

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
ELKINS**

**SYLVESTER BLAND,**

Petitioner,

v.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:09-CV-7  
(MAXWELL)**

**JOEL J. ZIEGLER, Warden,**

Respondent.

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

On this day, the above-styled matter came before the Court for consideration of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge James E. Seibert. Pursuant to this Court's Local Rules, this action was referred to Magistrate Judge Seibert for submission of a proposed report and a recommendation ("R & R"). Magistrate Judge Seibert filed his R & R on January 8, 2010 [Doc. 5]. In that filing, the magistrate judge recommended that this Court deny the § 2241 petition.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b) (1) (c), this Court is required to make a *de novo* review of those portions of the magistrate judge's findings to which objection is made. However, the Court is not required to 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. ***Thomas v. Arn***, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). In addition, failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review and the petitioner's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); ***Snyder v. Ridenour***, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989); ***United States v. Schronce***, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984). Here, objections to Magistrate Judge Seibert's R & R were

due within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of the R & R pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b). The docket reflects that service was accepted on January 11, 2010. See Doc. 6. To date, neither party has filed objections. Accordingly, this Court will review the report and recommendation for clear error.

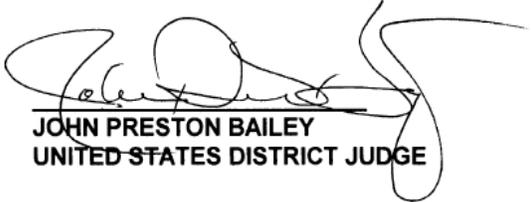
In his R&R, Magistrate Judge Seibert found the issues presented in the instant petition to be squarely on point with a previously decided case before this Court, ***Snipe v. Phillips***, 3:08-cv-22 (N.D. W.Va. Dec. 23, 2008). This Court additionally notes that since the issuance of the R&R, the Fourth Circuit recently affirmed the ***Snipe*** opinion by unpublished per curiam opinion, No. 09-6235. See Doc. 56.

Therefore, having reviewed the record and the magistrate judge's R & R, it is the opinion of this Court that the recommendations of Magistrate Judge Seibert [**Doc. 5**] should be, and are, hereby **ORDERED ADOPTED**. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** and **DISMISSES with prejudice** the petitioner's § 2241 Application for Habeas Corpus [**Doc. 1**]. Accordingly, this action is hereby **ORDERED STRICKEN** from the active docket of this Court.

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to mail a copy to the *pro se* petitioner.

**DATED:** February 25, 2010.

  
JOHN PRESTON BAILEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE