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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Valencia Garner,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.)
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 United States of America *et al.*,)
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 Defendants.)
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Civil Action No. **13-1521**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

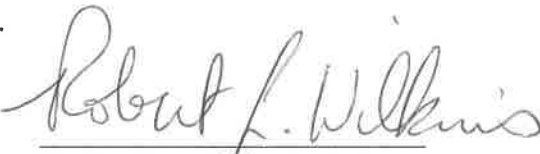
This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants 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 complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); *see Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1950 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

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Plaintiff, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, sues the United States, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Internal Revenue Service for “squillions of dollars” in damages. Compl. at 2. Plaintiff lists 32 various causes of action, both civil and criminal, *id.* at 3-5, and includes a variety of unexplained attachments. She mentions delayed payments by the IRS and “reckless off-sets,” *id.* at 3, and alleges that she failed to receive “any stimulus money” from 2007 to 2013. *Id.* at 4. Since the complaint consists entirely of disjointed statements that provide no notice of a claim, it fails to comply with Rule 8(a) and, thus, will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.


United States District Judge

Date: September 25, 2013