

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**PATRICIA MERRELL,**

CASE NO. 1:20 CV 769

Plaintiff,

v.

JUDGE JAMES R. KNEPP II

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND  
ORDER**

Defendant.

Plaintiff Patricia Merrell seeks judicial review of an adverse social security decision under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). This case was referred to Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Parker for a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) under Local Civil Rule 72.2(b)(2). Judge Parker recommends this Court overrule Plaintiff’s assertions of error and affirm the Commissioner’s final decision. (Doc. 18).

Under the relevant statute:

Within fourteen days of being served with a copy [of a Magistrate Judge’s R&R], any party may serve and file written objections to such proposed findings and recommendations as provided by rules of court. A judge of the court shall make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *see also* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b)(2). The failure to file timely written objections to a Magistrate Judge’s R&R constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review by the district court of any issues covered in the R&R. *Thomas v. Arn*, 728 F.2d 813, 814-15 (6th Cir. 1984); *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).

In this case, the fourteen day time period has passed and no objections have been filed.

Despite the lack of objections, the Court has reviewed Judge Parker's R&R, and agrees with the findings and recommendation therein. Therefore, the Court ADOPTS Judge Parker's R&R (Doc. 18) as the Order of this Court and AFFIRMS the Commissioner's final decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

*s/ James R. Knepp II*  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE