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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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James Nelson,)
Plaintiff,) Case: 1:15-cv-01156
v.	Assigned To : Unassigned Assign. Date : 7/20/2015
Paine Webber Inc. et. al.,	Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil F Deck
Defendants.)

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, 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).



Plaintiff is a Florida state prisoner purporting to sue a long list of various defendants in both public and private sectors. The complaint consists of disjointed statements that provide no notice of a claim or the basis of federal court jurisdiction. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Vnited States District Judge —

Date: July 2015

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