

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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DARLENE CORTEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL BASKIN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

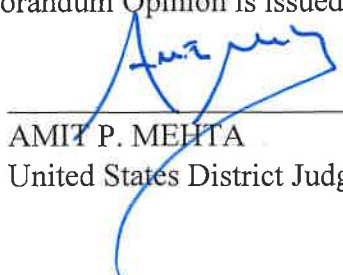
Civil Action No. 20-0073 (UNA)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* complaint. For the reasons stated below, the Court will grant the application and dismiss the complaint.

The trial court has the discretion to decide whether a complaint is frivolous, and such finding is appropriate when the facts alleged are irrational or wholly incredible. *Denton v. Hernandez*, 504 U.S. 25, 33 (1992); *see Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989) (“[A] complaint, containing as it does both factual allegations and legal conclusions, is frivolous where it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in fact.”). Having reviewed the plaintiff's complaint, the Court concludes that what factual contentions are identifiable are baseless and wholly incredible. For this reason, the complaint is frivolous and must be dismissed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1)(B). An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: January 21, 2020


AMIT P. MEHTA
United States District Judge

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