

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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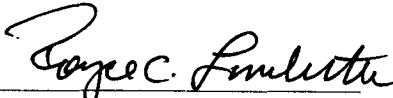
Jesse Johnson, )  
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Petitioner, )  
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v. )  
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Barack Obama, )  
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Respondent. )

Civil Action No. **09 1410**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's *pro se* application for a writ of *habeas corpus* accompanied by his application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii), will dismiss the case for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Petitioner, a resident of West Helena, Arkansas, inexplicably names President Barack Obama as the sole respondent to this action based on alleged acts taken by a judge who presided over petitioner's civil case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. *See* Pet. & Attachments. In any event, petitioner does not appear to be in the government's custody and is not challenging said custody. He therefore fails to state a claim for habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2242 ("Application for a writ of habeas corpus . . . shall allege the facts concerning the applicant's commitment or detention, the name of the person who has custody over him and by virtue of what claim or authority, if known."). A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

  
United States District Judge

Date: July 21, 2009

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