UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

:

ATLANTICA LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:24-cv-4098 Chief Judge Sarah D. Morrison Magistrate Judge Kimberly A. Jolson

AMEENA SALAHUDDIN,

Defendants.

<u>ORDER</u>

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Ameena Salahuddin removed this action from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas through a document titled Notice of Appeal. (ECF No. 1-1.) The removal/appeal concerns a foreclosure action that Atlantica LLC prosecuted against Ms. Salahuddin. *Atlantica LLC v. Salahuddin*, No. 17 CV 011307 (Franklin Cty. C.P., filed Dec. 22, 2017). Specifically, Ms. Salahuddin asks this Court to (i) reverse an October 2024 state court order confirming a sheriff's sale of her home and (ii) intervene to stop the sale. (ECF Nos. 1-1 and 3.) Shortly after Ms. Salahuddin removed the case, the Magistrate Judge ordered her to show cause why this Court a court of limited jurisdiction—has authority to hear her cause. (ECF No. 4.) Ms. Salahuddin responded. (ECF No. 8.) In a Report and Recommendation, the Magistrate Judge recommended that this Court dismiss the cause for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. (R&R, ECF No. 9.) Ms. Salahuddin objected. (Obj., ECF No. 10.)

If a party objects to a report and recommendation, 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). Upon review, the Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge first evaluated whether Ms. Salahuddin's Notice is properly construed as a removal, but concluded that "whether this action is a removal" or not, Ms. Salahuddin "seeks federal appellate review of a state court judgment." (R&R, PAGEID # 86.) She explained that federal district courts lack jurisdiction over such claims. (*Id.*, PAGEID # 87). *See also Rooker v. Fidelity Tr. Co.*, 263 U.S. 413 (1923) and *District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman*, 460 U.S. 462 (1983)). The Magistrate Judge went on to explain that the other federal statutes cited by Ms. Salahuddin do not confer subject matter jurisdiction over her claims. (*Id.*, PAGEID # 61.)

The Court finds no error in the Magistrate Judge's conclusions or reasoning. Ms. Salahuddin's objections provide no basis otherwise. There, Ms. Salahuddin "acknowledges that she erred in filing her . . . case in this court," and asks the Court's leniency in view of her *pro se* status. (Obj., PAGEID # 92.) But without subject-matter jurisdiction, the Court has no power to exercise leniency. Accordingly, Ms. Salahuddin's Objections (ECF No. 10) are **OVERRULED**. The Court **ADOPTS** and **AFFIRMS** the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 9). The case is **DISMISSED**. Ms. Salahuddin's pending motion (ECF No. 3) is **DENIED as moot**. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to **TERMINATE** this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

<u>/s/ Sarah D. Morrison</u> SARAH D. MORRISON, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT