

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ANGELA DENISE NAILS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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CIVILIAN CLAIMS DISABILITY,)
)
Defendant.)

Civil Action No.

11 0369

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.

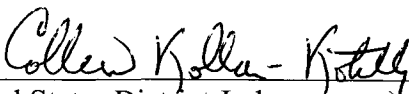
The Court has reviewed plaintiff's complaint, keeping in mind that complaints filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with 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).

Plaintiff alleges that she “was injured while [she] was a Civilian employee,” and that she “is seeking the damages that was [sic] never paid . . . when [she] was injured.” Compl. at 1.

Although plaintiff clearly states her demand for \$100,000 in “damages for Pain and Suffering, Medical cost[s] and Mental disfigurement,” *id.* at 2, her complaint does not allege facts sufficient to provide fair notice to defendant of the claims against it. As drafted, the complaint fails to comply with Rule 8(a) and it will be dismissed.

An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.


United States District Judge

DATE: Feb. 4, 2004