## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

APRIL FAVORS,	) )
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) Civil Action No. 22-1212 (UNA)
ROUND ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	) ) )

## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on consideration of plaintiff's application to proceed *in* forma pauperis, ECF No. 2, and her *pro se* complaint, ECF No. 1. For the reasons discussed below, the Court grants the application and dismisses the complaint.

A *pro se* litigant's pleading is held to less stringent standards than would be applied to a formal pleading drafted by lawyer. *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 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 claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to

determine whether the doctrine of res judicata applies. Brown v. Califano, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498

(D.D.C. 1977).

This plaintiff's complaint, using a preprinted form titled "Complaint for a Civil Case,"

fails to meet the minimal pleading standard set forth in Rule 8(a). In the section designated for

the Statement of Claim, plaintiff states:

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being mistrated [sic.]. Oh yeah the system is for the high profile

secret of the system. I will explain

Compl. at 4. In the following section titled "Relief," plaintiff states, "unknown at this time

something." Id.

As drafted, plaintiff's complaint fails to comply with the minimal pleading standard set

forth in Rule 8(a). Plaintiff neither states a basis for this Court's jurisdiction nor sets forth a

short and plain statement of claim. Furthermore, plaintiff fails to demand damages, whether

monetary or some other form of relief. Accordingly, the Court will grant the application to

proceed in forma pauperis and dismiss the complaint without prejudice. A separate order will

issue.

DATE: May 6, 2022

TREVOR N. McFADDEN United States District Judge

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