

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

FREDERICK FUTRELL, #359-010 :
P.O. Box 45699 :
Lucasville, Ohio 45699 : Case No. 2002-05638-AD

Plaintiff : MEMORANDUM DECISION

v. :

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION :
AND CORRECTION :

Defendant :

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For Defendant: Gregory C. Trout, Chief Counsel
Department of Rehabilitation and
Correction
1050 Freeway North
Columbus, Ohio 43229

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{¶1} THE COURT FINDS THAT:

{¶2} 1) On June 7, 2002, plaintiff, Frederick Futrell, filed a complaint against defendant, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, alleging his cassette tapes and cigarettes were lost while under the control of defendant's personnel. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$77.11 for property loss, plus \$25.00 for filing fee reimbursement. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee on July 25, 2002;

{¶3} 2) On September 24, 2002, defendant filed an investigation report admitting liability and acknowledging plaintiff suffered damages in the amount of \$102.11;

{¶4} 3) Plaintiff filed a response.

{¶5} THE COURT CONCLUDES THAT:

{¶6} 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;

{¶7} 2) Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$77.11, 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.

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

{¶9} IT IS ORDERED THAT:

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

{¶11} 2) Defendant (Department of Rehabilitation and Correction) pay plaintiff (Frederick Futrell) \$102.11 and such interest as is allowed by law;

{¶12} 3) Court costs are assessed against defendant.

DANIEL R. BORCHERT
Deputy Clerk