

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

MARION DENNIS MURRAY, SR.,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
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v.	:	Civil Action No. 18-0122 (CKK)
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WARDEN GLEN JOHNSON, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
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Defendants.	:	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

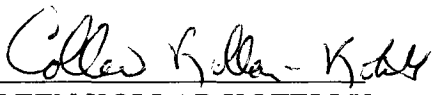
The Court has reviewed the plaintiff's *pro se* complaint, keeping in mind that pleadings filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Nevertheless, *pro se* litigants, too, 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); *see Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claims 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 contains no factual allegations whatsoever. Rather, the complaint is an incomprehensible mix of disjointed phrases, legal terms, and partial citations to statutes, case

law, and other legal authority. As drafted, the complaint does not comply with Rule 8(a) and it will be dismissed.

An Order is issued separately.

DATE: February ²¹~~20~~, 2018


COLLEEN KOLLAR KOTELLY
United States District Court Judge