Mitchell, 445 U.S. 535, 538 (1980) (citation omitted); see Lane v. Pena, 518 U.S. 187, 192

(1996) (the United States may be sued only upon consent "unequivocally expressed in statutory

text[.]"). The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346, 2671-80, provides a

limited waiver of the sovereign's immunity for money damages "under circumstances where the

United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of

the place where the act or omission occurred." Id., § 1346(b)(1). The United States has not

consented to be sued for constitutional violations. See FDIC v. Meyer, 510 U.S. 471, 476-78

(1994).

To the extent that plaintiff is suing for negligence, see Compl. at 2, jurisdiction is wanting

because plaintiff has not indicated that he has exhausted his administrative remedies by "first

present[ing] the claim to the appropriate Federal agency. . . .," 28 U.S.C. § 2675, and this

exhaustion requirement is jurisdictional. See Abdurrahman v. Engstrom, 168 Fed.Appx. 445,

445 (D.C. Cir. 2005) (per curiam) (affirming the district court's dismissal of unexhausted FTCA

claim "for lack of subject matter jurisdiction"); accord Simpkins v. District of Columbia Gov't,

108 F.3d 366, 371 (D.C. Cir. 2007). Hence, this case will be dismissed. A separate Order

accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

United States District Judge

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