

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DOUGLAS LEWIS,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 20-12516

vs.

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

COMMISSIONER ANDREW SAUL,

Defendant.

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**OPINION & ORDER**

**(1) ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
(Dkt. 4), (2) DENYING PLAINTIFF’S APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA  
PAUPERIS (Dkt. 2), AND (3) ORDERING PLAINTIFF TO PAY FILING FEE**

This matter is presently before the Court on the Report and Recommendation (R&R) of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, issued on September 16, 2020 (Dkt. 4). In the R&R, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court deny Plaintiff Douglas Lewis’s application to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkt. 2)..

The parties have not filed objections to the R&R, and the time to do so has expired. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). The failure to file a timely objection to an R&R constitutes a waiver of the right to further judicial review. See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985) (“It does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of a magistrate’s factual or legal conclusions, under a de novo or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings.”); Smith v. Detroit Fed’n of Teachers, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373-1374 (6th Cir. 1987) (failure to file objection to R&R “waived subsequent review of the matter”); Cephas v. Nash, 328 F.3d 98, 108 (2d Cir. 2003) (“As a rule, a party’s failure to object to any purported error or

omission in a magistrate judge’s report waives further judicial review of the point.”); Lardie v. Birkett, 221 F. Supp. 2d 806, 807 (E.D. Mich. 2002) (“As to the parts of the report and recommendation to which no party has objected, the Court need not conduct a review by any standard.”). However, there is some authority that a district court is required to review the R&R for clear error. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 Advisory Committee Note Subdivision (b) (“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.”). Therefore, the Court has reviewed the R&R for clear error. On the face of the record, the Court finds no clear error and accepts the recommendation.

Accordingly, Plaintiff’s application to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkt. 2) is denied. Plaintiff must pay the filing fee on or before October 30, 2020. Failure to pay the filing fee will result in dismissal of this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 5, 2020  
Detroit, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith  
MARK A. GOLDSMITH  
United States District Judge