

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH DIVISION

RYAN DALE GAUNT

PLAINTIFF

v.

Civil No. 11-2172

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
Commissioner, Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

**ORDER**

The Court has received proposed findings and recommendations (Doc. #16) from United States Magistrate Judge Erin L. Setser. There have been no objections. After careful review, the Court concludes that the findings and recommendations should be, and hereby are, approved and adopted as this Court's findings in all respects in their entirety.

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees (Doc. #13) be GRANTED and finds that Plaintiff is entitled to an award under the EAJA in the total amount of \$4,328.70. This amount should be paid in addition to, and not out of, any past due benefits which Plaintiff may be awarded in the future. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528 (2010), the EAJA award should be made payable to Plaintiff, but may be mailed to Plaintiff's counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

*P. K. Holmes, III*

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CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE