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

TYRONE JULIUS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MRS. BRANCH METRO BUS AND TRAIN,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. **12 0773**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter comes before the court on review of three civil complaints filed by plaintiff along with applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The court will grant the applications and dismiss the complaints.

The court has reviewed plaintiff's complaints, 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).

These complaints contain neither a short and plain statement of a claim showing plaintiff's entitlement to relief nor any indication of the claims asserted against the defendants.

As drafted, the complaints fail to comply with Rule 8(a) and all will be dismissed.

An Order is issued separately.


United States District Judge

DATE: April 30, 2012