE DATE 1989-1991., 2 Counts SENTENCE IMPOSED 120 Months.

(2.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-14-103, Rape.** OFFENSE DATE 1989-1991. 1 Count. SENTENCE IMPOSED 480 Months.

(3.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-14-120. Violation of Minor 1st. Degree.** OFFENSE DATE October 1993-March 1994. 29 Counts. SENTENCE IMPOSED 36 Months.

(4.) **Ark. Code Ann. § 5-26-206, Incest** OFFENSE DATE October 1993-March 1994. 29 Counts SENTENCE IMPOSED 36 Months.

The Conviction, Judgment, and Commitment Order was passed down from the Circuit Court of Independence County, Arkansas, Sixteenth District Criminal Division by, Judge John Dan Kemp. See: Exhibit # 1.

2.) On 04-26-1996 the Claimant was assigned to the: ADC Cummins Unit Industry Garment Factory. See: Exhibit # 2.

3.) On 07-03-1996, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. **TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029.**
2. **DISCHARGE DATE: 11/05/2139.**

See: EXHIBIT # 3.

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4.) On 01-10-2020, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. **TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029**
2. **DISCAHRGE DATE: 11/05/2139**

See: EXHIBIT # 4.

5.) On 09-05-2024, the Claimant received a ADC TIME COMPUTATION CARD Listing the Claimant's charges and possible parole dates:

1. **TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/04/2029**
2. **DISCHARGE DATE: 07/13/2139**

See: EXHIBIT # 5

6.) On 09-23-2025, the Claimant filed a ADC UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE stating:

TO: Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young, Treatment/Programs. On 09-19-2025 Ms. Gleenover Knight sent me a ADC Records Office Inter-Office Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, you have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029.

I was convicted during the Parole eligible laws not the T.E. Law. My Good Time should continue to run for me. See: **Ark. Admin. Rules § 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time;** and **Ark. Admin. Rules, §004-00-20-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time.**

I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 (29-Years), no disciplinary, Class 1-C. I have completed several Self Help Programs. So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time? See: EXHIBIT # 6

7.) On 09-29-2025, the ADC Grievance Coordinator, Shakita Cannon REJECTED the Claimant's grievance stating it was a duplicate of CU-25-00618.

Grievance # CU-25-00618 was not in compliance with the ADC Grievance Policy, nor was it ever fully addressed, or exhausted. Therefore, the Claimant filed a New grievance # CU-25-00840, in compliance with the ADC Grievance Procedure and the New Prison Litigation Act which is NOT a duplicate copy. See: EXHIBIT # 7.

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8.) On 09-29-2025 the Claimant appealed the rejection of grievance # CU-25-00840 to the ADC Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director, stating: This is an amended [original] action/Grievance that has [not] been addressed in accordance with AD 14-16 Inmate Grievance Procedure. This Grievance follows the New Prison Litigation Act and ADC Rules and Procedures. ADC is the one out of compliance now. See: EXHIBIT # 8.

9.) On 10-07-2025, the ADC Director denied the Claimant's appeal stating:

Your appeal and supporting documentation, I find according to Ms. Knight (records Supervisor), you've earned all the good time that is allowed. So your T.E. is going to remain the same. Therefore, I find your appeal is without merit. Appeal Denied. See: EXHIBIT # 8

II. POINTS TO RELY UPON

1.) The Claimant clearly falls under ADC's Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

DEFINITIONS:

A. Inmates--- persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Community Punishment

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. Transfer Provisions

1. Persons who committed felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and who are convicted and incarcerated for those felonies shall be eligible fro release on parole in accordance with the parole eligibility Law in effect at the time the crime was committed. See: EXHIBIT # 9-10. Also See: Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-826 Formally cited as AR ADC 004.00.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time.

V. DEFINITIONS :

A. Meritorious Good Time-- a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence. See: EXHIBIT # 10-11.

G. Effective Date.

2. Inmates whose offense date is on or after January 1, 1994, shall earn good time in accordance with Act 549 and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session. See: EXHIBIT # 13. Also See: Ark. Admin. Rules § 004.00-91 **Meritorious Good Time (Arkansas Meritorious Good Time 2025)**

C. Awards of Meritorious Good TIME

2. Acts 273 of 1987

Under the provisions of Arkansas Codes, of Acts 273 of 1987 Regular Session, as amended, an inmate may be awarded up to ninety days of additional meritorious good time per incarceration (not accumulative) based on the following schedule:

- Maintain I-C status on specialized job for twelve months (specialized jobs such as head cook, bookkeeper, etc.) **UP TO 60 DAYS MGT.**
- Inmates who do not quality for other programs, but who receives Meritorious Good Time and has a good work record, attitude and appearance record, if the recipient of Meritorious Good Time would aid him/her in early release to participate in family assistant and/or further education. **UP TO 60 DAYS MGT.**

Also See: **ADC's 004.00.3-826 Meritorious Good Time**

IV. <u>POLICY</u>: It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to award inmates meritorious good time as a result of good behavior as a result of good discipline, behavior, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities while in the custody or supervision.

V. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>: of the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

A. Meritorious Good Time--a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days fro each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence.

VI. <u>PROCEDURE</u>:

A. Release Eligibility

2. Meritorious good time shall apply to an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date

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a. Meritorious good time shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's time served by more than one-half of the percentage required by law for transfer eligibility. See: EXHIBIT # 13-14.

III. ARGUMENT

1.) The Claimant's Meritorious Good Time calculation clearly falls under the T.E. (Transfer Eligibility Law), Per AR ADC 004.00.2-826 Meritorious Good Time , ADC is obligated by law to award the Claimant a reduction in his parole and or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month for the past twenty-nine (29) years and ADC has failed to do so. ADC is obligated by law to award the Claimant a reduction in his parole and or transfer eligibility date up to 60-120 days in accordance with:

(1.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

(2.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

(3.) Ark. Admin. Code § 004.00-91 Meritorious Good Time See: *Johnson v. Clinton, 763 F.2d. 362 (8th CIr. 1985),* Meritorious Good Time shall be awarded under rules and regulation promulgated by the Board, approved by the Governor, and administrated by the Commission, subject to the provisions of this Act [secs. 26-120-46.120.5] for good discipline, good behavior, work practices and job responsibilities within the institution.

2.) The Claimant has complied with the ADC Rules of Meritorious Good Time Requirements. The Claimant has worked at the Arkansas Department of Correction, ACI Garment Program from 04/26/1996 up until date of this action. (2025) in a [specialized Job]. See: EXHIBIT # 14, Arkansas Department of Correction ACI GARMENT PROGRAM Certification for: SERGER, SINGLE NEEDLE Machinery dated, December 12, 2021

The Claimant has also completed the following Self Help Programs:

(1.) 9/5/24 Substance Abuse Education

(2.) 9/5/24 Thinking Errors

(3.) 9/5/24 Domestic Violence

(4.) 9/5/24 Parenting

(5.) 9/5/24 Stress Management

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(6.) 9/5/24 Anger Management

(7.) 9/5/24 Communication Skills

See: EXHIBIT # 15

3.) The Claimant has complied with the ADC's Ark. Admin. Rule 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

IV. POLICY : by keeping and maintaining his Class I-C for twenty-nine (29) years without any disciplinary actions against him. See: EXHIBIT # 11

4.) ADC has [not] complied with ADC's

(1.) 004.03.1-1301 Transfer Eligibility to Community Punishment

(2.) 004.03.1-826 Meritorious Good Time

(3.) 004.00.90-016 Meritorious Good Time/826 Meritorious Good Time

ADC has [only] applied [1]one day to the front, (reduction) of the Claimant's time and [45] forty-five days off the end date. An [absolute] disregard and denial of the Claimant's earned Meritorious Good Time Credits which ADC owes to the Claimant which he has clearly earned.

IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The Claimant prays for the following relief and any other just and proper relief this Honorable Arkansas State Claims Commission may deem just and proper.

30 Days of Good Time Credit per month for 29 years = 10,440 days

60 Days of Good Time Credit for Specialized Job = 60 days

60 Days of Good Timer Credit For Good Work and Class I-C = 60 days

EARNED GOOD TIME CREDITS TOTAL = 10,560 days

300^{00} in damages, the denial of the Claimant's earned Good Time Credits

The Claimant, hereby swears to that all facts stated herein this Complaint are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge on this 30 day of November 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Ralph O. Douthitt

Ralph D. Douthitt, (ADC# [redacted]

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J GMENT AND COMMITMENT ORDER

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Independence COUNTY, ARKANSAS
Sixteenth DISTRICT Criminal DIVISION

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BETTY CRUTCHER
BY

On 10-25, 1995 the defendant personally appeared before the Court and, having been informed by the Court of the nature of the charge(s), of his/her constitutional and legal rights, of the effect of a guilty plea upon those rights, and of his/her right to make a statement before sentencing, the Court made the following findings:

☐ Defendant voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly entered: ☐ negotiated plea or ☐ plea directly to the Court of ☐ guilty or ☐ nolo contendere to the charge(s) herein enumerated and acknowledged factual bases for charge(s);
☐ Defendant is found guilty of said charge(s) by the Court, sitting as trier of fact:
☒ Defendant was found guilty at jury trial.
☐ Defendant entered a plea as shown above and was sentenced by a jury.

DEFENDANT'S FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	SID #	CHANGE OF VENUE FROM:
Ralph Dean Douthitt	[redacted]				

DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY	Criminal History Score	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OR DEPUTY
Lehnes T. Tiner	n/a	T.J. Hively

☒ Defendant was represented by ☒ private counsel ☐ court appointed legal counsel ☐ public defender ☐ himself/herself.
☐ Defendant made a voluntary, knowing and intelligent waiver of his/her right to counsel.

There being no legal cause shown by the defendant, as requested, why judgment should not be pronounced against him/her, a judgment of conviction is hereby entered against the defendant on each charge enumerated, fines levied, and court costs assessed. The defendant is sentenced to the Arkansas ~~Department of Correction for the term~~ specified on each charge shown below:

CODE NO.	OFFENSE	A/S/C	OFFENSE DATE	DOCKET #	COUNTS	F/M	CLASS	Sent. Imposed	S.I.S.
5-14-103	#1 Rape		1989-1991	95-58	2	F	Y	120 months each Count	-0-
5-14-103	#2 Rape		1989-1991	95-58	1	F	Y	480 months	-0-
5-14-125	#3 Viol. Minor 1st Deg		Oct. 93 March 94	95-58	29	F	C	36 months each count	-0-
5-26-206	#4 Incest		Oct. 93 March 94	95-58	29	F	C	36 months each count	-0-

Indicate which sentences are to run consecutively. 3 Counts of Rape, 29 Counts of Incest, 9 Counts of Violation of Minor to run consecutive 20 Counts Violation of Minor to run concurrent

☐ DEATH PENALTY; EXECUTION DATE _____

TIME TO SERVE AT ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 2088 months

☒ Jail time credit: 199 days or ☐ None

☐ The Defendant was convicted of a target offense under the Community Punishment Act. The Court hereby orders that the Defendant be judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment.

FINE $ -0-

COURT COSTS $ 117.50 plus $1,220.00 V.R.F.

A judgment of restitution is hereby entered against the Defendant in the amount and terms as shown below:

Amount $ -0- ☐ Due immediately or ☐ Installments(specify)_____

Payment to be made to ☐ Dept. of Community Punishment or ☐ _____

If multiple beneficiaries, give names and show payment priority._____

☐ Defendant is a Child Sex Offender as defined in A.C.A. 12-12-902.
☒ Other Count 3 - Rape - Defendant is recommended Mental Health / Sexual Offender treatment and Counseling
☐ Commitment is a result of the revocation of Defendant's probation or suspended imposition of sentence.
☒ Defendant was informed of the right to appeal.

APPEAL BOND: One Million Dollars-Cash

	Offense #1	Offense #2	Offense #3	Offense #4
Presumptive Sentence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sentenced as Habitual Offender under A.C.A. 5-4-501.				
Victim of the offense was under the age of 18 years.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The County Sheriff is hereby ordered and directed to transport the defendant to ☒ The Arkansas Department of Correction or ☐ _____ County Jail, or ☐ _____ Regional Punishment Facility.

The short report of circumstances attached hereto is approved.

Date 10-26-95 Circuit Judge(Print or type) John Dan Kemp Circuit Judge (Signature) John Dan Kemp

I certify this is a true and correct record of this Court.

Date 10/27/95 Circuit Clerk/Deputy Betty Crutcher by (Seal)

Date _____ I acknowledge receipt of judgment. Defendant (Signature)

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Date Rel. On Appeal Bond	Date Ret. To Custody	I certify the Def. named within was delivered to: ☐ The A.D.C. or ☐ Regional Punishment Facility	Date	Sheriff/Deputy(Sig.)
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White: Court File, Blue: A.D.C., Green: A.O.C., Goldenrod: Prosecutor, Pink: Defense Attorney, Yellow: Sheriff, Pink: Defendant
Form AOC 15 Revised 5/94

EXHIBIT #1

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IIS0002 INMATE RECORD (CONTINUED) PAGE 3
ADC NO: [redacted] NAME: DOUTHITT, RALPH D. ("C") STATUS: ACTIVE ADC
DD: 11/05/2139 TE: 11/05/2029 CL: I-C MED.: M3

SENSITIVE

MOVEMENT	DATE & TYPE	DESTINATION	REASON FOR	ORIGIN
11/13/95	NEW COMMITMENT	INDEPENDENCE CY	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE COUNT
04/04/96	TRANSFERRED TO	DIAGNOSTIC NEW	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE CY JA
04/04/96	RECEIVED AT	DIAGNOSTIC NEW	CNTY JL BACKUP	INDEPENDENCE CY JA
04/25/96	TRANSFERRED TO	CUMMINS UNIT		DIAGNOSTIC NEW COM
04/25/96	RECEIVED AT	CUMMINS UNIT		DIAGNOSTIC NEW COM
05/23/98	OUT ON FURLOUGH	INDEPENDENCE CO	EMERGENCY	CUMMINS UNIT
05/23/98	RET.FM.FURLOUGH	CUMMINS UNIT	EMERGENCY	INDEPENDENCE COUNT

HOUSING DATE, LOCATION, & TYPE			AM WORK ASSIGNMENT	PM WORK ASSIGNMENT
04/04/96	D04-BK040012	VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED	
04/25/96	A01-BK13224U	VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED	UNASSIGNED
04/26/96	A01-BK19CA15	VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
02/19/97	A01-BK19BA14	VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
05/21/97	A01-BK19CA01	VARIED USE	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY	INDUS GARMNT FACTORY
06/25/97	A01-INFME004	VARIED USE	UNASSIGNED - MEDICAL	UNASSIGNED - MEDICAL

EXHIBIT #1

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

IIS0008 ***** TIME COMPUTATION CARD ***** DATE: 07/03/96

NAME: DOUTHITT, RALPH D. ADC NO.: [redacted]
LOCATION: CUMMINS UNIT HOUSING: BK19CA15 CLAS[redacted] F307/02/96

YOU HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THE ADC TO SERVE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. THE RELEASE DATES LISTED BELOW ARE ONLY A PROJECTION AND INCLUDE ALL GOOD TIME WHICH CAN BE EARNED BASED ON YOUR CURRENT CLASS. IF ALL PROJECTED GOOD TIME IS NOT EARNED, THESE RELEASE DATES WILL CHANGE.

CMT	OFFENSE	DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTY NAME	TOTAL SENT. YR/MO/DA	PE	JAIL TIME
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	120/ 0	1/2	199
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	120/ 0	CS 1/2	0
A.	RAPE	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	480/ 0	CS 1/2	0
B.	VIOL. OF MINOR-1ST DEX 9	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CS 1/3*	0
B.	VIOL. OF MINOR-1ST DE(20)	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CC 1/3*	199
C.	INCEST X 29	CR-95--58	INDEPENDENCE	36/ 0	CS 1/3*	0
	TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH			174 0 0		

RELEASE DATES: TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: 11/05/2029
DISCHARGE DATE: 11/05/2139

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REPORT NO. OTCR118

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
TIME COMPUTATION CARD

PAGE: 1 of 15
PROCESSED: 01/10/2020 08:22 AM
REQUESTOR: Kim Elaine Collins

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph Dean **ADC** [redacted]

LOCATION: Cummins Modular Unit **HOUSING:** MU05M005 CLASS: C [redacted]

You have been committed to the ADC to serve the following sentences. The release dates listed below are only a projection and include all good time which can be earned based on your current class. If all projected good time is not earned, these release dates will change.

CMT.	OFFENSE	FEL CLS	DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTY NAME	TOTAL SENTENCE YY/MM/DD		PE/TE	JAIL TIME
AA-001	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	IN	1/2	199
AA-002	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AA-003	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 480m 0d	CS	1/2	0
AB-001	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree x 9	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0
AB-002	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree (20)	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CC	1/3*	199
AC-001	Incest x 29	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0

TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH 174y 0m 0d

RELEASE DATES:
TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DATE: 11/04/2029
DISCHARGE DATE: 09/21/2139

Good time - 1 DAY off front of Sentence
45 DAYS off Back of Sentence

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A Not really. I mean, I guess I did but I didn't. I always sa all kinds of stuff that I didn't mean. Then again I meant them. It's two different feelings. The feeling that I cared a lot about him and the feeling that I was in love with him like we was togeth ourselves.

Q Well, let me ask you this. When you wrote him that --- I rea I'm crude, you know, but for lack of a better term, were you propo tioning him?

A What do you mean, propositioning him? You mean, wanted him myself?

Q Yes, Ma'am.

A Yes. We wanted each other for ourselves.

Q Okay. So we will understand, you were writing him letters an propositioning him to have sex with you?

A No. It was --- we both done it that way. He would write letters like this to me.

Q No. No, what I'm talking about, in this ---

A And I would write letters.

Q In this letter here, Defendant's Exhibit #1 ---

A Yes.

Q Were you propositioning him to have sex with you?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Now, what did you expect him to do when you wrote him that?

A Well, like he always did. We would always have sex. Sometim two or three times a day.

FAY DILBECK
Certified Reporter
P.O. Box 3476
Batesville, AR 72503
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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
TIME COMPUTATION CARD

PROCESSED: 09/05/2024 10:38 AM
REQUESTOR: Ola M Tillman

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph Dean **ADC #** [redacted]

LOCATION: [redacted]

You have been committed to the ADC to serve the following sentences. The release dates listed below are only a projection and include all good time which can be earned based on your current class. If all projected good time is not earned, these release dates will change.

CMT.	OFFENSE	FEL CLS	DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTY NAME	TOTAL SENTENCE YY/MM/DD		PE/TE	JAIL TIME
AA-001	Rape	Y	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 120m 0d	IN	1/2	199
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AB-001	Viol. Of Minor-1st Degree x 9	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0
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AC-001	Incest x 29	C	CR-1995-58	Independence	0y 36m 0d	CS	1/3*	0

TOTAL SENTENCE LENGTH 174y 0m 0d

RELEASE DATES:
TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DATE: 11/04/2029
DISCHARGE DATE: 07/13/2139

EXHIBIT #5

RECEIVED CUMMINS UNIT
SEP 30 2025
GRIEVANCE OFFICE

UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE FORM (Attachment I)
Unit/Center [redacted]

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
GRV. # [redacted]250034O
Date Received: 9-30-25
GRV. Code #: 901

Name Ralph D. Douthitt
ADC [redacted] **Brks #** 20 **Job Assignment** Garment Industry/Program

9-23-25 (Date) STEP ONE: Informal Resolution

9-25-25 (Date) STEP TWO: Formal Grievance (All complaints/concerns should first be handled informally.)
If the issue was not resolved during Step One, state why: Ms. Best put me up multiple times to no avail. Ms. Nash only puts up people who have lost good time—

_____, (Date) EMERGENCY GRIEVANCE (An emergency situation is one in which you may be subject to a substantial risk of physical harm: emergency grievances are not for ordinary problems that are not of serious nature). If you marked yes, give this completed form to the designated problem-solving staff, who will sign the attached emergency receipt. In an Emergency, state why: _____

Is this Grievance concerning Medical or Mental Health Services? NO *If yes, circle one: medical or mental*

BRIEFLY state your one complaint/concern and be specific as to the complaint, **date**, place, name of personnel involved and how **you** were affected. (Please Print): T/: Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young, Treatment/Programs. On 9-19-2025 Ms. Gleenoper Knight sent me an ADC Records office Inter-Office Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, You have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029.

I was convicted during the Parole eligable laws not the T.E. Law. My Good time should continue to run for me, see: Ark. Admin. Rules 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time; and Ark. Admin. Rules 004-00-2b-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time.

I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 (29-Years) no disciplinary, Class I.C. I've completed several Safe Help Programs.

So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time?

Ralph D. Douthitt
Inmate Signature

9-23-2025
Date

If you are harmed, threatened because of your use of the grievance process, report it immediately to the Warden or designee.

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY STAFF ONLY

This form was received on 9-23-25 (date), and determined to be **Step One** and/or an Emergency Grievance _____ (Yes or No). This form was forwarded to medical or mental health? _____ (Yes or No). If yes, name of the person in that department rece[redacted] Date _____

Jessica Mickel [redacted] Mickel 9-23-25
PRINT STAFF NAME (PROBLEM SOLVER) [redacted]ff Signature Date Received

Describe action taken to resolve complaint, including **dates**: You must advise your supervisor to be put up for good time.

Mickel 9-23-25 — Ralph Douthitt Sept. 23, 2025
Staff Signature & Date Returned — Inmate Signature & Date Received

This form was received on _____ (Date), pursuant to **Step Two**. Is it an Emergency? _____ (Yes or No).
Staff Who Received Step Two Grievance: _____ Date: _____
Action Taken: _____ (Forwarded to Grievance Officer/Warden/Other) Date: _____
If forwarded, provide name of person receiving this form: _____ Date: _____

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INMATE GRIEVANCE SUPERVISOR
ADMINSTRATION BUILDING

EXHIBIT 6

DISTRIBUTION: YELLOW & PINK - Inmate Receipts; **BLUE** - Grievance Officer; **ORIGINAL** - Given back to Inmate after completion of Step One and Step Two

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Attachment II
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR REJECTION OF UNIT LEVEL GRIEVANCE

TO: Inmate Douthitt, Ralph D. **ADC#:** [redacted]
FROM: Cannon, Shakita S **TITLE:** ADC Inmate Grievance Coord
DATE: 09/30/2025 **GRIEVANCE #:** [redacted]5-00840

Please be advised, I have received your Grievance dated 09/23/2025 on 09/30/2025.
Your grievance was rejected as either non-grievable, untimely, duplicative, frivolous, or vexatious.

SIGNATURE OF ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORD

Shakita Cannon ☑

SHAKITA CANNON, ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORD
SEP 30, 2025 09:01:13 CDT

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- ○ This Grievance will be addressed by the Warden/Center Supervisor or designee.
- ○ This Grievance is of a medical nature and has been forwarded to the Health Services Administrator who will respond.
- ○ This Grievance involves a mental health issue and has been forwarded to the Mental Health Supervisor who will respond.
- ☐ This Grievance has been determined to be an emergency situation, as you so indicated.

- ○ This Grievance has been determined to not be an emergency situation because you would not be subject to a substantial risk of personal injury or other serious irreparable harm. Your Grievance will be processed as a Non-Emergency.
- ◉ This Grievance was REJECTED because it was either non-grievable ( ), untimely, was a duplicate of CU-25-00618 , or was frivolous or vexatious.

INMATE'S APPEAL

If you disagree with a rejection, 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. If you do not receive communication regarding your grievance by the date listed above, you may move to the next level of the process. To do so, indicate in the Inmate's Appeal Section below that you did not receive a response and mail it to the appropriate Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director within five working days. Keep in mind that you are appealing the decision to reject the original complaint. Address only the rejection; do not list additional issues, which were not a 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. This is an amended [original] action/ Grievance that has [n]ot been address in accordance with #1416 Inmate Grievance Procedure,

INMATE SIGNATURE

Ralph Douthitt [redacted]
9-29-2025

This grievance follows the New Prison litigation Act and ADC Rules and Procedures. ADC is the one one out of compliance now.

If appealing a rejection, please include both the Unit Level Grievance Form (Attachment I) and the Rejection (Attachment II)

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INMATE GRIEVANCE SUPERVISOR

EXHIBIT #7

Attachment VI
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DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION

INMATE NAME: Douthitt, Ralph D. **ADC #:** [redacted] **GRIEVANCE#:** [redacted]25-00840

CHIEF DEPUTY/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DECISION:
In your grievance dated 9/23/25, you stated, "Ms. Culclager, ADC Director, and Warden L. Young Treatment/Programs. On 9-19-2025 Ms. Gleenover Knight sent me an ADC Records Office Iter-Officer Communication stating: Your time has been checked, and no errors were found. Therefore, You have earned all of the good time allowed to earn and your T.E. remains 11-4-2029. I was convicted during the Parole eligible Laws not the T.E. Law. My Good time should continue to run for me see: Arl. Admin Rules 004-00-91 Meritorious Good Time; and Ark. Admin, Rules 004-00-20-AR 826 Meritorious Good Time. I have worked at the Garment Industry Program since May of 1996 (29-Years), no disciplinaries, class I-c, I've completed several self Help Programs. So why hasn't Ms. Knight gave me my earned Good Time and applied it to the reduction of my time?"

On 9/30/25, the unit rejected your grievance due to it being a duplicate of grievance CU-25-00618."

Your appeal was received on 10/2/25. After a review of your appeal and supporting documentation, I find according to Ms. Knight (records Supervisor), you've earned all good time that is allowed. So, your TE is going to remain the same. Therefore, I find your appeal is without merit.

Appeal Denied.

DIRECTOR

10-7-25

Please be advised that if you appeal this decision to the U.S. District Court, a copy of this Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director's Decision must be attached to any petition or complaint or the Court may dismiss your case without notice. You may also be subject to paying filing fees pursuant to the Prison Litigation Act of 1995.

EXHIBIT #8

WESTLAW

004.03.1-1301. Transfer Eligibility To Community Punishment
AR ADC 004.03.1-1301 Arkansas Administrative Code *(Approx. 5 pages)*

West's Arkansas Administrative Code
Title 004. Department of Corrections
Division 03. Office of the Secretary
Rule 1. Administrative Rules
Work/Study Release

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-1301
Formerly cited as AR ADC 004.00.2-1301

004.03.1-1301. Transfer Eligibility To Community Punishment

Currentness

I. AUTHORITY:

The authority to promulgate this rule is vested in Act 549 of 1993, Regular Session, and Act 534/555 of 1993, Regular Session; and A.C.A. 16-93-1301 – 1304.

II. PURPOSE:

To establish criteria for inmate transfer eligibility from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment in accordance with conditions established by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

III. APPLICABILITY:

To employees of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment, especially those involved in the transfer of inmates from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment and may include but not be limited to wardens/center supervisors, records staff, and institutional parole officers; and inmates.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

A. Inmates -- persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Correction but judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment.

V. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to transfer inmates upon their parole or transfer eligibility date from the Department of Correction to the Department of Community Punishment subject to approval and conditions set by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. Transfer Provisions

1. Persons who commit felonies prior to January 1, 1994, and who were convicted and incarcerated for those felonies, shall be eligible for release on parole in accordance with the parole eligibility law in effect at the time the crime was committed.

2. Persons who commit felonies on or after January 1, 1994, and who are convicted and incarcerated for those felonies, shall be eligible for transfer to Community Punishment as follows:

a. Inmates under sentence of death or life imprisonment without parole shall not be eligible for transfer but may be pardoned or have their sentence commuted to a term of years.

b. Inmates convicted of a target offense under the Community Punishment Act may be committed to the Department of Correction and judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment as stated on the court commitment.

(1) A copy of the commitment shall be forwarded to the Department of Correction. EXHIBIT #9

(2) The Department of Community Punishment shall take over supervision of the inmate in accordance with the court order.

3. All other inmates who are incarcerated shall be eligible for transfer to Community Punishment after having served one-third or one-half, with credit for good time, of their sentence depending on the seriousness determination made by the Arkansas Sentencing Commission; or one-half with credit for meritorious good time, of the time to which their sentence is commuted by executive clemency.

4. Specific guidelines used in computing an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date shall be included in the appropriate administrative directive(s) and or records manual.

B. Transfer Procedures

1. The Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment shall provide designated representatives of the Post Prison Transfer Board information regarding an inmate's transfer eligibility date and disciplinary record; and when appropriate, notice from the victim or next-of-kin requesting input on transfer conditions.

2. Every inmate while on transfer status shall remain in the legal custody of the Department of Correction, under the supervision of the Department of Community Punishment, and subject to the orders of the Post Prison Transfer Board.

3. The appropriate administrative directive(s) and/or operating manuals shall include specific eligibility criteria for transfer review.

C. Revocation of Transfer

In the event an inmate violates terms or conditions of the transfer, revocation procedures shall follow all legal requirements applicable to parole and shall be subject to any additional policies, rules, and rules set by the Post Prison Transfer Board.

VII. A.C.A. REFERENCES:

Credits
Eff. Dec. 1, 2002.

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004.03.1-826. Meritorious Good Time
AR ADC 004.03.1-826Arkansas Administrative Code *(Approx. 6 pages)*

West's Arkansas Administrative Code
Title 004. Department of Corrections
Division 03. Office of the Secretary
Rule 1. Administrative Rules
Inmate and Program Management

Ark. Admin. Code 004.03.1-826
Formerly cited as AR ADC 004.00.2-826

004.03.1-826. Meritorious Good Time

Currentness

I. AUTHORITY:

The authority to promulgate this administrative rule is vested in Act 549 of 1993, Regular Session, and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session; A.C.A. 12-29-201–205.

II. PURPOSE:

To ensure a uniform method of awarding **meritorious good time** in accordance with Arkansas codes.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Directors of the Department of Correction and Department of Community Punishment; respective staff of the Department of Correction and Department of Community Punishment responsible for administering **meritorious good time**; and inmates.

IV. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to award inmates **meritorious good time** as a result of good discipline, behavior, work practices, job responsibilities, and involvement in rehabilitative activities while in the custody or supervision of the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

V. DEFINITIONS:

A. **Meritorious Good Time** – a reduction in an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence.

B. Inmate – persons sentenced by court order to the Department of Correction, to the Department of Correction but judicially transferred to the Department of Community Punishment, or to a Department of Community Punishment facility.

VI. PROCEDURES:

An inmate may be entitled to **meritorious good time** reducing their parole or transfer eligibility date up to 30 days for each month incarcerated after imposition of sentence in one of the units,

EXHIBIT #11

facilities, or centers maintained by the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment.

A. Release Eligibility

1. **Meritorious good time** will not be applied to reduce an inmate's length of sentence.

2. **Meritorious good time** shall apply to an inmate's parole or transfer eligibility date from the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment.

a. **Meritorious good time** shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's time served by more than one-half of the percentage required by law for transfer eligibility.

b. **Meritorious good time** shall under no circumstances reduce an inmate's confinement in a community punishment facility by more than one-half.

3. The Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment shall determine a date at which the inmate who has acquired the maximum amount of **meritorious good time** necessary is to be administratively transferred to a less restrictive placement or supervision level within the Department of Community Punishment.

B. Class Status

1. Inmates may be reclassified as often as necessary in accordance with applicable rules and/or policies in order to carry out the purposes of the law and to maintain good discipline, order, and efficiency at the units, facilities, and centers.

2. Inmates who are reduced to the lowest class as a result of disciplinary action shall not be entitled to earn **meritorious good time**.

3. Inmates serving a punitive disciplinary sentence shall not earn **meritorious good time**.

C. Reduction in Class Status

Reduction in class status may occur:

1. as a result of disciplinary action; or

2. as an administrative reassignment or demotion after a hearing conducted by a designated committee.

D. Forfeiture and Restoration of **Meritorious Good Time**

1. Earned **meritorious good time** may be forfeited in accordance with the appropriate departmental policies upon conviction of a violation of departmental rules and rules.

2. The Director of either the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Punishment may restore lost good time in accordance with applicable procedures.

E. Good Time Earned Pending Transfer to Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment.

Any person who is sentenced by a circuit court to the Department of Correction or Department of Community Punishment and is awaiting transfer may earn **meritorious good time**.

F. Statutory Good Time

EXHIBIT #12
EXHIBIT 12

Inmates sentenced to the Department of Correction prior to April 2, 1971, shall be entitled to "statutory good time" as provided in Act 50 of 1968, provided no inmate shall ever receive a reduction of more than 30 days for each month served.

G. Effective Date

1. Inmates whose offense date is prior to January 1, 1994, shall earn good time (including good time applied to the length of sentence) in accordance with the good time law in effect on the date of the offense.

2. Inmates whose offense date is on or after January 1, 1994, shall earn good time in accordance with Act 549 and Act 536 of 1993, Regular Session.

VII. A.C.A. REFERENCE:

Credits

Eff. Jan. 1, 1994.

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Arkansas
Department of Correction
ACI Garment Program

This is to certify that

DOUTHITT RALPH ADC# [redacted]

has successfully completed On-the-Job-Training and Instruction in

SERGER ,SINGLE NEEDLE "Thank You For The Extra Effort You Do"

and is hereby awarded this Certificate

of Completion on this 12 day of December, 20 21

Program Manager

Supervisor

EXHIBIT #1

Cummins Unit
Mental Health
P.O. Box 500
Grady, AR 71644
Phone: 870-850-8899

Inmate Douthitt, Ralph D. # [redacted] has completed the following self help classes while at the Cummins Unit:

9/5/24 Substance Abuse Education

9/5/24 Thinking Errors

9/5/24 Domestic Violence

9/5/24 Parenting

9/5/24 Stress Management

9/5/24 Anger Management

9/5/24 Communication Skills

Thank you

EXHIBIT #15

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

RALPH DOUTHITT (ADC [redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

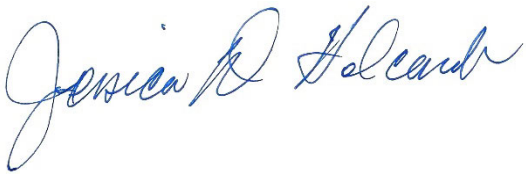
V. **CLAIM NO. 260966**

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

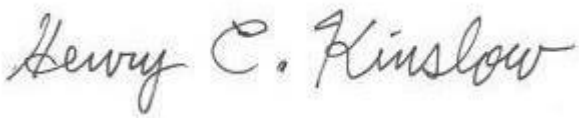
ORDER

Now before the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Commission") is the motion of Ralph Douthitt (the "Claimant") for leave to exceed the page limitations set in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-208(f)(1). Upon review of the complaint and supporting documentation, the Commission hereby GRANTS Claimant's motion for leave and will accept the complaint and supporting documentation. However, this order does not constitute any determination as to the validity of Claimant's claim.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Dee Holcomb



ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Henry Kinslow, Chair



ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Sylvester Smith

DATE: February 5, 2026

Notices which may apply to this claim

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From: Yolanda Charles
To: ASCC New Claims; Tasha Tidwell; Miles Morgan
Cc: Mika Tucker; Kathryn Irby
Subject: RE: CLAIM: Ralph D. Douthitt v. ADC, Claim No. 260966
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 9:19:12 AM
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Received, thank you

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Yolanda Charles
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Subject: CLAIM: Ralph D. Douthitt v. ADC, Claim No. 260966

Dear Ms. Tidwell and Mr. Morgan,

Please confirm receipt of the attached claim file. The agency may file its response to this claim electronically by sending it to asccpleadings@arkansas.gov, with a copy to the claimant pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Please contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,
Caitlin

Caitlin McDaniel

Administrative Specialist II
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
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Please see the attached Answer and Motion to Dismiss—thanks!

Tasha Tidwell
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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

RALPH D. DOUTHITT (ADC [redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

v. **NO. 260966**

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

ANSWER AND RULE 12(b)(6) MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW the Respondent, Arkansas Department of Corrections ("ADC"), for its Answer and Motion to Dismiss, and states:

1. Respondent denies liability in this claim and asserts it will hold the Claimant to strict proof on each allegation unless admitted by Respondent. Respondent reserves the right to plead further upon completion of any internal review or investigation, if warranted.
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
3. Respondent states that the Arkansas State Claims Commission does not have jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-204.
4. Furthermore, Claimant's claim should be dismissed pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure because it fails to state facts upon which relief can be granted.
5. On a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), 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.

6. However, Arkansas requires fact pleading, and a complaint must state facts, not mere conclusions, in order to entitle the pleader to relief. *Id.*
7. Legal conclusions, unsupported conclusions, and unwarranted inferences must be ignored and fail to withstand a Rule 12(b)(6) motion. *Farm Credit Servs. v. American State Bank*, 339 F.3d 764 (8th Cir. 2003).
8. A pleading must contain a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief. *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662 (2009).
9. Although detailed factual allegations are not required, more than unadorned accusations are required. *Id.*
10. To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter that, when accepted as true, states a claim to relief that is plausible on its face. *Id.*
11. Pro se parties are held to the same pleading standards as licensed attorneys. *Pressler v. Ark. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 2011 Ark. App. 512.
12. A complaint must allege specific facts sufficient to state a claim and may not rely on conclusions or speculation. *Doe v. Weiss*, 2010 Ark. 150.
13. In this matter, Claimant alleges that ADC improperly calculated meritorious good time credits and transfer eligibility dates and seeks damages related to the alleged denial of earned credits.
14. The documents attached to Claimant's filing demonstrate that the issue was reviewed through the ADC grievance process, including review by the Chief Deputy/Deputy/Assistant Director.

15. The Director-level response found that Claimant's time computation had been reviewed, that records supervision confirmed all allowable good time had been awarded, and that the appeal lacked merit.
16. Claims concerning sentence computation, transfer eligibility, and application of meritorious good time involve administrative determinations and internal correctional processes.
17. The Arkansas State Claims Commission does not have jurisdiction to review internal sentence calculations, parole or transfer eligibility determinations, or agency administrative decisions arising from ADC policy implementation.
18. In cases of adjudication, judicial review of agency action is available only under limited statutory circumstances and does not extend to inmates challenging internal prison determinations absent a constitutional claim properly brought in a court of competent jurisdiction. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212(a).
19. When an inmate challenges prison policy implementation or administrative determinations, such claims implicate constitutional considerations that are outside the jurisdiction of this Commission. *Smith v. Hobbs*, 2014 Ark. 270.
20. The doctrine of sovereign immunity does not bar an inmate from pursuing constitutional claims in state or federal courts of general jurisdiction; therefore, the Claims Commission is not the proper forum for such challenges. *Smith v. Johnson*, 779 F.3d 867 (8th Cir. 2015).
21. Because Claimant's allegations are entwined with ADC time-computation decisions and administrative determinations, they fall outside the scope and purpose of the Commission.

22. Even accepting Claimant's allegations as true, the complaint fails to allege facts establishing a compensable negligence claim within the jurisdiction of this Commission.

23. Accordingly, dismissal is proper as a matter of law.

WHEREFORE Respondent respectfully prays that the Motion be granted, the complaint dismissed, and for all other just and proper relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tasha A. Tidwell
Tasha A. Tidwell, Ark. Bar No. 2018159
Arkansas Department of Corrections
Division of Correction
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(870) 267-6844 Office
Tasha.A.Tidwell@doc.arkansas.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served this 27th day of February, 2026, on the Claimant by placing a copy of the same in the U.S. Mail, regular postage prepaid, addressed to:

Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

/s/ Tasha Tidwell
Tasha A. Tidwell

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Dear Clerk,

Enclosed is 6 copies of my response.
I hope My Petition will gain me what I am entitled to, and I will soon be released.

Again "Thank you," for your time

Sincerely,

Ralph D. Douthitt

[redacted]

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

MR. RALPH D. DOUTHITT(ADC#[redacted]) **CLAIMANT**
V. CLAIM NO. 260966
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

REBUTTAL AND OBJECTECTION(s) TO RESPONDENT'S
ANSWER AND *Rule 12(b)(b)*
MOTION TO DISMISS

Comes Now the Claimant, Mr. Ralph Douthitt with his Objections(s) and Rebuttal, and states:

1.) The Claimant Objects to Respondent's claim that the Arkansas State Claims Commission does not have jurisdiction to hear the Claimant's claim pursuant to *Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-204.*

The Respondent has misinterpreted *Ark. Code 25-44-204 Jurisdiction §§ 5&6.*

§§ 5. States: Brought against the Division of **"Community Corrects"[for acts committed by a person] while** that person is subject to conditions of parole.

§§ 6. States: Brought against the Division of Correction[**for acts committed by inmates]** while on authorized release from the Division of Correction.

The Claimant"Objects" the Respondent is stating that the Claimant"**committed an act".** The Respondent has clearly misinterpreted the clear and unambiguous language of *Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-204.*

The Claimant has earned his Meritorious Good time in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Corrections Division of Corrections Policies. The Claimant is a victim of the

Respondent and it's failure to comply with its own policies and laws. e.g. *Ark. Code 12-29-201 Meritorious Good Time (2026)*

The Respondent is the only one who has Committed an act, an illegal act, a failure to comply. See: *Jernigan v. State, 828 S.W. 2d 864, 38 Ark. App. 102 (Ark. App. 1992).*

2.) The Claimant objects to the Respondents claim is not entitled to relief. *Per Rule 12(b)* Court's treat the facts alleged in complaints as true and view them in light most favorable to the Plaintiff. See: *Dockery v. Morgan, 2011 Ark 94.*

In this claim, the Claimant has not brought alleged complaints but[Documented facts]. and this action should proceed on its merits.

3.) The Claimant objects to the Respondents claim that the Claimant has raised a constitutional claim. At [n]o time did the Claimant ever quote the word "constitution" in his claim. Once again the Respondent has misinterpreted the Claimant's wording.

4.) The Claimant objects to the Respondent's claim that the Arkansas State Claims Commission does not have jurisdiction. The Claimant is in the correction jurisdiction just as: David Ferrell (ADC# [redacted] v Arkansas Division of Correction, Claim No. 200926.

WHEREFORE, Claimant respectfully prays that the Respondent's Motion be [Dismissed] and the Claimant's claim move forward so this Honorable Court may grant all just and proper relief which it may deem entitled to.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph D. Douthitt

Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC# [redacted]

[redacted]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Claimant has placed one true and accurate copy of the foregoing into the ADC Prison Legal Mail System to:

Tasha A. Tidwell
Arkansas Department of Corrections
6814 Princeton Pike
Pine Bluff, AR 71602

by way of 1st Class Postage on this 11th day of March 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph D. Douthitt
Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC# [redacted]

From:	Misty Scott on behalf of ASCC Pleadings
To:	Tasha Tidwell; Miles Morgan
Cc:	ASCC Pleadings; Yolanda Charles; Mika Tucker
Subject:	ORDER: Ralph Douthitt v. ADC, Claim No. 260966
Date:	Wednesday, July 15, 2026 12:49:00 PM
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Ms. Tidwell and Mr. Morgan:

Please see attached. Contact Mika Tucker with any questions.

Thank you,

Misty

Misty Scott
Arkansas State Claims Commission

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July 15, 2026

Mr. Ralph D. Douthitt (ADC [redacted]
[redacted]

Ms. Tasha Tidwell *(via email)*
Mr. Miles Morgan
Arkansas Division of Correction
1302 Pike Avenue, Suite C
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114

Re: ***Ralph D. Douthitt v. Arkansas Division of Correction***
Claim No. 260966

Dear Mr. Douthitt, Ms. Tidwell, and Mr. Morgan:

Enclosed please find the Order entered on July 9, 2026, 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

RALPH DOUTHITT (ADC [redacted]) **CLAIMANT**

V. **CLAIM NO. 260966**

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION **RESPONDENT**

ORDER

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

1. Claimant filed his claim on December 10, 2025, seeking damages related to his parole status, good-time credits and transfer eligibility.

2. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss, arguing, *inter alia*, that sentence calculations and parole and transfer eligibility determinations are outside the jurisdiction of the Commission.

3. Claimant responded to the motion to dismiss, arguing that dismissal was not proper.

4. The Commission agrees with Respondent that issues regarding sentencing, parole and transfers are outside the jurisdiction of the Commission. If Claimant believes that he was deprived of due process, that claim can be brought in a court of general jurisdiction. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-204. Moreover, the Commission notes that it does not have authority to grant injunctive relief.

5. As such, the Commission GRANTS Respondents' motions to dismiss and DISMISSES Claimant's claim.

6. Any other pending motions are hereby rendered moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Dee Holcomb

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Henry Kinslow, Chair

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Sylvester Smith

DATE: July 9, 2026

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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

RALPH DOUTHITT(ADC# [redacted] **APPELLANT**

V. CLAIM NO. 260966

ARKANSAS DIVISION OF CORRECTION APPELLEE

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice of Appeal is hereby given that Ralph Douthitt (ADC# [redacted], Appeals to the Arkansas General Assembly from the final Order of the Arkansas State Claims Commission entered on July 09, 2026.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

The Appellate Jurisdiction of the Arkansas General Assembly is invoked Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann.§ 25-44-211 (a) (3) Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DESIGNATION OF RECORD

Appellant hereby designates the entire record, and all proceedings, exhibits, evidence, and documents, any and all materials brought forth in the Courts pleading that pertains to said above mentioned Order OF Denial and documents introduced in evidence to be contained in the record on appeal.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDER OR TRANSCRIPT

Appellant States, that for good cause shown, he is requesting that the Arkansas State Claims Commission/ Court Clerk of Appeal would prepare the above stated material(s), documents, deemed essential, to be certified, and transmitted to the Clerk of the Arkansas General Assembly for filing and docketing.

Ralph Douthitt [redacted]
APPELLANT, Ralph Douthitt A
[redacted]