

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 19-1407

Crystal McFarland

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Andrew Saul, Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Missouri - Hannibal

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Before GRUENDER, WOLLMAN, and KOBES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Crystal McFarland appeals a district court¹ order affirming the denial of disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. Upon de novo review, we agree with the district court that substantial evidence on the record as a whole supports the decision at issue. See Dols v. Saul, 931 F.3d 741, 744 (8th Cir. 2019) (standard of review). Specifically, we find that the administrative law judge properly gave little weight to the residual functional capacity (RFC) opinion of McFarland's treating physician, Jonathan Wilford. Among other things, before rendering his opinion, Dr. Wilford had personally examined McFarland only twice when his assessments were either normal or reflected only minor abnormalities, and thus they were inconsistent with his RFC opinion. See Davidson v. Astrue, 501 F.3d 987, 990-91 (8th Cir. 2007) (treating physician's opinion does not automatically control, and is properly discounted if inconsistent with his prior treatment notes). The other matters McFarland raises provide no basis for reversal. The judgment is affirmed.

¹The Honorable Patricia L. Cohen, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, to whom the case was referred for final disposition by consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).