

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

SHAUN RUSHING,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 22-209 (UNA)
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CITY OF BARTOW,)	
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Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter, brought *pro se*, is before the Court on review of plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP"), ECF No. 2, and his complaint, ECF No. 1. 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, mount 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). It also assists the Court in determining whether it has jurisdiction over the subject matter.

Plaintiff is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who has sued “City of Bartow” in an unidentified State for “1.1 billion dollars.” In the one-page pleading, Plaintiff alleges that he was “wrongfully arrested [for trespass] at a Family dollar location next to Publix Grocery Store.”

Plaintiff has not stated the basis of federal court jurisdiction, which alone warrants dismissal of the case. Regardless, the conclusory allegations simply fail to provide adequate notice of a claim. Consequently, this action will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

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AMIT P. MEHTA
United States District Judge

Date: March 18, 2022