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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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9 George L. Mothershed,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 State of Oklahoma et al,

13 Defendant.

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) No. CV 12-549-PHX-FJM

) **ORDER**

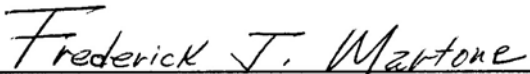
16 The court has before it plaintiff's Motion to Allow Electronic Filing by a Party
17 Appearing Without an Attorney (doc. 2). Also before the court is plaintiff's 206 page
18 complaint, accompanied by 150 footnotes. The complaint very plainly violates Rule 8, Fed.
19 R. Civ. P., which requires "a short and plain statement" of both the jurisdiction of the court
20 and the claim itself. The complaint is neither short nor plain. It reads like a treatise. It would
21 be an abuse of the process to serve such a document.

22 Accordingly, it is ORDERED DISMISSING the complaint without prejudice for
23 violating Rule 8, Fed. R. Civ. P. Plaintiff shall have 15 days from the date this order is filed
24 to file an amended complaint in compliance with Rule 8. Plaintiff is advised that a pleading
25 is not a brief. Motion practice comes later, and is limited by LRCiv 7.2(e) to 17 pages.
26 Plaintiff is also advised to seek the advice of a lawyer. If he does not have one, he may wish
27 to contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the Maricopa County Bar Association at 602 257
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It is further ORDERED DENYING plaintiff's Motion to Allow Electronic Filing without prejudice to renewing it upon a showing that an amended complaint complies with Rule 8. (Doc. 2).

DATED this 19th day of March, 2012.



Frederick J. Martone
United States District Judge