

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**ROBERT GRASSO,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**RONALD ROMNEY, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

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**CASE NO. 1:17 CV 2599**

**JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER**

**MEMORANDUM OF OPINION**

*Pro se* Plaintiff Robert Grasso brings this purported civil rights action. There is no statement of claim in the Complaint, or factual allegations of any kind set forth.

A cause of action fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted when it lacks “plausibility in the complaint.” *Bell At. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 564 (2007). A pleading must contain a “short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 677-78 (2009). The factual allegations in the pleading must be sufficient to raise the right to relief above the speculative level on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true. *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 555. The plaintiff is not required to include detailed factual allegations, but must provide more than “an unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 678 (2009). A pleading that offers legal conclusions or a simple recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not meet this pleading standard. *Id.*

Even liberally construed, the Complaint does not contain allegations suggesting Plaintiff might have a valid claim, *see, Lillard v. Shelby County Bd. of Educ.*, 76 F.3d 716 (6th Cir. 1996)(court not required to accept summary allegations or unwarranted legal conclusions in determining whether complaint states a claim for relief), nor does it set forth a claim over which

this Court might arguably have subject matter jurisdiction. The Court finds this case is therefore appropriately subject to summary dismissal. *See, Apple v. Glenn*, 183 F.3d 477, 479 (6th Cir. 1999).

Accordingly, this action is dismissed. The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*/s/ Dan A. Polster Dec. 28, 2017*

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**DAN AARON POLSTER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**