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6	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
7	FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA	
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9	James Lenz Sanders,) No. CV 12-2654-PHX-JAT
10	Plaintiff,) ORDER
11	vs.	
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13	Valley National Bank; Bank 1; Chase; Equifax; TransUnion; Experian,	
14	Defendants.	
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16	Plaintiff filed a complaint on December 13, 2012 and moved to proceed in forma	
17	pauperis. Before ruling on that motion, the Court will consider its jurisdiction to hear this	
18	case.	
19	Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. As a result, they can hear only those	
20	cases that the Constitution and Congress have authorized them to adjudicate: namely, cases	
21	involving diversity of citizenship, a federal question, or cases to which the United States is	
22	a party. Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994). The party	
23	asserting jurisdiction bears the burden of proving a jurisdictional basis exists. Id. In this	
24	case, because Plaintiff filed his suit in federal district court, he must show that the federal	
25	court is authorized to hear his case.	
26	The complaint in this case states as follows:	
27	Jurisdiction	
28	by [sic] the law there id. [sic] was a c	compaint [sic] on the behalf of James Lenz

1	Sanders, by him self [sic], of stole [sic] bank card and all indenification [sic]; to call in fraud. Vally [sic] National Bank, Trust was to keep records.		
2	Complaint		
3 4	James Lenz Sanders, bank had a call for fraud, and was told to put a hold on account banking, (to close) and was going to file for fraud. Vally [sic]		
5	Demand James Lenz Sanders, would want his currency of American Dollars, in his name, to be in the bank. Vally [sic] National Bank, Trust was to keep records. Or Unclaimed Property in Az, showing bank account money.		
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8	Doc. 1.		
9	The above quoted language is the entire complaint. Nothing in this complaint pleads		
10	a basis for federal subject matter jurisdiction. Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that within 30 days Plaintiff shall file an amended complaint properly alleging federal subject matter jurisdiction or this case will be dismissed without		
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13 14	prejudice. DATED this 19th day of December, 2012.		
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18	James A. Teilborg / United States District Judge		
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