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

SHAUN RUSHING,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 21-01943 (UNA)
)	
THE COUNTY OF KENT,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION


The Court has reviewed plaintiff's complaint, keeping in mind that 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 claims being asserted such that they can prepare a responsive answer, prepare 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, also known as Alexis Legree, allegedly was arrested for selling narcotics to a Grand Rapids police officer in Grand Rapids. Plaintiff was allegedly charged with selling

narcotics to a police officer. For these acts, Plaintiff demands an award of \$110 trillion from Kent County on each of two counts.

As drafted, plaintiff's *pro se* complaint fails to comply with the minimal pleading standard set forth in Rule 8(a). There are far too few facts alleged to state a viable legal claim, and certainly too few facts to show an entitlement to an award of \$220 trillion. Therefore, the Court will dismiss the complaint without prejudice and will grant the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: October 8, 2021



CARL J. NICHOLS
United States District Judge