

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy  
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Octavia Wells,

Plaintiff,

v.

Eric Holder,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. *14-280*

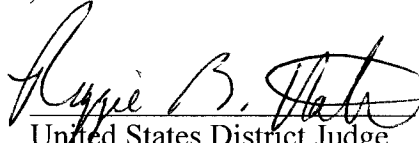
MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of the 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*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (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).

The plaintiff is a resident of Washington, D.C. who has named Eric Holder as the defendant to this action. The plaintiff lists this courthouse as the defendant's address. The one-

page complaint consists of a demand for a jury trial and for relief in the form of “Impeachment & replacement[,] Canidate(s) [sic] Octavia Wells and/or Barack Obama.” In addition, the complaint contains the following inexplicable statement: “Supplying Mexican Drug Cartel & distribution of illegal drugs keep my people off illegal drugs,” and the plaintiff’s offer to “accept his Salary & Commissions as pay ASAP!” The complaint fails to provide any notice of a claim or basis for federal court jurisdiction. Hence, this case will be dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

  
United States District Judge

Date: January 15, 2014

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<sup>1</sup> A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.