

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

KENNETH KALNBACH, III,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 18-11965

Honorable Laurie J. Michelson

Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen

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**ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION [19], GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT [17] AND DENYING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT [13]**

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Before the Court is Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen's July 8, 2019, Report and Recommendation. (ECF No. 19.) At the conclusion of his report, Magistrate Judge Whalen notified the parties that they were required to file any objections within 14 days of service, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(2) and Eastern District of Michigan Local Rule 72.1(d), and that "[f]ailure to file specific objections constitutes a waiver of any further right of appeal." (ECF No. 19, PageID.530.) It is now July 29, 2019. As such, the time to file objections has expired. And no objections have been filed.

The Court finds that the parties' failure to object is a procedural default, waiving review of the Magistrate Judge's findings by this Court. In *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949–50 (6th Cir. 1981), the Sixth Circuit established a rule of procedural default, holding that "a party shall file objections with the district court or else waive right to appeal." And in *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 144 (1985), the Supreme Court explained that the Sixth Circuit's waiver-of-appellate-review rule rested on the assumption "that the failure to object may constitute a

procedural default waiving review even at the district court level.” 474 U.S. at 149; *see also* *Garrison v. Equifax Info. Servs., LLC*, No. 10-13990, 2012 WL 1278044, at \*8 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 16, 2012) (“The Court is not obligated to review the portions of the report to which no objection was made.” (citing *Thomas*, 474 U.S. at 149–52)). The Court further held that this rule violates neither the Federal Magistrates Act nor the Federal Constitution.

The Court therefore finds that the parties have waived further review of the Magistrate Judge’s Report and accepts his recommended disposition. It follows that the Commissioner’s motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 17) is GRANTED and the Plaintiff’s motion (ECF No. 13) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

s/Laurie J. Michelson  
LAURIE J. MICHELSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: July 30, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and/or pro se parties on this date, July 30, 2019, using the Electronic Court Filing system and/or first-class U.S. mail.

s/William Barkholz  
Case Manager