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

DEBORAH DIANE FLETCHER,

Plaintiff,

v.

STAR CREEK APARTMENT
MANAGER,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. **12 1878**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The plaintiff has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a *pro se* complaint. The application will be granted, and the complaint will be dismissed.

Plaintiff brings this action to recover a security deposit paid to her former landlord in Miami, Florida. Federal district courts have jurisdiction in civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1331. In addition, federal district courts have jurisdiction over civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000, and the suit is between citizens of different states. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). This complaint sets forth no federal question. Although the parties appear to be citizens of different states, the matter in controversy does not exceed the \$75,000 threshold. Accordingly, the Court will dismiss this action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: *October 28, 2012*

Reggie B. Nettles
United States District Judge