

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

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**FELICIA BINION WILLIAMS,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**JACK DAVIS,**

**Defendant.**

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**Case No. 22-cv-02178 (APM)**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Plaintiff Felicia Burrith Binion Williams brings this action against Army Brigadier General Jack Davis, in his official capacity as the head of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. *See* Compl., ECF No. 1. For the reasons stated below, the court dismisses the Complaint and this action sua sponte.


It is well-settled that “federal courts are without power to entertain claims otherwise within their jurisdiction if they are so attenuated and unsubstantial as to be absolutely devoid of merit, wholly insubstantial, [or] obviously frivolous.” *Hagans v. Lavine*, 415 U.S. 528, 536–37 (1974) (cleaned up). A complaint will be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) when it is “‘patently insubstantial,’ presenting no federal question suitable for decision.” *Best v. Kelly*, 39 F.3d 328, 330 (D.C. Cir. 1994) (quoting *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 327 n.6 (1989)). Claims are patently insubstantial if they are “essentially fictitious,” for example, advancing “bizarre conspiracy theories,” “fantastic government manipulations of [one’s] will or mind,” or some type of “supernatural intervention.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). In such cases, a district court may dismiss the case sua sponte. *See Lewis v. Bayh*, 577 F. Supp. 2d 47, 54 (D.D.C. 2008) (quoting *Brown v. Dist. Unemployment Comp. Bd.*, 411 F. Supp. 1001, 1001–

02 (D.D.C. 1975) (noting that “a district court has the power to dismiss a case *sua sponte* if it is frivolous”)).

Here, Plaintiff’s Complaint rests on the kind of fantastic and delusional claims that warrant dismissal *sua sponte*. Specifically, referring to herself as the “Prosecutor,” Plaintiff alleges, among other things, after driving herself to Walter Reed on July 15, 2022, she was “kidnapped” and taken to a hospital in Calvert County, Maryland, Compl. at 1; Walter Reed staff falsified medical records, *id.* at 4; and many of the staff lacked requisite undergraduate degrees, *id.* Further, she labels her claims as “Unsafe and unstable,” “Suicide Watch,” and “Dr. Monahan.” *Id.* at 5–6. As relief, she seeks, among other things, \$52 million, assurance that all officers of various military units have the requisite degrees, and publication of the names of military personnel who have “fake” degrees or rank. *Id.* at 10–11. These are precisely the kind of “fanciful” allegations that do not state a substantial federal question. *See Neitzke*, 490 U.S. at 325; *see also Crisafi v. Holland*, 655 F.2d 1305, 1307–08 (D.C. Cir. 1981) (“A court may dismiss as frivolous complaints . . . postulating events and circumstances of a wholly fanciful kind.”). Accordingly, upon *sua sponte* review, this action is dismissed.

A separate final, appealable order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Dated: August 22, 2022

  
Amit P. Mehta  
United States District Judge