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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JASON WAYNE NAILLIEUX,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Civil Action No. 19-3606 (UNA)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MINT,	)	
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Defendant.	)	

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). "A confused and rambling narrative of charges and conclusions . . . does not comply with the requirements of Rule 8." *Cheeks v. Fort Myer Constr. Corp.*, 71 F. Supp. 3d 163, 169 (D.D.C. 2014) (citation and internal quotation marks omitted).

The Court has reviewed the complaint and fails to discern any viable legal claim. Missing from the complaint is a short and plain statement showing that plaintiff is entitled to relief of any kind. As drafted, plaintiff's complaint fails to provide any notice of a claim and the basis of jurisdiction, and it will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: December 17, 2019

RANDOLPH D. MOSS
United States District Judge