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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Fred Smith,

Plaintiff,

v.

United States of America *et al.*,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 18-1132 (UNA)

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).

Plaintiff is an Oklahoma state prisoner. He has initiated this civil action against the United States and Oklahoma via a complaint captioned: "Multiple-Jurisdictional Civil Action For Enforcement of Rights; Declaratory and Injunctive Relief; for Violations of United Nations Resolutions, International Law, Human Rights, and Refusal to Protect Federal Rights." The random statements comprising the complaint fail to provide any notice of a claim and the basis of federal court jurisdiction. Hence this case will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: May 31st, 2018


United States District Judge