

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Kareemah Bell-Boston, Plaintiff, v. Roxanne Crooks-Philips, Defendant.

Civil Action No. 09 2092

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter comes before the Court on consideration of plaintiff's pro se complaint and application to proceed in forma pauperis. The Court will grant the application, and dismiss the complaint.

The complaint alleges that the plaintiff went to the Volunteer Services & Senior Connection Department for Providence Hospital, where the manager of volunteer services told her that two other people — unidentified except by name — did not like the plaintiff's attitude. See Complaint at 1. Plaintiff seeks us "a trial date for on-going discrimination." Id.

Federal district courts have jurisdiction in civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States, see 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and in civil actions in matters where the controversy exceeds \$75,000 and is between citizens of different states, see 28 U.S.C. §1332(a). Here, however, the complaint does not explicitly identify a basis for this Court's jurisdiction. As "attitude" is not an impermissible basis for discrimination under federal law, the complaint does not identify a claim arising under the laws of the United States. As the complaint does not identify any amount in controversy, it does not satisfy the requirements for diversity

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jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Court will dismiss the complaint without prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An appropriate order accompanies this memorandum opinion.

Date: 10/29/09


United States District Judge