

[Cite as *Ritchie v. Ohio Reformatory for Women*, 2004-Ohio-2625.]

IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS OF OHIO

LISA M. RITCHIE :

Plaintiff :

v. :

CASE NO. 2003-11593-AD

OHIO REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN :

MEMORANDUM DECISION

Defendant :

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{¶1} THE COURT FINDS THAT:

{¶2} 1) On November 21, 2003, plaintiff, Lisa M. Ritchie, filed a complaint against defendant, Ohio Reformatory for Women, alleging her personal property items were stolen while under the control of defendant’s staff. Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$90.94 for property loss. Plaintiff submitted the filing fee with her complaint;

{¶3} 2) On February 11, 2004, defendant filed an investigation report admitting liability for the property loss.

{¶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 \$90.94, 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, for the reasons set forth in the memorandum decision filed concurrently herewith, judgment is rendered in

favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$115.94, 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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