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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Julia Miller, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. )  
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Social Security Administration, *et al.*, )  
)  
Defendants. )

Civil Action No. 08 0632

MEMORANDUM OPINION

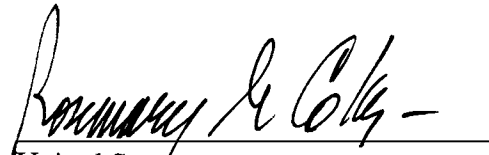
This matter comes before the court on review of plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and *pro se* civil complaint. The court will grant the application and dismiss the complaint.

The Court has reviewed plaintiff's complaint, keeping in mind that complaints filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). 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 of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. 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).

Among other things, plaintiff alleges that various government entities, corporations, media outlets, stock brokerage firms, retail stores, and financial institutions consistently harass, stalk and threaten her, falsify government records pertaining to her, and otherwise fraudulently obtain benefits to which she is entitled. It is unclear what claims plaintiff brings against which of the defendants; nor is it clear on what basis this Court has jurisdiction.

The Court concludes that the complaint as drafted does not comply with Rule 8(a), and for this reason, the complaint will be dismissed without prejudice. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

  
United States District Judge

Date: 3/25/08