

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

Gregory Holt, ADC # 129616
a/k/a **Abdul Maalik Muhammad**

Plaintiff,

v.

Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of
Correction, in his official capacity, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. No. 4:25-cv-00699-LPR-ERE

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The parties in this case have settled. The terms of settlement are as follows:

1. Plaintiff Gregory Holt a/k/a Abdul Maalik Muhammad is the prevailing party.
2. The parties agree this case will be dismissed with prejudice.
3. Defendant will transfer Mr. Muhammad back to the Larry B. Norris Unit by no later than October 31, 2025. Defendant will notify counsel within 24 hours of this transfer being completed.
4. Defendant will place Mr. Muhammad in a similar cell at the Larry B. Norris Unit as to the one he resided in prior to June 9, 2025 (i.e. a private cell and not open barracks).
5. Defendant will assign Mr. Muhammad to work in the law library at the Larry B. Norris Unit. Mr. Muhammad's new job assignment will begin by no later than November 14, 2025. Mr. Muhammad will be permitted to assist other prisoners with their legal work in the law library, including discussing their cases and reviewing the other prisoners' nonpublic legal

documents. This job assignment can otherwise be modified or revoked subject to the ordinary terms applicable to inmate job assignments.

6. Mr. Muhammad may not possess other inmates' property, including other inmates' nonpublic legal property, pursuant to ADC policies.

7. Defendant will permit Mr. Muhammad to maintain two property bags in his cell. This accommodation will extend at least until the resolution of, and may be modified depending upon the outcome of, *Holt v. Payne, et. al.*, Case No. 4:22-cv-01132-KGB-JJV (E.D. Ark.). The parties agree that they will not seek to admit this agreement or its terms in *Holt v. Payne, et. al.*, Case No. 4:22-cv-01132-KGB-JJV (E.D. Ark.) for any purpose.

8. Defendant agrees that Mr. Muhammad is allowed to possess the following types of legal documents in support of his litigation and legal work as long as the amount of property possessed by Mr. Muhammad fits in the property bag(s) he is allowed to possess as set forth in paragraph 7 above.

a. In matters for which Mr. Muhammad is a party, Mr. Muhammad may possess the following materials without regard to whether they are publicly available: his own case files; written discovery and documents; transcripts; filed pleadings; draft pleadings; correspondence with counsel; correspondence with expert witnesses; correspondence with opposing counsel; and correspondence with the courts.

b. To support Mr. Muhammad's research and analysis in support of his legal work he may also possess the following publicly available materials: legal research; Westlaw printouts; sample briefs and pleadings; printouts from court dockets including those available through PACER or ARCourTS; legal treatises; law-review articles; legal secondary sources; legal books; and legal periodicals.

9. Defendant agrees to zero-out all charges and liens owed to the ADC by Mr. Muhammad and provide Mr. Muhammad and his counsel with an updated accounting by no later than November 14, 2025.

10. Defendant will file a public status report with the Court by no later than November 17, 2025, certifying their compliance with these terms.

11. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this settlement agreement and to decide Plaintiff's forthcoming motion for costs and fees.

Dated: October 22, 2025

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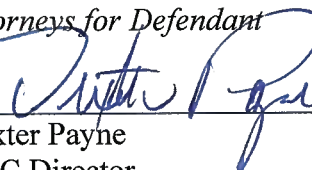
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