UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

MICHAEL YOUNG,

CASE NO. 1:11-CV-0386

Petitioner,

OPINION & ORDER VS. [Resolving Doc. No. 1]

WARDEN TERRY TIBBALS,

Respondent.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On February 23, 2011, Petitioner Michael Young filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Greg White pursuant to Local Rule 72.2. On April 25, 2012, Magistrate Judge White issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court dismiss the petition because Young's insufficient evidence, due process, and ineffective assistance of counsel claims fail on the merits. [Doc. 12].

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a de novo review only of those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Parties must file any objections to a Report and Recommendation within fourteen days of service. *Id.*; Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). Failure to object within this time waives a party's right to appeal the district court's judgment. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985); United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981). Absent objection, a district court Case No. 1:11-CV-0386

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may adopt the magistrate judge's report without review. <u>See Thomas</u>, 474 U.S. at 149.

In this case, Petitioner Young has not objected to the Report and Recommendation.

Moreover, having conducted its own review of the record and the parties' briefs, the Court agrees

with the recommendation of Magistrate Judge White that the petition should be dismissed. In the

end, all of Young's grounds for relief fail on the merits: Young's conviction for drug trafficking was

supported by sufficient evidence; the Police Officers had a reasonable suspicion to justify stopping

and investigating Young; and Young's counsel did not render ineffective assistance.

Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS in whole Magistrate Judge White's Report and

Recommendation and **DENIES** Young's petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Further, the Court

certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in

good faith, and no basis exists upon which to issue a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. §

2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 6, 2011

James S. Gwin

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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