

[Cite as *Pirtle v. Southeastern Correctional Inst.*, 2003-Ohio-594.]

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

JAI A. PIRTLE, #350-457 :  
5900 B.I.S. Road :  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130 : Case No. 2002-10151-AD  
  
Plaintiff : MEMORANDUM DECISION  
  
v. :  
  
SOUTHEASTERN CORRECTIONAL INST.:  
  
Defendant :

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For Defendant: John Dean, Warden  
Southeastern Correctional Institution  
5900 B.I.S. Road  
Lancaster, OH 43130  
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{¶1} THE COURT FINDS THAT:

{¶2} 1) On November 19, 2002, plaintiff, Jai A. Pirtle, filed a complaint against defendant, Southeastern Correctional Institution, alleging defendant's personnel lost his gym shoes. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$63.97 for property loss. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee on November 20, 2002;

{¶3} 2) On November 27, 2002, defendant filed an investigation report admitting liability and acknowledging plaintiff suffered damages in the amount of \$63.97.

{¶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 \$63.97, 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 (Southeastern Correctional Institution) pay plaintiff (Jai A. Pirtle) \$88.97 and such interest as is allowed by law;

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

DANIEL R. BORCHERT  
Deputy Clerk

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