

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**

PUNALERO DANCINGBUCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:17CV660

WILLIAM R. HANEY, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Punalero Dancingbuck, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. In order to state a viable claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that a person acting under color of state law deprived him or her of a constitutional right or of a right conferred by a law of the United States. See Dowe v. Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke Valley, 145 F.3d 653, 658 (4th Cir. 1998) (citing 42 U.S.C. § 1983). In his fifty-six-page Complaint, Dancingbuck names countless defendants who appear to have been involved in his state criminal proceedings or in some alleged conspiracy. Dancingbuck's current rambling allegations fail to provide each defendant with fair notice of the facts and legal basis upon which his or her liability rests. See Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (quoting Conley v. Gibson, 355 U.S. 41, 47 (1957)). Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on April 30, 2018, the Court directed Dancingbuck

