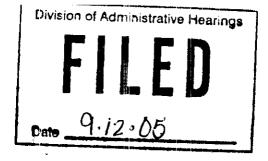
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STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS



DENITA A. BROWN,

Petitioner,

AT

v.

APALACHEE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,

Respondent.

EEOC Case No. 15DA500122

FCHR Case No. 2005-00019

DOAH Case No. 05-1788 HLH Closech

FCHR Order No. 05-096

FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

This matter is before the Commission for consideration of the Recommended Order, dated July 13, 2005, issued in the above-styled matter by Administrative Law Judge Harry L. Hooper.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Judge Hooper's order reflects that Petitioner failed to appear at the scheduled administrative hearing in the matter. Consequently, Judge Hooper recommended the Commission issue a final order dismissing the matter based on Petitioner's failure to establish a prima facie case of discrimination.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's finding as to the nonappearance of Petitioner and conclude that Petitioner has failed to carry her burden of proof.

Exceptions

Neither party filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Complaint of Discrimination are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right of appeal is found in Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

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DONE AND ORDERED this 9th day of September, 2005. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Mario M. Valle, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Dominique B. Saliba, M.D.; and Commissioner Billy Whitefox Stall

Filed this 9th day of September, 2005, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Violet Crawford, Clerk

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NOTICE TO COMPLAINANT / PETITIONER

As your complaint was filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which is enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), you have the right to request EEOC to review this Commission's final agency action. To secure a "substantial weight review" by EEOC, you must request it in writing within 15 days of your receipt of this Order. Send your request to Miami District Office (EEOC), One Biscayne Tower, 2 South Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2700, 27th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

Copies furnished to:

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Department of Corrections c/o Gary L. Grant, Esq. 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, FL 32399 FCHR Order No. 05-096 Page 3

Harry L. Hooper, Administrative Law Judge, DOAH

James Mallue, Legal Advisor for Commission Panel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 9th day of September, 2005.

By: Violit Camford
Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations