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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Frederick L. Smith,

Petitioner,

v.

Charles L. Ryan, et al.,

Respondents.

No. CV-16-01429-PHX-NVW (DKD)

ORDER

Pending before the court is the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of Magistrate Judge David K. Duncan (Doc. 14) issued April 3, 2017, regarding petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1). The R&R recommends that the Petition be denied and dismissed with prejudice. The Magistrate Judge advised the parties that they had fourteen days to file objections to the R&R. (R&R at 6 (citing 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Rules 72, 6(a), 6(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure). No objections were filed.

Because the parties did not file objections, the court need not review any of the Magistrate Judge’s determinations on dispositive matters. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985) (“[Section 636(b)(1)] does not . . . require any review at all . . . of any issue that is not the subject of an objection.”). The absence of a timely objection also means that error may not be assigned on appeal to any defect in the rulings of the Magistrate Judge on any non-dispositive matters. Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a) (“A

1 party may serve and file objections to the order within 14 days after being served with a
2 copy [of the magistrate’s order]. A party may not assign as error a defect in the order not
3 timely objected to.”); *Simpson v. Lear Astronics Corp.*, 77 F.3d 1170, 1174 (9th Cir.
4 1996); *Phillips v. GMC*, 289 F.3d 1117, 1120-21 (9th Cir. 2002).

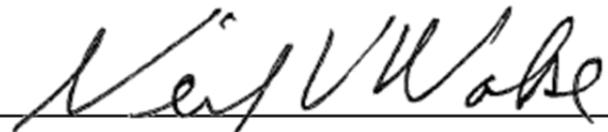
5 Notwithstanding the absence of an objection, the court has reviewed the R&R and
6 finds that it is well taken. The court will accept the R&R and dismiss the Petition. *See*
7 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (stating that the district court “may accept, reject, or modify, in
8 whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate”).

9 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Report and Recommendation of the
10 Magistrate Judge (Doc. 14) is accepted.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court enter judgment denying
12 and dismissing petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
13 § 2254 (Doc. 1) with prejudice. The Clerk shall terminate this action.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Certificate of Appealability and leave to
15 proceed in forma pauperis on appeal be denied because dismissal of the Petition is
16 justified by a plain procedural bar and jurists of reason would not find the ruling
17 debatable.

18 Dated this 23rd day of May, 2017.

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22 Honorable Neil V. Wake
23 Senior United States District Judge
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