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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017



Jill S. Clifton  
Administrative Law Judge

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