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

BRUD ROSSMAN.

Plaintiff,

**V.**

DONALD JOHN TRUMP, *et al.*,

Defendants.


Civil Action No. 18-0025 (UNA)

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his *pro se* civil complaint.

Complaints filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, 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 that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

This complaint offers little more than disparaging remarks against the defendants, and it certainly falls far short of the minimal pleading standard set forth in Rule 8(a). Therefore, the Court will dismiss the complaint without prejudice. An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: 2/15 2018

  
United States District Judge