

[Cite as *Sutfin v. S. Ohio Correctional Facility*, 2003-Ohio-3901.]

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

JAMES SUTFIN, II :

Plaintiff :

v. :

CASE NO. 2003-03931-AD

SOUTHERN OHIO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY :

MEMORANDUM DECISION

Defendant :

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{¶1} THE COURT FINDS THAT:

{¶2} 1) On March 24, 2003, plaintiff, James Sutfin, II, filed a complaint against defendant, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, alleging his television set was broken while under the control of defendant’s employee. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$232.00 for property loss, plus \$25.00 for filing fee reimbursement. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee with his complaint;

{¶3} 2) On June 16, 2003, defendant filed an investigation report admitting liability for plaintiff’s loss;

{¶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 \$232.00, 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, for the reasons set forth in the memorandum decision filed concurrently herewith, judgment is rendered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$257.00, which includes the filing fee. Court costs are assessed against defendant. The clerk shall serve upon all parties notice of this judgment and its date of entry upon the journal.

DANIEL R. BORCHERT  
Deputy Clerk

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