

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO

Larenta Javon Cooper v. Warden Bill Cool

Cooper · No. 5:24-CV-02142-BMB · Decided April 30, 2026

SUMMARY

A magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio recommends dismissal of Larenta Javon Cooper’s 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition. The recommendation concludes that Cooper’s Fourth Amendment challenge to the traffic stop is not cognizable under *Stone v. Powell* because Ohio provided a full and fair opportunity to litigate the claim in state court. The Report and Recommendation was issued on April 30, 2026, and permits objections within fourteen days.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jonathan D. Greenberg
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
DECIDED	April 30, 2026
DOCKET	5:24-CV-02142-BMB
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Report and recommendation on a state prisoner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition challenging a traffic stop and resulting admission of evidence under the Fourth Amendment.
PARTIES	Larenta Javon Cooper v. Warden Bill Cool

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Cooper was indicted in the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, moved to suppress evidence from a traffic stop, and was convicted of several drug-possession offenses and failure to comply with a police order after being acquitted of the trafficking counts. The Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals affirmed, and the Supreme Court of Ohio declined jurisdiction and later denied reconsideration. Cooper then filed a federal habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The magistrate judge recommended dismissal because