

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**BEFORE**

**THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

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In the Matter of: )  
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Carmelita Henderson ) OEA Matter No. 1601-0004-15  
Employee )  
) Date of Issuance: October 21, 2015  
v. )  
) Joseph E. Lim, Esq.  
Department of Corrections ) Senior Administrative Judge  
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Agency )  
Darlene Jackson, Esq., Employee Representative  
Lindsey Neinast, Esq., Agency Representative

**INITIAL DECISION**

INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

Carmelita Henderson (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) on October 15, 2014, appealing Agency’s final decision to terminate her from her position as a Mail Clerk due to an alleged relationship with an inmate. This matter was unsuccessfully mediated on January 13, 2015. It was then assigned to Administrative Judge Stephanie Harris who held prehearing conferences on April 30, 2015, and May 22, 2015. This matter was then reassigned to me on September 16, 2015, and I scheduled a prehearing conference for October 30, 2015. On October 19, 2015, Employee submitted a signed withdrawal of her petition, citing the death of a key witness. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

This Office has jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Office Code Section 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Should this matter be dismissed?

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

Employee requested that her appeal be withdrawn. I thereby dismiss this matter based on Employee’s request that the petition for appeal be withdrawn.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the petition for appeal is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

Joseph E. Lim, Esq.  
Senior Administrative Judge