

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Misty D. Williams v. Commissioner of Social Security

No. 3:25-cv-00053, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (December 2, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio reviewed a magistrate judge’s recommendation in a Social Security appeal. Because no timely objections were filed, the court adopted the Report and Recommendation and affirmed the Commissioner’s final decision.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	James R. Knepp II
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	3:25-cv-00053
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought judicial review under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) of an adverse Social Security decision. The case was referred to a magistrate judge, who recommended affirmance. No objections to the Report and Recommendation were filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(2), the district court conducts de novo review of portions of a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation to which timely objections are made. Failure to file timely objections waives de novo review of issues covered in the Report and Recommendation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court memorandum opinion and order
PARTIES	Misty D. Williams v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- judicial review of agency action
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security

administrative law

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no timely objections were filed.
2. Whether the Commissioner's final Social Security decision should be affirmed.

HOLDINGS

1. A party's failure to file timely written objections to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation waives de novo review by the district court of the issues covered in the Report and Recommendation.
2. The Commissioner of Social Security's final decision is affirmed, and the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is adopted as the order of the district court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The failure to file timely written objections to a Magistrate Judge's R&R constitutes a waiver of de novo review by the district court of any issues covered in the R&R." (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Misty D. Williams sought judicial review of an adverse decision by the Commissioner of Social Security. The magistrate judge recommended affirming the Commissioner's final decision. Williams did not file objections within the applicable fourteen-day period.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Darrell A. Clay issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Commissioner's final decision be affirmed. The fourteen-day objection period expired without objections. The district court reviewed the Report and Recommendation, adopted it, and affirmed the Commissioner's final decision.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Thomas v. Arn, 728 F.2d 813, 814-15 (6th Cir. 1984)
- United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION MISTY D. WILLIAMS, CASE NO. 3:25 CV 53 Plaintiff, v. JUDGE

JAMES R. KNEPP II COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, MEMORANDUM OPINION AND Defendant. ORDER Plaintiff Misty D. Williams seeks judicial review of an adverse social security decision under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). This case was referred to Magistrate Judge Darrell A. Clay for a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) under Local Civil Rule 72.2(b)(1).

Judge Clay recommends this Court affirm the Commissioner’s final decision. (Doc. 12). Under the relevant statute: Within fourteen days after being served with a copy [of a Magistrate Judge’s R&R], any party may serve and file written objections to such proposed findings and recommendations as provided by rules of court. A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). The failure to file timely written objections to a Magistrate Judge’s R&R constitutes a waiver of de novo review by the district court of any issues covered in the R&R. *Thomas v. Arn*, 728 F.2d 813, 814-15 (6th Cir. 1984) (citing *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981)).

In this case, the fourteen-day time period has passed and no objections have been filed. Despite the lack of objections, the Court has reviewed Judge Clay’s R&R and agrees with the findings and recommendation therein.

Therefore, the Court ADOPTS Judge Clay’s R&R (Doc. 12) as the Order of this Court and AFFIRMS the Commissioner’s final decision. IT IS SO ORDERED. s/ James R. Knepp II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE Dated: December 2, 2025 2