



placed in ASNCPC, his contacts with other inmates were curtailed, he was prohibited from actual contact with visitors, and restrictions were placed on the types of personal property he could retain in his cell. Simpson claimed that he was denied equal protection, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, because he was treated differently from inmates placed in Capital Punishment Protective Custody who retained "the same privileges and constitutional rights of the general population inmates"; and that he was punished in violation of the Eighth Amendment, because even though he was placed in ASNCPC for his protection and not for punishment, he was deprived of these constitutional rights and privileges. The district court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment, Simpson timely appealed, and we now affirm.

We review the district court's grant of summary judgment de novo. See Demming v. Housing and Redevelopment Auth., 66 F.3d 950, 953 (8th Cir. 1995). We conclude the personal property and no contact restrictions placed on PCC's ASNCPC inmates were reasonably related to maintaining security--which "is clearly a legitimate penological objective." Cf. Hosna v. Goose, 80 F.3d 298, 304-05, 305 n.10 (8th Cir.) (quoted case omitted) (equal protection requirements; personal property restrictions reasonably related to "heightened" security risk posed by administrative segregation inmates), cert. denied, 117 S. Ct. 164 (1996); Brock v. Rutherford, 468 U.S. 576, 589 (1984) (Constitution does not require that detainees be allowed contact visits after determination that such visits will jeopardize prison security).

We further conclude that Simpson was not unconstitutionally punished in violation of the Eighth Amendment. See Farmer v. Brennan, 114 S. Ct. 1970, 1976 (1994) (prisoner complaints subject to Eighth Amendment scrutiny); Williams v. Delo, 49 F.3d 442, 445 (8th Cir. 1995) (Eighth Amendment violation requires deliberate

indifference). Accordingly, we affirm.

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