United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

June 23, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

> Charles R. Fulbruge III Clerk

No. 04-60055 Conference Calendar

JOSE PARRA,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

BUREAU OF PRISONS; UNKNOWN PETTIFORD,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi USDC No. 5:03-CV-537-BrSu

Before BARKSDALE, DeMOSS, and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:\*

Jose Parra, federal prisoner # 94642-012, appeals the dismissal of his complaint for failure to state a claim. Parra asserted that the defendants had violated both internal policy and his constitutional rights by transferring him from a facility in California to a facility in Mississippi. This court reviews dismissals under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A for failure to state a claim <u>de novo</u>. <u>Velasquez v. Woods</u>, 329 F.3d 420, 421 (5th Cir. 2003).

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

A prisoner has no constitutional right to be housed in a particular facility. <u>Olim v. Wakinekona</u>, 461 U.S. 238, 244-46 (1983); <u>see also</u> 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b) ("The Bureau [of Prisons] may at any time . . . direct the transfer of a prisoner from one penal or correctional facility to another."). The transfer of a prisoner from one prison to another does not impose atypical or significant hardships in relation to the ordinary incidents of prison life and, thus, it is not actionable as a deprivation of constitutionally protected liberties. <u>Olim</u>, 461 U.S. at 245-46; <u>Sandin v. Conner</u>, 515 U.S. 472, 484 (1995). The failure of officials to comply with their own regulations also does not state a constitutional claim. <u>See Jackson v. Cain</u>, 864 F.2d 1235, 1251-52 (5th Cir. 1989).

Parra's appeal is without arguable merit and is dismissed as frivolous. <u>See Howard v. King</u>, 707 F.2d 215, 219-20 (5th Cir. 1983); 5TH CIR. R. 42.2. The dismissal of the complaint for failure to state a claim and the dismissal of this appeal as frivolous both count as "strikes" under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). <u>See</u> <u>Adepegba v. Hammons</u>, 103 F.3d 383, 387-88 (5th Cir. 1996). Parra is cautioned that if he accumulates three "strikes," he will not be able to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> in any civil action or appeal filed while he is incarcerated or detained in any facility unless he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

APPEAL DISMISSED; SANCTIONS WARNING ISSUED.