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| ALEXANDER BALLARD, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | Case: 1:16-cv-02093 (F-Deck) |
| v. |) | Assigned To : Unassigned |
| |) | Assign. Date : 10/21/2016 |
| |) | Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil Jury Demand |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| Defendant. |) | |
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This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his *pro se* complaint. It appears that plaintiff currently is detained at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for a competency examination by order of The Hon. Florence Y Pan, Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Generally, plaintiff challenges his pre-trial detention and objects to the treatment he is receiving. Among other relief, plaintiff demands monetary damages, release from custody, and dismissal of the criminal charges against him.

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equitable relief.”) (citation omitted), *cert. denied*, 549 U.S. 889 (2006); *see Smith v. Holder*, No. 14-131, 2014 WL 414292, at *1 (D.D.C. Jan. 30, 2014), *aff’d*, 561 F. App’x 12 (D.C. Cir. June 16, 2014) (per curiam) (noting appellant’s failure to “show[] that the district court erred in dismissing his challenge to pending District of Columbia criminal proceedings under the abstention doctrine of *Younger v. Harris*”).

Given “the fundamental policy against federal interference with state criminal prosecutions” *Younger*, 401 U.S. at 46, the Court will dismiss this action. An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: 10/14/2016

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United States District Judge