

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

ELAINA MCDUFFIE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 8:24-cv-566-MSS-CPT

CONMED CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** comes before the Court for consideration of Plaintiff's Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs, (Dkt. 2), which the Court construes as a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Also before the Court is Plaintiff's counseled complaint. (Dkt. 1) On April 23, 2024, United States Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite issued a Report and Recommendation, (Dkt. 6), which recommended Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* be denied. The Parties have not objected to Judge Tuite's Report and Recommendation, and the deadline for doing so has passed. In fact, Plaintiff has now paid the filing fee. Upon consideration of all relevant filings, case law, and being otherwise fully advised, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.

In the Eleventh Circuit, a district judge may accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's report and recommendation after conducting a careful and complete

review of the findings and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Williams v. Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732, 732 (11th Cir. 1982). A district judge “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)(C). This requires that the district judge “give fresh consideration to those issues to which specific objection has been made by a party.” Jeffrey S. v. State Bd. of Educ., 896 F.2d 507, 512 (11th Cir.1990) (quoting H.R. 1609, 94th Cong. § 2 (1976)). Absent specific objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings *de novo*, Garvey v. Vaughn, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993), and the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. See Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry., 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994).

Upon consideration of the Report and Recommendation, in conjunction with an independent examination of the file, the Court is of the opinion the Report and Recommendation should be adopted, confirmed, and approved in all respects. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that:

1. The Report and Recommendation, (Dkt. 6), is **CONFIRMED** and **ADOPTED** as part of this Order.
2. Plaintiff’s Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, (Dkt. 2), is **DENIED**.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of May 2024.



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MARY S. SCRIVEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Counsel of Record  
Any Unrepresented Person