

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

CHRISTOPHER JENKINS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 11-1547 (BAH)
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ANTONIN SCALIA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The plaintiff’s complaint in this case states, in its entirety,:

Stalking, harassment, menacing, Attempted Murder, assault, theft, [I.D.] theft, slander, attempted vehicular manslaughter, forced homelessness, cellphone theft, having me followed, sending gang members after me, attempted murder for hire, malicious practice of medicine

Compl. For these alleged wrongs, plaintiff demands judgment in the sum of \$30 million. *Id.*

The Court has reviewed plaintiff’s complaint, keeping in mind that 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). 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(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); *see Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (stating that a complaint must contain “‘a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief,’ in order to ‘give the

defendant fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds upon which it rests”) (quoting *Conley v. Gibson*, 355 U.S. 41, 47 (1957)). 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).

Plaintiff’s complaint utterly fails to accomplish the modest goals of Rule 8(a). It neither contains a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court’s jurisdiction depends nor a claim that plaintiff is entitled to the relief he seeks. The complaint will be dismissed for its failure to comply with Rule 8(a). An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: August 30, 2011

/s/ *Beryl A. Howell*
BERYL A HOWELL
United States District Judge