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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RONALD BAGLEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

08 0019

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter comes before the Court upon review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The application will be granted but the complaint will be dismissed.

Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks to obtain. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff alleges that the Government of the District of Columbia has been "harassing the issue of making a false lifestyle or otherwords [sic] a hardcore rapper profile that endangered my life." Compl. at 1. As drafted, the complaint fails to comply with Rule 8(a). It states neither a

basis for jurisdiction nor a demand for relief.

The complaint will be dismissed without prejudice. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion will be issued separately on this same date.

DATE:

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United States District Judge