NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

STANLEY EARL KEATHLEY,
Plaintiff-Appellant

v.

UNITED STATES,
Defendant-Appellee

2026-1673

Appeal from the United States Court of Federal Claims in No. 1:25-cv-00794-AOB, Judge Armando O. Bonilla.

PER CURIAM.

O R D E R

Stanley Earl Keathley filed this suit in the United States Court of Federal Claims appearing to allege that he was the rightful owner by inheritance of "Disneyland Resort California," raising a claim for "SSA Ben[e]fi[ts]," and asserting the wrongful death of his brother. Dkt. No. 1-1 at 2; Dkt. No. 10 at 4–6. The Court of Federal Claims dismissed for lack of jurisdiction and denied Mr. Keathley's motion for relief from judgment. He appeals.

Summary affirmance is appropriate when dismissal was "so clearly correct as a matter of law that no

substantial question regarding the outcome of the appeal exists." *Joshua v. United States*, 17 F.3d 378, 380 (Fed. Cir. 1994). The Tucker Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1491, grants limited jurisdiction to the Court of Federal Claims over claims for money damages against the United States based on a source of substantive law that "can fairly be interpreted as mandating compensation by the Federal Government." *United States v. Navajo Nation*, 556 U.S. 287, 290 (2009).

Here, the Court of Federal Claims was clearly correct that it lacked jurisdiction over Mr. Keathley's claims that are not against the federal government, *United States v. Sherwood*, 312 U.S. 584, 588 (1941); claims seeking social security benefits, *Marcus v. United States*, 909 F.2d 1470, 1471 (Fed. Cir. 1990), *see* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) (providing federal district courts with jurisdiction over social security benefits claims); and claims for wrongful death or other torts, *Rick's Mushroom Serv., Inc. v. United States*, 521 F.3d 1338, 1343 (Fed. Cir. 2008), *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b)(1) (providing federal district courts with jurisdiction over wrongful death suits against the United States). Nor has Mr. Keathley identified any source of substantive law—and we are aware of none—mandating compensation from the federal government for any purported failure to provide assistance in locating an inheritance. We have considered Mr. Keathley's opening brief but find it does not raise a substantial question regarding the outcome of this appeal. We therefore summarily affirm.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The judgment of the United States Court of Federal Claims is summarily affirmed.

(2) Each party shall bear its own costs.

FOR THE COURT

Jarrett B. Perlow
Clerk of Court

October 30, 2026
Date