

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 10-1194

Larry D. Bittick,

Appellant,

v.

Jeremiah Nixon; Chris Koster,

Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
Western District of Missouri.

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Submitted: June 1, 2010
Filed: June 16, 2010

Before MELLOY, BOWMAN, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Missouri inmate Larry D. Bittick appeals from the order of the District Court¹ dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint. Bittick challenged a Missouri state-court judgment that ordered reimbursement for the cost of his care and custody pursuant to the Missouri Incarceration Reimbursement Act (MIRA). He also sought release and return of funds seized from his inmate account pursuant to the MIRA. We have

¹The Honorable Scott O. Wright, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, adopting the report and recommendations of the Honorable William A. Knox, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

carefully reviewed the record de novo, see Cooper v. Schriro, 189 F.3d 781, 783 (8th Cir. 1999) (per curiam), and we conclude that Bittick's § 1983 action is barred by the Rooker-Feldman² doctrine, see Skit Int'l, Ltd. v. DAC Techs. of Ark., Inc., 487 F.3d 1154, 1156 (8th Cir. 2007) ("The Rooker-Feldman doctrine prohibits lower federal courts from exercising appellate review of state court judgments."), cert. denied, 552 U.S. 991 (2007). Accordingly, we affirm.

²See Rooker v. Fid. Trust Co., 263 U.S. 413 (1923); D.C. Ct. of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462 (1983).