

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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**Clerk, U.S. District and
Bankruptcy Courts**

Surf Moore,

Plaintiff,

v.

Justice Dep't. *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

14-1218

(UNA)

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 and a construction company in Chicago, Illinois. *See* Compl. Caption. Plaintiff claims that defendants have conspired to violate certain constitutional provisions and federal law, *see* Compl. at 2, 13-15, but the complaint consists of recitations of constitutional amendments and federal statutes and incoherent statements. Plaintiff has alleged no facts to provide the defendants with adequate notice of a claim. Hence, this case will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: July 17, 2014


United States District Judge