Montez, et al v. Romer, et al

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 92-CV-870-JLK

JESSE MONTEZ, et al.

Plaintiffs,

-vs.-

JOHN HICKENLOOPER, et al.

Defendants.

Claim Number X-556

Category: Untimely Filed Claim

Claimant: David A. McNeill, #154602

Address of Claimant: SCF, P.O. Box 6000, Sterling, CO 80751

ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF SPECIAL MASTER

THIS MATTER comes before the Special Master on the letter of Claimant that was received on November 9, 2011. Claimant requests help to obtain various accommodations, including a vibrating watch. Claimant alleges that he has a hearing impairment and has been provided with two hearing aids.

Claimant has not filed a claim pursuant to Article XXXII of the Remedial Plan. Claimant's letter will be treated as *pro se* motion for injunctive relief.

The Special Masters were appointed to adjudicate claims made pursuant to the Remedial Plan approved by Judge Nottingham. The Remedial Plan is the settlement document that established the claim process. As noted, Claimant previously has not filed a claim.

Judge Kane issued an order on March 23, 2010. That order established some limitations on the claims process established by Article XXXII of the Remedial Plan. A copy of that order will be provided to Claimant, along with a copy of the order of January 19, 2011. Judge Kane limited claims to the following individuals: (1) inmates who were in DOC custody on or before August 27, 2003; (2) inmates who were disabled, as defined by the Remedial Plan, on or before August 27, 2003; and (3) inmates who were the victims of discrimination on or before August 27, 2003. Unless each of these three requirements is established, a claimant cannot prevail on his claim. Claimant has not alleged that he was disabled on or before August 27, 2003 or the victim of discrimination prohibited

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by the ADA.

Judge Kane also ruled that all claims had to be filed on or before April 30, 2010. Claimant did not file a claim on or before that date. The Special Master has no jurisdiction over any letter or claim of Claimant for this reason. Claimant may not file *pro se* motions in this case.

Claimant may contact class counsel for help. Claimant has the right to pursue his own lawsuit under the ADA in this Court. Claimant may not pursue any individual help through Article XXXII or any other section of the Remedial Plan.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the letter of David A. McNeill, being treated as new claim or *pro se* motion, is dismissed, as the claim was not filed on or before April 30, 2010 and Claimant was not in DOC custody on or before August 27, 2003; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of Claimant's letter will be provided to class counsel for such action as may be deemed appropriate; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Claimant, Defendants and class counsel are advised that they may file an objection to this Order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(g)(2), but said objection must be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court, 901 19th Street, Denver, CO 80294 on or before January 30, 2012.

SIGNED this 9th day of November, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Richard M. Borchers

Richard M. Borchers Special Master