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Before BEAM, FAGG, and LOKEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Troy Roddy, an Arkansas inmate, appeals the district court's¹ dismissal of his 42 U.S.C. §1983 action following an evidentiary hearing. After a careful review of the record, and viewing all facts in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, we conclude Roddy's allegations--that defendant prison officials denied him meals on three occasions over the course of a year--do not rise to the level of an Eighth Amendment violation. See Williams v. Harness, No. 99-1326, 2000 WL 573448, at *1 (8th Cir. May 10, 2000) (unpublished per curiam) (denial of one meal does not give rise to constitutional violation); Berry v. Brady, 192 F.3d 504, 506-08 (5th Cir. 1999) (deprivation of food constitutes cruel and unusual punishment only if it denies prisoner minimal civilized measure of life's necessities, and whether deprivation falls below this threshold depends on amount and duration of deprivation; denying inmate eight meals over seven months because of inmate's failure to shave did not deny inmate "anything close to a minimal measure of life's necessities" (internal quotations and citation omitted)).

¹The Honorable Stephen M. Reasoner, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, adopting the findings and recommendations of the Honorable H. David Young, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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