

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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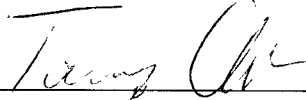
CURTIS ANDREW ANDREWS, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. ) Civil Action No. 17-0854 (UNA)  
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, )  
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Defendant. )

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his *pro se* civil complaint. The application will be granted, and the complaint will be dismissed without prejudice.

Federal district courts have jurisdiction in civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1331. In addition, federal district courts have jurisdiction over civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000, and the suit is between citizens of different states. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). The complaint does not articulate a claim arising under the United States Constitution or federal law; therefore, the plaintiff does not raise a federal question. Furthermore, because the plaintiff does not allege monetary damages and demonstrate that the parties are citizens of different states, the plaintiff also fails to establish diversity jurisdiction. Accordingly, the complaint will be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: May 30, 2017

  
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United States District Judge