

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
ARKANSAS, CENTRAL DIVISION

**Kareem Tavares Martin v. Commissioner, Social Security
Administration**

Martin · No. 4:24-cv-00978-LPR · Decided January 16, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas adopted the magistrate judge's Recommended Disposition without objection. The court reversed the Commissioner of Social Security's decision and remanded the case for further proceedings under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

OPINION

Martin

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

CENTRAL DIVISION

KAREEM TAVARES MARTIN PLAINTIFF

Case No. 4:24-cv-00978-LPR

COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL

SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DEFENDANT

ORDER

The Court has reviewed the Recommended Disposition (RD) submitted by United States Magistrate Judge Benecia B. Moore (Doc. 12). No objections have been filed, and the time for doing so has passed. After a de novo review of the RD and careful consideration of the case record, the Court concludes that the RD should be, and hereby is, approved and adopted in its entirety as this Court's findings and conclusions in all respects.! IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the Commissioner's decision is REVERSED, and this case is REMANDED for further proceedings. This is a "sentence four" remand within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991). DATED this 16th day of January 2026.

LEE P. RUDOFISKY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

' The Court acknowledges that the burden of proof and persuasion is on the claimant to show an error was not harmless. See *Byes vy. Astrue*, 687 F.3d 913, 917 (8th Cir. 2012) ("To show an error was not harmless, [the claimant] must provide some indication that the ALJ would have decided

differently if the error had not occurred.”). For essentially the reasons explained in the RD at pages 11-14, the claimant has (just) met this threshold. Nonetheless, the Court wants to make clear that it, like the RD, is not at all certain that, ultimately, the ALJ’s new decision will have a different result than the current decision.

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