

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FRANCIS EMMANUEL PEREZ MATEO,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 08-2242 (JDB)
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SINCLAIR <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The plaintiff, a prisoner proceeding in forma pauperis, has filed a pro se complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against the District of Columbia Jail’s warden and two other employees. He alleges that he suffered great emotional distress because he was placed in a cell with another inmate with whom he had “serious conflicts.” Compl. ¶ 7. Because his request to be separated from the other inmate was denied, the plaintiff alleges that he “spent 3 agonizing days” sharing a cell with his enemy, “not knowing if he was going to make [it] out alive or not.” *Id.* ¶ 17. Asserting that the refusal by the authorities to separate him from his enemy violated his Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment, plaintiff alleges that he suffered “extreme emotion distress,” manifesting itself in “migraine headaches, dizziness, eating disorder, and mental anguish that have unsettle[d] the normal conditions of body and mind.” *Id.* ¶ 26. Plaintiff identifies no physical injury aside from those alleged maladies that were a manifestation of his emotional distress. As relief, plaintiff seeks \$5 million in damages. *Id.* at 6.

The Prison Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”) requires this Court to review pro se complaints filed by prisoners proceeding in forma pauperis, and to dismiss a complaint if it fails

