

United States Court of Appeals  
For the Eighth Circuit

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No. 22-2964

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Paul Huston

*Plaintiff - Appellant*

Michael Millsap; Syveno Jewell Wright

*Plaintiffs*

v.

Kelly Kennedy Garcia, Director DHS; Rick Schults, Administrator; Jacey Benson,  
R/N; Jill Webb, ARNP; Julie Peterson, Dietician

*Defendants - Appellees*

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Appeal from United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Iowa - Western

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Before GRUENDER, MELLOY, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Paul Huston, a patient in Iowa’s Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders, appeals the district court’s<sup>1</sup> grant of summary judgment to officials and staff members he accuses of improperly restricting him to a “healthy diet.” Having carefully reviewed the record and the parties’ arguments on appeal, we conclude that there are no material facts in dispute and the defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law. *See Odom v. Kaizer*, 864 F.3d 920, 921 (8th Cir. 2017) (reviewing a grant of summary judgment de novo); *Madewell v. Roberts*, 909 F.2d 1203, 1208 (8th Cir. 1990) (explaining that claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 need “a causal link” or “personal connection” between the named defendants and the alleged violations). We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court. *See* 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Leonard T. Strand, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.