## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA MIDDLE DIVISION

| SUKHDEV SINGH,                                  | }   |
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| Petitioner,                                     | }<br>}                                      |
| V.  | <pre>} Case No.: 4:17-cv-1950-MHH-JHE</pre> |
| ATTORNEY GENERAL<br>JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS, III, | }<br>}<br>}                                 |
| et al.,   | }   |
| Respondents.                                    | }   |

## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On November 20, 2017, Mr. Singh filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus, seeking release from federal custody pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. (Doc. 1, p. 1). Mr. Singh's petition pertains to his detention by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement since November 24, 2014. (Doc. 1,  $\P$  6). Mr. Singh is a citizen of India. (Doc. 1,  $\P$  6).

On January 2, 2018, the magistrate judge assigned to this case ordered Mr. Singh to explain why the Court should not dismiss his petition in light of evidence which the respondents submitted, evidence which indicates that Mr. Singh has refused to sign removal papers and to participate in the other steps necessary for his removal to India. (Doc. 7-1, p. 3; Doc. 9, p. 1).

Mr. Singh responded on January 19, 2018, and objected to his continued detention. (Doc. 10, p. 5). Alternatively, Mr. Singh requested "a determination that any immigration law purporting to authorize his continued detention without a fully bond hearing redetermination violates due process." (Doc. 10, p. 5).

On July 23, 2018, the magistrate judge filed his report and recommendation. (Doc. 11). The magistrate judge recommended that the Court deny Mr. Singh's petition because the respondents demonstrated that Mr. Singh's continued detention without a bond hearing is the consequence of Mr. Singh's repeated refusal cooperate in the removal process. (Doc. 11). The magistrate judge advised Mr. Singh of his right to file written objections to the report within 14 days. (Doc. 11, p. 6). To date, Mr. Singh has not objected to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation.

A district court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). A district court reviews legal conclusions in a report de novo and reviews for plain error factual findings to which no objection is made. *Garvey v. Vaughn*, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n. 9 (11th Cir. 1993); *see also LoConte v. Dugger*, 847 F.2d 745, 749 (11th Cir. 1988); *Macort v. Prem, Inc.*, 208 Fed. Appx. 781, 784 (11th Cir. 2006).

Based on its review of the record in this case, including Mr. Pitman's declaration (Doc. 7-1), the Court finds no misstatements of law in the report and no

plain error in the magistrate judge's factual findings. Therefore, the Court adopts the magistrate judge's report and accepts his recommendation.

The Court will issue a separate final order consistent with this memorandum opinion.

**DONE** this 13th day of November, 2018.

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MADELINE HUGHES HAIKALA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE