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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Willie Charles Kennedy (Docket No. 17-0259),

Petitioner.

Dismissal (With Prejudice)

Appearances:

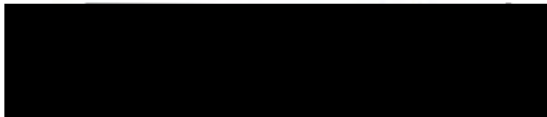
Mr. Corey Lea, representative for Willie Charles Kennedy, Petitioner; and

Mr. Juan Carlos Alarcon, Esq. with the Office of the General Counsel, Civil Rights
Litigation Division, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C.

1. I have carefully reviewed the Petitioners Request for a Formal Hearing Before the Administrative Law Judge filed May 18, 2017; and the Agency Response filed June 6, 2017.
2. I conclude that Administrative Law Judges have no authority to grant the relief requested, as stated in the Agency Response. Consequently, the case of Willie Charles Kennedy, Petitioner (Docket No. 17-0259), is DISMISSED (With Prejudice).

Copies of this Dismissal (With Prejudice) order shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 17th day of July 2017



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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