

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF  
OHIO, EASTERN DIVISION

Rashawna R. Jones v. Commissioner of Social Security  
Administration

Jones · No. 1:25-cv-00515 · Decided March 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio adopts the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation in an action challenging the denial of Supplemental Security Income and disability benefits. Because no objections were filed and the court found no clear error, it affirmed the Commissioner of Social Security’s final decision.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Donald C. Nugent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DECIDED               | March 4, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DOCKET                | 1:25-cv-00515                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DISPOSITION           | affirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Plaintiff sought review of the Commissioner's final decision denying her applications for Supplemental Security Income and disability insurance benefits. The matter was referred to a magistrate judge, who recommended affirmance; no party objected, and the district court adopted the recommendation. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | When no timely objection is filed to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error on the face of the record. Properly objected-to portions are reviewed de novo under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b).                              |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation or stated precedential designation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PARTIES               | Rashawna R. Jones v. Commissioner of Social Security Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## TOPICS

judicial review of agency action

administrative law

civil procedure

## PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security disability benefits

administrative law

federal civil procedure

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What standard of review applies to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no party files a timely objection?
2. Whether the Commissioner's final decision denying Jones's applications for Supplemental Security Income and disability insurance benefits should be affirmed.

## HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is filed, the district court need only determine whether there is clear error on the face of the record before accepting the magistrate judge's recommendation.
2. The Commissioner's final decision denying Jones's applications for Supplemental Security Income and disability benefits is affirmed.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“when no timely objection is filed, the court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.”*

*“It does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of magistrate judge’s factual or legal conclusions, under a de novo or any other standard, when neither party objects to these findings.” (150)*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Rashawna R. Jones applied for Supplemental Security Income and disability insurance benefits. The Commissioner denied the applications, and Jones challenged that final decision in the district court. The magistrate judge recommended affirmance, and no party objected.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge James E. Grimes issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Commissioner's final decision be affirmed. Because neither party filed an objection, the district court reviewed the recommendation for clear error on the face of the record, found none, adopted the recommendation, and affirmed the Commissioner's decision.

## DISPOSITION

affirmed

## CASES CITED

- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985)

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