

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

ROMELL WILKES, #A290-090	:	
P.O. Box 788	:	
Mansfield, Ohio 44901	:	Case No. 2002-06588-AD
Plaintiff	:	MEMORANDUM DECISION
v.	:	
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION	:	
AND CORRECTIONS	:	
Defendant	:	

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For Defendant: Margaret Bagley, Warden  
Mansfield Correctional Institution  
100 North Main Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44903  
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{¶1} THE COURT FINDS THAT:

{¶2} 1) On July 9, 2002, plaintiff, Romell Wilkes, filed a complaint against defendant, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, alleging his cassette tapes were lost while under defendant's control. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$104.60. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee with his complaint;

{¶3} 2) On July 9, 2002, defendant filed an investigation report admitting liability and acknowledging plaintiff suffered damages in the amount of \$104.60.

{¶4} THE COURT CONCLUDES THAT:

{¶5} 1) I find, by a preponderance of the evidence, negligence by defendant has been shown. *Baisden v. Southern Ohio Correctional Facility* (1977), 76-0617-AD; *Stewart v. Ohio National Guard* (1979), 78-0342-AD;

{¶6} 2) Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$104.60, plus the \$25.00 filing fee which may be reimbursed as compensable damages pursuant to the holding in *Bailey v. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction* (1990), 62 Ohio Misc. 2d 19.

{¶7} Having considered all the evidence in the claim file and adopting the memorandum decision concurrently herewith;

{¶8} IT IS ORDERED THAT:

{¶9} 1) Plaintiff's claim is GRANTED and judgment is rendered in favor of the plaintiff;

{¶10} 2) Defendant (Department of Rehabilitation and Correction) pay plaintiff (Romell Wilkes) \$129.60 and such interest as is allowed by law;

{¶11} 3) The court shall absorb the court costs of this case.

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DANIEL R. BORCHERT  
Deputy Clerk

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