

Crystal M. Rufus-Hodge  
2245 Broadon Circle  
Sumter, SC 29153

cc: Stephen E. Castle, Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Georgia  
47 Trinity Avenue  
Suite 501  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

May 4, 2015

Risk Management Division  
Department of Administrative Services  
200 Piedmont Ave S.E.  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

2015 MAY -7 AM 11:01  
COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA  
CLERK OF APPEALS

IN RE: Georgia Tort Claim Act Request  
SUBJECT: Deprivation of property by Court of Appeals in GA No. A13D0332 & A13A2218

Madam or Sir:

In accordance with the mandates of O.C.G.A. § 24-1-2 (b) and (d)(4) I am requesting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-2-20 (a), (b), (b)(1), (b)(2) and (c) that the facts and attachments presented this agency by Michael Alonzo Rufus by certified mail no: 7012 3050 000215241168, received by Willis Rogers on 12/29/14, as a Tort Claim be JUDICIALLY NOTICED for resolving this claim.

Therewith I, Crystal M. Rufus-Hodge, paid \$213.60, by Money Order No.: 20578136894 (SEE ATTACHMENT), in behalf of Michael Alonzo Rufus in regards Case No.: A13D0332. I am now informed and allege from said information that said money was erroneously taken due to the following:

Records show that May, 2013, Michael Alonzo Rufus (Rufus), filed an Application for Discretionary Appeal (Case No.: A13D0332). On 07 May, 2013,

The Application was granted by the Court of Appeals.

Upon formally filing a "direct appeal" in regards the abovementioned matter it was identified by the Court of Appeals as Case No: A13A2218. Attached herein, identified "Attachment No: 4," is the remittitur in said case that particularly states "Costs paid in the Court of Appeals: \$300."

Though the attached record was certified by Stephen E. Castlen on 21 January, 2014, on 10-23-14, I paid the \$213.60 to clear an alleged debt that Rufus owed in the case. Rufus' tort claim, attachments and records in the case evidence that his case was against a Superior Court Judge and State of Georgia. The judgment in the case was in his favor. So, as stated his tort claim, "Both O.C.G.A. §§ 9-15-1 and 5-6-5 mandate the losing party of an action or appeal be responsible for court costs in said matters. In this incident... it is obvious that a statute of exemption exists for them in this matter warranting Rufus' not having to pay the \$300 under the circumstances."

\$86.40 was returned to Rufus' account on 16 January, 2015 which had been taken from him in this matter. There can be no dispute that the same must apply to me in this claim.

Because Stephen E. Castlen, allegedly acting in behalf of Ga's Court of Appeals, has deprived me of, at least \$213.60, but more correctly \$250.00, due to mailing fees and time from job and calling fees, this agency must reimburse me.

Sworn to and subscribed to before  
me this 4 day of May, 2015

Rose Lee McHugh  
NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

15/Crystal M. Rufus-Hodge  
Crystal M. Rufus-Hodge

**COURT OF APPEALS**

Receipt No. 111987

47 Trinity Avenue, S.W.  
Suite 501  
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DATE

10-23-14

RECEIVED OF

Crystal M. Rufus

WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

BRIEF OF APPELLANT

ENUMERATION OF ERRORS

WITHDRAWAL FEE

PHOTOCOPIES

ADMISSION FEE

CERTIFICATION FEE

APPLICATION COST

OTHER

CASE NUMBER

A13D0332

AMOUNT \$

213.00

Money order #  
20578136894

DA

CLERK

REMITTITUR

*Attachment No. 4*

Court of Appeals of Georgia

Atlanta, January 21, 2014

Case No. A13A2218. MICHAEL ALONZA RUFUS v. SAMUEL D. OZBURN, JUDGE et al..

Upon consideration of this case, which came before this Court on appeal from the Superior Court of Walton County, this Court rendered the following decision:

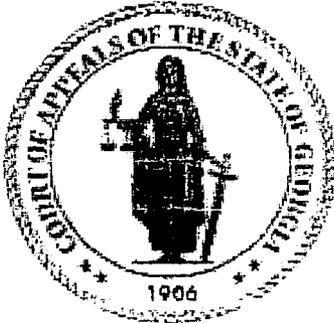
Appeal remanded.

Barnes, P. J., Miller and Ray, JJ., concur.

LC NUMBERS:  
NONE



Costs paid in the Court of Appeals: \$300



Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta, February 26, 2014.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

*Stephen E. Coston*, Clerk.

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(Certified mail)  
COPY SENT TO *Michael Alonza Rufus*