

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

John Edward Bowker v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration

Bowker · No. 1:24-cv-01174-MIS-KK · Decided February 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico adopted a magistrate judge’s proposed findings and recommended disposition in an action challenging the denial of Supplemental Security Income benefits. The court granted the plaintiff’s motion, reversed the Commissioner’s decision, remanded the case for further proceedings, closed the case, and directed entry of final judgment.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the District of New Mexico                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Margaret Strickland                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the District of New Mexico                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| DECIDED               | February 10, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| DOCKET                | 1:24-cv-01174-MIS-KK                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DISPOSITION           | reversed_and_remanded                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition recommending reversal of the Commissioner's denial of Supplemental Security Income and remand for further proceedings. No party filed objections. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | A party's failure to make timely objections to a magistrate judge's proposed findings and recommended disposition waives appellate review of both factual and legal questions.                                                                   |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PARTIES               | John Edward Bowker v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration                                                                                                                                                        |

TOPICS

- judicial review of agency action
- administrative procedure act
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should adopt the magistrate judge's Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition when no timely objections were filed.
2. Whether Bowker's motion to reverse and remand the Commissioner's denial of Supplemental Security Income should be granted.

## HOLDINGS

1. The court adopted the magistrate judge's Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition because no objections were filed within the prescribed fourteen-day period.
2. Bowker's motion to reverse and remand to the agency was granted, the Commissioner's decision denying his Supplemental Security Income claim was reversed, and the case was remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings consistent with the Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Commissioner of the Social Security Administration denied John Edward Bowker's claim for Supplemental Security Income. Bowker moved in the district court to reverse the Commissioner's decision and remand the matter to the agency. The court adopted the magistrate judge's recommendation without party objections.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Kirtan Khalsa issued a Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition on January 26, 2026, recommending that the court grant Bowker's motion to reverse and remand, reverse the Commissioner's decision denying Supplemental Security Income, and remand for further proceedings. After no objections were filed within fourteen days, the district court adopted the recommendation, granted the motion, remanded the case to the Commissioner, closed the case, and directed that final judgment be entered separately.

## DISPOSITION

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## REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The case was remanded to the Commissioner of Social Security for further proceedings consistent with the magistrate judge's Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition.

## CASES CITED

- United States v. 2121 East 30th Street, 73 F.3d 1057, 1059 (10th Cir. 1996)