

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In the Matter of Jose Santiago, South Woods State Prison, Department of Corrections

CSC DKT. NO. 2022-158 OAL DKT. NO. CSV 07211-21 FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ISSUED: MAY 18, 2022

The appeal of Jose Santiago, Institutional Trade Instructor 2, Warehousing, South Woods State Prison, Department of Corrections, resignation not in good standing, effective July 13, 2021, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson (ALJ), who rendered his initial decision on April 27, 2022. No exceptions were filed.

Having considered the record and the ALJ's initial decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, the Civil Service Commission, at its meeting of May 18, 2022, accepted and adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusion as contained in the attached ALJ's initial decision.

ORDER

The Civil Service Commission dismisses the appeal of Jose Santiago for failure to appear.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2022

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Chairperson

Civil Service Commission

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Attachment



State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION
DISMISSAL

OAL DKT. NO. CSV 07211-21 AGENCY DKT. NO. 2022-158

IN THE MATTER OF JOSE SANTIAGO, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SOUTH WOODS STATE PRISON.

Jose Santiago, appellant, pro se

Eric Zimmerman, Deputy Attorney General, for respondent, Department of Corrections, South Woods State Prison, (Matthew J. Platkin, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Record Closed: April 26, 2022

Decided: April 27, 2022

BEFORE **JEFFREY R. WILSON**, ALJ:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), where it was filed on August 25, 2021, and assigned to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge, on March 22, 2022. A telephone prehearing conference was scheduled for April 25, 2022. Notice for the telephone conference was mailed to the petitioner at his address of record, on March 29, 2022. The notice included the following language:

If you do not participate in the prehearing conference, the file will be returned to the transmitting agency for appropriate action which may include imposition of the proposed penalty or granting the relief requested by the other party.

To date, the petitioner has not provided a request for an adjournment of the April 25, 2022, prehearing conference or an explanation for his nonappearance for the same. Neither has this office received notice of legal representation on behalf of the petitioner. Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the petitioner has failed to appear and has abandoned his appeal.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this appeal be **DISMISSED**.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Civil Service Commission does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF APPEALS AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, UNIT H, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

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44 South Clinton Avenue, PO Box 312, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0312, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

April 27, 2022 DATE	JEFFREY R. WILSON, ALJ	-
Date Received at Agency:	April 27, 2022	_
Date Mailed to Parties:	5/2/2022	_