

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

DANNY JOE HIRSCHFIELD I,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 23-02449 (UNA)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This action, brought *pro se*, is before the Court on review of Plaintiff’s Complaint, Dkt. 1, and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Dkt. 2. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) (requiring immediate dismissal of a case upon a determination that the complaint fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted).

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). Still, *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 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). It “does not require detailed factual allegations, but it demands more than an unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

Plaintiff is a District of Columbia resident who has sued the federal government. In the one-page complaint, Plaintiff alleges no discernible facts and demands no relief. He mentions several federal laws, most notably 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which “permits suit against a ‘person’ acting under color of State or District of Columbia law.” *Settles v. U.S. Parole Comm’n*, 429 F.3d 1098, 1103 (D.C. Cir. 2005). By its terms, section 1983 does not apply to the federal government. *See id.* at 1104-05. Therefore, this case will be dismissed by separate order.

Date: September 22, 2023

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DABNEY L. FRIEDRICH
United States District Judge