

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 19-2115

Stephen Lynn Jester

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Andrew Saul, Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Defendant - Appellee

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Western District of Arkansas - Texarkana

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Before GRUENDER, BEAM, and KELLY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Stephen Lynn Jester appeals the district court's¹ order upholding the denial of disability insurance benefits (DIB) and supplemental security income (SSI). Upon de novo review, we find that substantial evidence supports the determination that Jester is not entitled to DIB or SSI. See Boyd v. Colvin, 831 F.3d 1015, 1017-20 (8th Cir. 2016) (Commissioner's decision will be affirmed if it is supported by substantial evidence on record as whole). We note that Jester linked his inability to work to frequent and lengthy flare-ups of gout, but there was no objective medical evidence that such flare-ups were frequent or lengthy, and Jester reported that his flare-ups were controlled by medication.² The judgment is affirmed.

¹The Honorable Barry A. Bryant, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, to whom the case was referred for final disposition by consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

²Jester claimed disabling mental and physical impairments, but on appeal, he focuses solely on his physical impairments. See Hacker v. Barnhart, 459 F.3d 934, 937 n.2 (8th Cir. 2006) (abandonment of issue).