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**Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy
Courts for the District of Columbia**

Maurice Delane Davis,

Plaintiff,

y.

President Barack Obama,

Defendant.

Case: 1:15-cv-01455

Assigned To : Unassigned

Assign. Date : 9/8/2015

Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil (F)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

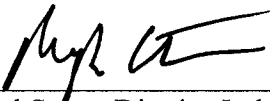
This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 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).

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Plaintiff is a District of Columbia resident suing President Obama. He seeks \$966 trillion in damages as reparation for slavery. The complaint provides no notice of a cognizable claim and the basis of jurisdiction. A separate order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: September 2nd, 2015



United States District Judge