

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Surf Moore,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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U.S. Justice Dep't.,)
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Defendant.)
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Civil Action No. **14-909**

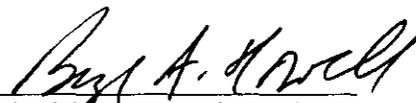
MEMORANDUM OPINION

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

The plaintiff, a resident of Jackson, Mississippi, purports to sue the United States Department of Justice. *See* Compl. Caption. Plaintiff alleges that defendant has violated the first, second and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution and federal law. He seeks \$100 million in damages. The complaint consists of recitations of constitutional amendments, federal statutes, and excerpts from case law; it contains no supporting facts to provide adequate notice of a claim and, thus, will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: May 8th, 2014


United States District Judge