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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT BECKLEY

TIMOTHY RAY SHREWSBURY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:21-cv-00576

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

## **ORDER**

Pending is Plaintiff's Complaint for Review of the Decision of the Commissioner of Social Security [Doc. 2], filed October 27, 2021. This action was previously referred to the Honorable Cheryl A. Eifert, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). Magistrate Judge Eifert issued a Show Cause Order on February 1, 2022, ordering Plaintiff to show cause by February 15, 2022, as to why service had not been properly effected on Defendant. [Doc. 6]. Plaintiff failed to respond. Magistrate Judge Eifert filed her PF&R on March 8, 2022. [Doc. 7]. Magistrate Judge Eifert recommended that the Court dismiss the Complaint without prejudice, and remove this action from the Court's docket.

The Court need not review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) ("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.*") (emphasis added). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and the Petitioner's

right to appeal the Court's order. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also United States v. De Leon-Ramirez, 925 F.3d 177, 181 (4th Cir. 2019) (parties may not typically "appeal a magistrate judge's findings that were not objected to below, as § 636(b) doesn't require de novo review absent objection."); Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989). Further, the Court need not conduct de novo review when a party "makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate's proposed findings and recommendations." Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Objections in this case were due on March 25, 2022. No objections were filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the PF&R [Doc. 7], **DISMISSES** the Complaint without prejudice [Doc. 2], and **DISMISSES** the matter.

The Court directs the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Order to any counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: April 5, 2022

United States District Judge