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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

CURTIS ANDREWS,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREATER SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY
HOSPITAL, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. **12 0430**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on consideration of the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* complaint. The application will be granted, and the complaint will be dismissed.

The plaintiff's complaint is largely illegible. Aside from what appears to be a medical malpractice claim against a local hospital, the Court is unable to decipher what claims he brings against which parties.

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 defendant 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). As

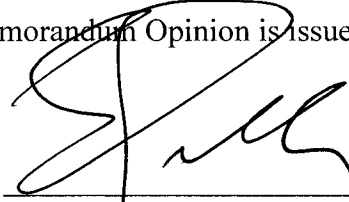
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drafted, the plaintiff's complaint fails to comply with Rule 8(a), and it will be dismissed without prejudice. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

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United States District Judge