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May 3, 2018

Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of the Court 201 South Carson Street, Suite 201 Carson City, Nevada 89701-4702

RE: GARY DERRICK FAIR vs. BRIAN WILLIAMS
S.C. CASE: 75487
D.C. CASE: A-17-764995-W

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to your Order Directing Entry and Transmission of Written Order, dated April 20, 2018, enclosed is a certified copy of the Decision and Order filed May 2, 2018 in the above referenced case. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 671-0512.

Sincerely,

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

GARY DERRICK FAIR,

VS.

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Petitioner,

BRIAN WILLIAMS, WARDEN,

Respondents.

Case No.

A-17-764995-W

Dept. No.

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DECISION AND ORDER

Petitioner Gary Derrick Fair filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus challenging the computation of time by the Nevada Department of Corrections. The matter came before the Court on March 1, 2018. The Court did not entertain oral arguments and no parties were present. The Court now rules based solely on the pleadings pursuant to NRS 34.770(2). The Court denies Mr. Fair's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

I. Factual and Procedural Background

Gary Derrick Fair is serving a sentence for a 2016 Grand Larceny, a category C felony but was sentenced as a habitual criminal under NRS 207.010, raising the offense to a category B felony. Mr. Fair filed his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on November 21, 2017. Mr. Fair alleges the Nevada Department of Corrections failed to properly apply good time credit to Mr. Fair's sentence. The Attorney General's Office filed a response on February 23, 2018. The Attorney General's Office argues Mr. Fair is not entitled to any additional good time credit deductions.

II. Discussion

The Nevada Supreme Court in Williams v. State, 402 P.3d 1260 (Nev. 2017) held that petitioners with offense dates between 1997 and June 30, 2007 are entitled to good time credits under NRS 209.4465(7)(b) if: (1) the petitioner was sentenced under a statute that did not specify a parole eligibility date; and (2) the petitioner has not already been before the parole board on that sentence.

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DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VII As Mr. Fair's offenses took place after July 1, 2007, after NRS 209.4465 was amended, the decision in <u>Williams</u> does not apply. Therefore, the Court will be applying the current form of NRS 209.4465.

Nevada Revised Statute 209.4465(8) governs the award of credits for crimes for offenses committed after July 1, 2007

Nevada Revised Statute 209.4465 governs the award of credits for crimes committed on or after July 17, 1997. An inmate that meets certain qualifications "must be allowed... a deduction of 20 days from his or her sentence for each month the offender serves." NRS 209.4465(1). These credits "[a]pply to eligibility for parole" unless "otherwise provided in subsections 8 and 9." NRS 209.4465(7). Under subsection 8, the credits apply to eligibility for parole for:

an offender who has not been convicted of:

- (a) Any crime that is punishable as a felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim;
- (b) A sexual offense that is punishable as a felony;
- (c) A violation of NRS 484C.110, 484C.120, 484C.130 or 484C.430 that is punishable as a felony; or
- (d) A category A or B felony.

NRS 209.4465(8).

The Court finds Mr. Fair is not entitled to good time credit deductions from Mr. Fair's parole eligibility date under NRS 209.4465. All of Mr. Fair's sentence is for a post July 1, 2007 category B felony. As his offenses where committed after the effective date of the 2007 amendment of NRS 209.4465, NRS 209.4465(8) governs rather than NRS 209.4465(7). Nevada Revised Statutes 209.4465(8) specifically exempts these types of offenses from NRS 209.4465(1)'s award for good time credit deductions from an inmate's parole eligibility date. Consequently the Court denies Mr. Fair's Petition.

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III. Conclusion

Mr. Fair is not entitled to any additional credits off the minimum sentence under NRS 209.4465(8) as his offense was a category B felony committed after July 1, 2007. Therefore, the Court denies Mr. Fair's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

DATED this day of April 2, 2018.

LINDA MARIE BELL
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date of filing, a copy of this Order was electronically served through the Eighth Judicial District Court EFP system or, if no e-mail was provided, by facsimile, U.S. Mail and/or placed in the Clerk's Office attorney folder(s) for:

Name	Party
Gary Derrick Fair c/o High Desert State Prison	Petitioner
Allison Herr, Esq. Deputy Attorney General	Counsel for Respondent

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JUDICIAL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT VII

AFFIRMATION

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding Decision and Order filed in District Court case number A751423 DOES NOT contain the social security number of any person.

/s/ Linda Marie Bell District Court Judge

Date 4/2/2018

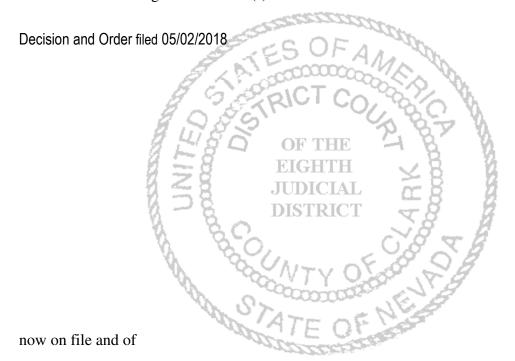


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CERTIFICATION OF COPY

Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full, and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Eighth Judicial District Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 2:13 PM on May 3, 2018.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT