

**United States District Court**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

RAYMOND PICKETT, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
 )  
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, )  
*Commissioner of the Social* )  
*Security Administration,* )  
Defendant. )

**JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE**  
**CASE NO. 7:09-CV-87-D**

**Decision by the Court:**

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the court adopts the Memorandum and Recommendations [D.E. 33]. Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E.20] is DENIED, defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 26] is GRANTED, and defendant's final decision is AFFIRMED. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case.

THE ABOVE JUDGMENT WAS ENTERED TODAY, **AUGUST 5, 2010** WITH A COPY TO:

Barbara von Euler (via CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing)  
Kathleen C. Buckner (via CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing)

August 5, 2010  
Date

DENNIS P. IAVARONE, Clerk  
Eastern District of North Carolina

/s/Debby Sawyer  
(By) Deputy Clerk

Raleigh, North Carolina