

NONPRECEDENTIAL DISPOSITION

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United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Submitted July 13, 2010\*  
Decided July 13, 2010

*By the Court:*

No. 09-1345

RON HADDAD, JR.,  
*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

*v.*

RIVER FOREST POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, et al.,  
*Defendants-Appellees.*

Appeal from the United States District  
Court for the Northern District of Illinois,  
Eastern Division.

No. 07 C 6715

Ruben Castillo,  
*Judge.*

ORDER

Ron Haddad, Jr., brought a federal lawsuit against the River Forest Police Department, the Village of River Forest, and Whole Foods Market, Inc. His claims are difficult to understand; in disjointed fashion, he alleged that the River Forest police failed to respond to threatening phone calls he received; that River Forest improperly increased local taxes; and that the local Whole Foods store banned him from the premises. The district court dismissed the suit sua sponte on grounds that it could not discern a federal claim from Haddad's complaint.

On appeal, Haddad asserts that the district court did not substantiate its ruling. But the court explained that it dismissed his amended complaint for failing to allege a federal claim. Haddad devotes much of his lengthy appellate brief to narrating allegations similar to those from his amended complaint, but he does not attempt to identify any federal

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\* The defendants-appellees are not participating in this appeal. After examining the appellant's brief and the record, we have concluded that oral argument is unnecessary. Thus, the appeal is submitted on the brief and the record. FED. R. APP. P. 34(a)(2)(C).

claims. Even applying the liberal standards applicable in pro se cases, *see Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972) (per curiam), we cannot ascertain a cogent argument in Haddad's brief and agree with the district court that the complaint failed to state a claim under federal law, *see Williams v. Aztar Ind. Gaming Corp.*, 351 F.3d 294, 298 (7th Cir. 2003); *Anderson v. Hardman*, 241 F.3d 544, 545 (7th Cir. 2001).

Haddad also obliquely urges for the first time that the defendants' "hypocritical corruption" violated his Fourteenth Amendment right to due process and equal protection, but issues raised for the first time on appeal are waived. *See County of McHenry v. Ins. Co. of the West*, 438 F.3d 813, 819-20 (7th Cir. 2006).

AFFIRMED.