

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**FILED**  
**MAR 20 2014**  
Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy  
Courts for the District of Columbia

William Patrick-Bey,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. Government,

Defendant.

---

Civil Action No.

14-454

MEMORANDUM OPINION


This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* Complaint application 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).

N

3

Plaintiff, a resident of Arlington, Virginia, sues the “U.S. Government,” but he has made no factual allegations against the United States. *See* Compl. at 1 (“Catholic Charities, a subsidiary of Hillcrest Children and Family Center and also the phyc [sic] ward at Southeast Community Hospital have all attempt[ed] to assault me by way of poison medication.”). Since the complaint provides no notice of a claim against the only named defendant, it will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: March  5, 2014

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
United States District Judge